

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

**Minutes**

11 Second Month 2024

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with silent worship.

**Clerks**

Dustin Lemke Interim Meeting Clerk  
Cynde Mercer Interim Recording Clerk

**Attendees**

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| Jan Dahm (Zoom)      | Dustin Lemke | Cecilia Yocum (Zoom) |
| Miki Epperson (Zoom) | Cynde Mercer |                      |
| Lisa Erazmus (Zoom)  | Karen Putney |                      |
| Chris Hugues (Zoom)  | Louis Putney |                      |

**Action Items**

The 2023 Spiritual State of the Meeting report was presented for the second reading. Meeting approves with change.

Meeting discussed changing the frequency of meeting for worship with a concern for business to quarterly (Sixth, Ninth, Twelfth and Third month) instead of monthly. For items that need a first and second reading, have the first reading via email and second reading at meetings. Meeting approves.

Also requested was changing the frequency of weekly emails and calendar to monthly.

Chris Hugues reported that UCC requested to use our property for a retreat on March 15 and 16. Chris approved.

Registration for the Yearly Meeting Gathering is now open. The gathering will be held March 27 to March 31 at the Dayspring Camp and Conference Center in Parrish, Florida. For more information and to register, visit [SEYMQuakers.org](http://SEYMQuakers.org).

Cecilia Yocum requested use of our meeting space for rehearsals for Playback Theater. Meeting approves.

Our next meeting for business will be in March.

**Treasurer's Report**

Chris Hugues presented the treasurer's report. January income did not meet expense levels. Meeting accepts the report.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Beginning Wednesday, February 14**, every Wednesday for five weeks, Right Sharing of World Resources is offering a workshop via Zoom entitled *The Power of Enough*. This workshop is about how we can contribute to right balance in the world through our use of our time, energy, and "things." For more information or to register, please visit [interland3.donorperfect.net](http://interland3.donorperfect.net).

**On Thursday, February 15**, from 2 to 3 pm, online, join Bridget Moix, FCNL General Secretary, and Hassan El-Tayyab, FCNL legislative director for Middle East policy, for a webinar on their recent trip to Israel, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, Lebanon, and Jordan. For more information and to register: [Special Briefing: Glimmers of Hope in the Middle East | Friends Committee On National Legislation \(fcnl.org\)](https://www.fcnl.org/special-briefing-glimmers-of-hope-in-the-middle-east-friends-committee-on-national-legislation).

**Starting Monday, February 19** and every other week on Monday from 7 to 8 pm eastern, Quaker Earthcare Witness will host a 5-part series of discussions on the book *Nothing Lowly in the Universe*, by Jennie Ratcliffe. For more information and to register: [Book Group – Reading Nothing Lowly in the Universe - QEW \(quakerearthcare.org\)](https://www.quakerearthcare.org/book-group-reading-nothing-lowly-in-the-universe-qew).

**Starting Monday, February 26, 2024**, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, online workshop with Emily Provance using stories from the books of Acts as a jumping-off point to discuss listening in tongues, nominations, hospitality and food, welcoming newcomers, spiritual transformation, belonging, prayer, faith, corporate discernment, calls to ministry, pastoral care, and adapting to societal change. This event is free but you must register in advance, online. For more information: [Stories from the Book of Acts | Southeastern Yearly Meeting \(seymquakers.org\)](https://www.seymquakers.org/stories-from-the-book-of-acts-southeastern-yearly-meeting).

**Meeting Calendar**

**First Day (Sunday), February 18**, at 11:30 am, Potluck at the meetinghouse. Please note the variance from our usual schedule.

**Seventh Day (Saturday), February 24**, at 3 pm, Friendly dinner and a viewing of *Rustin*, the movie about Quaker civil rights activist Bayard Rustin. Contact Chris [mickymuldoon@yahoo.com](mailto:mickymuldoon@yahoo.com).

**First Day (Sunday), February 25, at 11:40 am**, session to discern legislative priorities for FCNL - hybrid.

**Fourth Day (Wednesday), February 28**, at 7 pm, Committee of the Whole, Zoom only. The first part of the meeting will be a time for Friends to have a spiritual check in and then worship/worship share on the SEYM Worship and Ministry Committee query of the week.

**First Day (Sunday), March 10**, at 11:40 am, meeting for worship with a concern for business.

**March 27-31** – Southeast Yearly Meeting Gathering at Dayspring Camp and Conference Center in Parrish, Florida. For more information and to register, visit [SEYMQuakers.org](http://SEYMQuakers.org).

Meeting ended with closing worship