

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

**Minutes**

10 First Month 2021

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a reading:

We must recognize that "...deeds are done which appear so evil to us and people suffer such terrible evils that it does not seem as though any good will ever come of them; and we consider this, sorrowing and grieving over it so that we cannot find peace in the blessed contemplation of God as we should do; and this is why: our reasoning powers are so blind now, so humble and so simple, that we cannot know the high, marvelous wisdom, the might and the goodness of the Holy One...all shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well"

*– Julian of Norwich, Revelations of Divine Love*

When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time, they can seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall. Think of it—always.

*– Mahatma Gandhi*

**Clerks**

Lisa Erazmus Meeting Clerk.  
Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

**Attendees**

Jan Dahm  
Miki Epperson  
Lisa Erazmus  
Chris Hugues

Caroline Lanker  
Cynde Mercer  
Karen Putney  
Nancy Triscritti

Rose Yerrakadu  
Roy Yerrakadu  
Cecilia Yocum

**Business**

Minutes of Twelfth Month were approved as presented.

Chris Hugues presented the Treasurer's report. Donations were up a bit in Twelfth Month, but we continue to be under budgeted income. Expenses continue to be greater than income, but slightly below budget. We are continuing to operate at a deficit. The 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.

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Membership Recorder – No report.

Ministry and Counsel – No report.

Naming – No report.

Nominating – No report.

Peace and Social Concerns – No report.

Property – Chris Hugues reported that his group is considering holding another outdoor concert in February.

**New Business**

SEYM is querying whether or not Friends will be able to host the 2022 FGC Gathering in Virginia. Friends should consider this and respond to the survey.

Cecilia Yocum asked that a concern be brought forward to the SEYM Peace and Social Concerns Committee for a response to the violence in Washington D.C. on January 8.

Karen Putney asked about the nature of the Friday afternoon group.

**Milestones**

None.

**Calendar**

See TampaFriends.org

Closing worship