

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

Minutes

13 Tenth Month 2019

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a reading:

It's another part of discernment that we must do together. We use the gifts that we've been given, but sometimes, even when we have faithfully used our gifts to the fullest, we don't always look in the right direction...In the looking together, we eventually find the right direction. It is because God's Grace, Light, and Love are enough...to pull us to look toward the direction...if we're looking.

– Deborah Fisch, Michener Lecture 2014, pp. 28-29

Clerks

Lisa Erazmus Meeting Clerk.
Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

Attendees

Jan Dahm	Dustin Lemke	Nancy Triscritti
Lisa Erazmus	Cynde Mercer	Nil Wilkins
Chris Hugues	Peter Schmidt	Cecilia Yocum

Business

Minutes of Ninth Month were approved with corrections.

Treasurer Chris Hugues presented the Treasurer's report. Donations met budget expectations and expenditures are below budget. Our income year to date is about \$3000 below budget. Meeting accepts the Treasurer's report.

Committee Reports

Archives – No report.

Communications – No report.

First Day School – No report.

Hospitality and Housekeeping – No report.

Library – No report.

Membership Recorder – No report.

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Ministry and Counsel – Nancy Triscritti reported that the committee is addressing concerns about lack of attendance at committee meetings by moving Ministry and Counsel meetings to the fourth First Day for three months and placing more emphasis on other committee meetings. Cecilia Yocum has agreed to coordinate the fifth First Day program, Getting to Know You.

Naming – Lisa Erasmus reported that a Naming Committee (Jan Dahm and Chris Hugues) was formed to discern a new member of the Nominating Committee as Peter Schmidt’s term is coming to an end at the end of this year. Peter graciously accepted the position on Nominating for another three-year term. The Naming Committee is laid down.

Nominating – Peter Schmidt reported that the committee is continuing discernment for 2020.

Peace and Social Concerns – Cecilia Yocum reported that the committee discussed various social justice issues and is working on a packet to send to SEYM monthly meetings. There is a George Lakey workshop November 19 at St. Petersburg Meeting. It is proposed that Tampa Monthly Meeting pay half the cost of the workshop fee. Meeting approves paying \$175 (\$50 from Peace and Social Concerns budget) to St. Petersburg Meeting/George Lakey for the workshop with the understanding that Tampa Monthly Meeting will be listed as a co-host or sponsor of the event.

Property – No report.

New Business

Sarasota Friends Meeting will be conducting a workshop entitled “Introduction to Quakerism” on Seventh Day, 19 Tenth Month from 9 am - 3 pm at the Sarasota meetinghouse. Lunch will be served. This workshop is for those who have an interest in learning about Quakerism, its history, its beliefs, its structure, and how it can help people grow in their spiritual life. All are welcome to attend. Anyone interested should contact Dave Hilsheimer at smmclerk@hotmail.com or 941-666-3891.

Milestones

None.

Calendar

19	Tenth Month	Quakerism workshop, Sarasota
26	Tenth Month	Friendly Dinner
19	Eleventh Month	George Lakey workshop, St. Petersburg
21	Eleventh Month	George Lakey workshop, Orlando
23	Eleventh Month	George Lakey workshop, Gainesville
24	Eleventh Month	George Lakey workshop, Tallahassee
28-1	Eleventh-Twelfth Month	Half-Yearly Meeting

Closing worship