

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

Minutes

9 Fifth Month 2021

Meeting was held online via Zoom

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a reading:

...to be prophetic at a time of political division within our country and across the world... means confronting evil: that which opposes God's desire for the world. It means taking the deepest understanding of our testimony of equality and resisting the radical restructuring of government that favors people who are wealthy and white over everyone else. It means holding fast to our peace testimony and making our elected leaders accountable for the human rights violations and deaths of civilians that our country is complicit in. It means caring for the earth God created to nurture and sustain us as we bear the consequences of the planet's changing climate and its effect on millions and millions across the globe. It means listening for, speaking to, and acting on Truth.

– Diane Randall

Clerks

Lisa Erazmus Meeting Clerk.
Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

Attendees

Jan Dahm
Lisa Erazmus
Chris Hugues
Caroline Lanker
Cynde Mercer

David Nicholson
Karen Putney
Louis Putney
Nancy Triscritti
Nil Wilkins

Rose Yerrakadu
Roy Yerrakadu
Cecilia Yocum

Business

Minutes of Fourth Month were approved with correction. Lou Putney suggested that we record here that all of our meetings beginning in April 2020 were held online via Zoom.

Chris Hugues presented the Treasurer's report. Our income was slightly below our spending last month. Our year to date operating income variance has grown to about -\$4,300. The meeting accepts the treasurer's report.

The Treasurer presented the proposed 2021-2022 budget for the second reading. Meeting approves the 2021-2022 budget on the second reading.

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 asked if Friends are interested in Adult First Day School in the hour prior to meeting for worship. Friends indicated an interest.

Naming – No report.

Nominating – No report.

Peace and Social Concerns – Cecilia Yocum requested that our meeting consider rejoining and participating in HOPE (Hillsborough Organization for Progress and Equality). The group does not have a stance on LGBTQ issues, but individual member groups may. It is suggested to have a discussion at a later date about whether or not to join and/or become active as a member congregation.

Property – Chris Hugues reported back on his research on holding hybrid meetings, in-person and virtual over Zoom. An inexpensive solution that will make use of our existing microphone system is possible. Testing will take place soon.

New Business

Lou Putney requested that these minutes reflect that due to the COVID-19 pandemic meetings for worship and meetings for worship with a concern for business have been held virtually. Meeting approves.

Minute 1, Fifth Month 2021

Tampa Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends records this minute in reflection of the changes and accommodations made in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and its impact on our gathering together as Friends. Due to safety protocols, our Meeting ceased gathering in person on 15 Third Month, 2020. We set up a method of communication through email to stay connected with each other and provided updates through our newsletter and on our website. We initially encouraged Friends to Worship with other Monthly Meetings and organizations who had set up online Worship until we were able to do the same. We had our first online Meeting for Worship using the Zoom platform on 29 Third Month, 2020, and have continued to gather for Worship in this manner until the present. We held our first online Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business on 10 Fifth Month, 2020, and have continued to gather for Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business in this manner until the present.

Milestones

None.

Calendar

See TampaFriends.org

Closing worship