

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

Minutes
9 Fourth Month 2023

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

Attendees:

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Take Action:

- On March 22 we held the discernment about what to include in FCNL's statement on reproductive health. If you missed the session, you can still send your thoughts to Nil Wilkins by email.

Calendar of events:

- April 16 (11:40 a.m.) – 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.
- April 23 (11:30 am) – Lunch at meetinghouse, then 12 pm workshop with Jerry Knutson on Minimizing Pain and Maximizing Joy; hybrid.
- Committee of the Whole Meetings:
 - April 26 (7 p.m.)
 - May 31 (7 p.m.)
- April 29 – Friendly Dinner tentatively planned; details to follow.
- April 30 – Last day to drop off cereal donations for Franciscan Center.
- Adult First Day Programming:
 - April 30 (9 a.m.)
 - May 7 (9 a.m.)
- Concerts:
 - April 30 (2 p.m.) Jazz Soup at the Meeting House.
 - May 7 (2 p.m.) Chris Hugues brass quintet at Forest Hills United Methodist Church.

Reports and Minutes

- Ministry and Counsel:
 - Members of MC continue to reach out to Tampa Friends who need pastoral support and recent visitors.
 - Updates were given on the upcoming workshop planned with Jerry Knutson from Orlando Meeting.
 - MC discussed the desire to have Friendly Dinners periodically, perhaps on a quarterly basis rather than monthly.
 - MC is asking that the Committee of the Whole meet once per month for the next few months to help the vital ministries and activities of Tampa Meeting to be considered and promoted.
 - Looking forward to July 2023, we realize there is at least one First Day when all the Friends who set up the meetinghouse for hybrid worship will be traveling; for at least that one day, worship will be online only. We will keep everyone updated on when that is.

- Property:
 - Chris Hugues reported that the Tampa UCC did recently use the space for Maundy Thursday.
 - The final cost to fix the A/C issue in the front building was about \$500; it has been repaired.
 - The grass cutting is very irregular right now because of the lack of rain.

- Treasurer's report:
 - Donations doubled in March 23 compared to February 23.
 - We paid some once-a-year bills like the Florida business license and one of the two meetinghouse termite plans.
 - Friends were reminded that for the approximately \$28,000 in set asides, it is for major issues and would be depleted quickly if we needed (for instance) a new roof and a new air conditioner.
 - The current financial report was accepted.
 - The first reading of the 2023-2024 Budget was held.
 - Chris Hugues showed how we have spent more than we brought in for the past 3 years and reminded us that this is unsustainable.
 - A budget was presented that truly only put in the actual needs for operation for 2023-2024.
 - One Friend mentioned that the SEYM Earthcare Secretary role has become a staff member role of SEYM and no longer needs specific

funding; it was suggested we could remove that as an expense in the budget.

- Second reading of the budget will be in May.

Minutes for 12 Third Month 2023 were approved with a minor correction.

The meeting ended with closing worship.