

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

Minutes  
12 Third Month 2023

**Clerks:** Nil Wilkins (Meeting Clerk) and Dustin Lemke (Stand-in Recording Clerk)

**Attendees:**

Attendees: Dika Boire, Vincent Cobb, Jan Dahm, Lisa Erazmus, Chris Hugues, Steve Kinney, Dustin Lemke, Karen Putney, Nil Wilkins, and Cece Yocum.

**Take Action:**

- Memorial Minute for Caroline Lanker
  - Cece Yocum and Karen Putney will be coordinating the writing of this minute to send to SEYM and possibly Friends Journal.
- Outreach Queries and SEYM Listening Project follow-up discussion is set for March 26.

**Calendar of events:**

- March 19 -- Potluck will be held at the meetinghouse; online worship each third First Day of the month will not connect to the meetinghouse but those who can meet on Zoom will. We invite anyone who is able to come to the meetinghouse on the third First Day.
- March 22 (6:30 p.m.) -- FCNL will host an online event to support Friends' discernment on reproductive health.
- March 25 (3:00 p.m.) -- Online Quaker chanting workshop with Paulette Meier.
- March 26 (11:40 a.m.) -- Follow-up to discern any actions the meeting will take from the Outreach Queries and the SEYM Listening Project sessions.
- April 2 (11:40 a.m.) -- Discernment session to assist FCNL with their policy statement about reproductive health.
- April 5-9 -- Southeastern Yearly Meeting (SEYM) Yearly Gathering; will be held at a new location (DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center in Parrish, FL) and more information can be found at [seymquakers.org](http://seymquakers.org). Register by March 19.

**Reports and Minutes**

- Ministry and Counsel:
  - Based on recent feedback at the outreach and listening, we will have more sign-up lists available for cleaning, meetinghouse set-up, and

buildings/grounds. Cece Yocum mentioned how much she enjoys and currently misses intervisitation in SEYM and plans to check with the YM for opportunities. Also, there was some discussion about the possibility of a book library with news of banned books in Florida.

- MC gave support for the FCNL discernment about reproductive health and abortion.
  - MC is working with Jerry Knutson on a possible date for a workshop about maximizing joy.
  - Members of MC continue to reach out to Tampa Friends who need pastoral support.
- Activism:
    - Cece Yocum invited everyone to the HOPE Nehemiah action meeting to be held on March 20; HOPE is working to have a major mental health project funded by local governments.
- Learning:
    - An Adult First Day session will be held on April 30 at 9:00 a.m. Topic to be announced.
- Property:
    - Chris Hugues reported that a blower has malfunctioned for the A/C unit in the first building; the part has been ordered and will cost about \$300.
- Treasurer's report:
    - We have had one recent and one upcoming rental to the Tampa UCC church for special events.
    - There was an additional charge on this month's report for fire extinguishers because 2 had been prepaid last month but we have 3 extinguishers.
    - Chris Hugues reported that we have not paid any of the \$3900 SEYM apportionment donation yet because of concern over the Tampa Friends budget. He also reported that it will cost about \$1000 to fix the kitchen floor which has had some water damage. Friends spoke in favor of spending both amounts but waiting until the end of the budget year to confirm the funds are available.
    - The treasurer's report was accepted.
- Community:
    - We are still having after-meeting social time and snacks and monthly potlucks. We are looking for volunteers to host future Friendly Dinners.

### **Final Concerns:**

- Nil Wilkins read the queries that FCNL has sent about reproductive health; the meeting will have a discernment session on April 2 for these queries:
  - What does reproductive health care look like in the world that you and your community seek?
  - How are the Quaker values and testimonies relevant to the issue of abortion?
  - Should the FCNL Policy Statement be revised on the issues of abortion and reproductive health and abortion?
  - If so, what should the Policy Statement say?
  
- Jan Dahm informed Friends about a post on PEN America that is a response to the Florida governor's claim that his administration is not banning books; PEN American is a 100-year old organization that defends the freedom to write.

Minutes for 12 Second Month 2023 were approved with a spelling correction.

The meeting ended with closing worship.