

**Tampa Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business**

Minutes

13 Eleventh Month 2016

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a quote:

Do we live in the steady peace of God, a peace down at the very depths of our souls, where all strain is gone and God is already victor over the world, already victor over our weaknesses? This life, this abiding, enduring peace that never fails, this serene power and unhurried conquest, inward conquest over ourselves, outward conquest over the world, is meant to be ours. It is a life that is freed from strain and anxiety and hurry, for something of the Cosmic Patience of God becomes ours. Are our lives unshakable, because we are clear down on bed rock, rooted and grounded in the love of God? This is the first and the great commandment.

- Thomas Kelly, *A Testament of Devotion*

Clerks

Jan Dahm Meeting Clerk.

Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

Attendees

Jan Dahm

Lisa Erazmus

Karen Kessel

Cynde Mercer

Nancy Triscritti

Beverly Ward

Barbara Wolfe

Rose Yerrakuda

Roy Yerrakuda

Cecilia Yocum

Business

Minutes of Tenth Month were approved as submitted.

Meeting Clerk reported for Treasurer Chris Hugues that our deficit is reduced this month as expenses for the new building are slowing.

Meeting accepted the Treasurer's report from October.

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Committee Reports

First Day School – No report.

Hospitality and Housekeeping – No report.

Library – No report.

Ministry and Counsel – Nancy Triscritti reported that Adult First Day School will begin again in January. The committee has had a request for membership from Chris Hugues. The clearness committee recommends we approve membership for Chris Hugues. Approval will be considered at the twelfth month meeting for business. A threshing session for the State of the Meeting will be held after meeting for worship on December 4.

Naming – No report.

Nominating – No report.

Peace and Social Concerns – Beverly Ward reported that the committee recommends co-sponsoring a program (with The Bridge), “The Heart of Activism,” on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Meeting approves. The committee also proposes support of a minute requested by SEYM Committee for Ministry on Racism: “End Slavery For All” a call to remove the clause from the 13th amendment exempting prisoners from slavery protection. Meeting approves.

Property – No report.

New Business

Barbara Wolfe presented a media release regarding our new meeting space.

Milestones

No milestones were brought forth.

Calendar

See TampaFriends.org.

Closing worship