

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

Minutes

8 Twelfth Month 2019

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a reading:

Nonviolence is distinct from a passive acceptance of superior force. It implies, a willingness to take action without giving in to or resorting to violence, a respect for everyone involved in a conflict, a refusal to do harm to people or living things, and a willingness to take suffering on oneself without inflicting it on others.

– QuakersInTheWorld.org

NOTE: An important distinction must be made here that the last part of the quote does not indicate that we should accept abuse or endure oppression, but rather that we do not return it in kind. Friends' practice of speaking Truth to Power requires a balance of intention and a spiritual groundedness. This is relevant not only to world events but to our daily interactions with others. We must strive to consciously choose a non-violent path in our interactions with one another, treating one another with gentleness and holding one another's hearts in tenderness.

Clerks

Lisa Erazmus Meeting Clerk.
Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

Attendees

Marjorie Arnaldi
Deborah Breedon
Vincent Cobb
Jan Dahm
Lisa Erazmus

Pamela Graber
Chris Hugues
Cynde Mercer
Eric Monson
Karen Putney

Peter Schmidt
Nancy Triscritti
Nil Wilkins
Cecilia Yocum

Business

Minutes of Eleventh Month were approved with corrections.

Chris Hugues presented the Treasurer's report. It is noteworthy that our total donations are below the budgeted amount, through second quarter, for non-discretionary expenses. Friends accept the Treasurer's report.

Treasurer is still seeking discernment on whether Meeting should subscribe to TECO's Sun Select program for our electricity needs. While this would cost us a premium, it is a way for us to help the environment. TECO has a dedicated solar farm for those who opt-in to this program.

Committee Reports

Archives – No report.

Communications – No report.

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First Day School – No report.

Hospitality and Housekeeping – No report.

Library – No report.

Membership Recorder – No report.

Ministry and Counsel – Nancy Triscritti reported that individuals are encouraged to provide gifts for a needy family. The Spiritual State of the Meeting report is being considered.

Naming – No report.

Nominating – The second reading of the nominating report is held over until a later date.

Peace and Social Concerns – Cecilia Yocum reported that other Friends Meetings are planning additional George Lakey workshops in the spring. A Yearly Meeting session on "Where Do We Go from Here?" to follow up on the workshops is being planned.

Property – No report.

New Business

Friends are invited to attend and list our Meeting as co-sponsor of Fifth Annual Community Potluck Picnic at Shelter #10, Lettuce Lake Park, 6920 E. Fletcher Ave., Tampa, FL 33637; on First Day, 5 First Month, 2020 beginning at noon. For more information, contact Mel Underbakke at umelva@gmail.com or call 813-215-3403. Meeting approves co-sponsorship.

Milestones

None.

Calendar

21	Twelfth Month	Friendly Dinner
5	First Month	Community Potluck Picnic

Closing worship