

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

Minutes

13 First Month 2013

OPENING WORSHIP

QUERY FIRST MONTH – MEETING FOR WORSHIP

Are our Meetings for Worship held in expectant waiting for Divine guidance, with a living silence in which we feel drawn together in the Light by the presence of God?

Do we respond to the Spirit's prompting to minister, whether in silence, through the spoken word or through action after the Meeting for Worship?

Are we sensitive to one another's needs?

Are the spiritual gifts within the Meeting fostered and encouraged?

Are our Meetings accessible and welcoming to anyone who wishes to attend?

Are our Meetings a source of strength and guidance for daily living?

Is the vocal ministry in our Meetings exercised under the leading of the Spirit?

CLERKS

Cecilia Yocum meeting clerk.

Cynde Mercer recording clerk.

ATTENDEES

M.J. Arnaldi

Carol Ann Borchert

Jan Dahm

Lisa Erasmus

Jill Floerke

Chris Hugues

Dustin Lemke

Cynde Mercer

Karen Putney

Lou Putney

Gerald Rhoades

Nancy Triscritti

Tom Weeks

Nil Wilkins

Barbara Wolfe

Cecilia Yocum

BUSINESS

Minutes of Twelfth Month were approved as submitted.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted. End of year donations brought our income closer to our budget goals, though we are still experiencing an income shortfall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

First Day School – Cecilia Yocum reported that we need additional volunteers to teach and assist with, First Day School.

Hospitality – No report.

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Library – No report.

Ministry and Counsel – Karen Putney reported that the committee has set a date for the next Friendly Dinner on 26 First Month, and Meeting for Learning on 24 Second Month. The committee is considering a policy to address the question of how we welcome dogs into the Meeting for Worship. An AVP Workshop to be held this spring.

The Spiritual State of the Meeting Report for 2012 was reviewed and after some discussion, accepted with agreed upon changes.

Nominating – Nancy Triscritti presented the Nominating Report for first reading.

Outreach – No report.

Peace and Social Concerns – Dustin Lemke reported that Karen Putney will lead an FCNL lobby workshop after meeting for worship on 27 First Month. Nancy Triscritti reported that the children's bookbag project has been a big success and thanked Friends who contributed.

Property and Grounds – Chris Hugues reported that the committee is preparing a revised contract for the architect and is planning an afternoon workday for the Meeting grounds.

MILESTONES

Marriage of Cecilia Yocum and Tom Maciocha under care of the Meeting on 29 Twelfth Month 2012.

Passing of longtime attender, Ann Nord on 11 January 2013.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chris Hugues gathered further clarification from the executive director of the United Palestinian Appeal, regarding a request for a contribution to support the Amari Kindergarten near Ramallah. The Meeting agrees to place the request under consideration for our 2013-2014 budget.

Cynde Mercer has received hard copies of Meeting newsletters and minutes and will begin the task of digitizing them and sending print copies to the archive committee of SEYM.

CALENDAR

See TampaFriends.org.

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