

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

**Minutes**

8 Eleventh Month 2015

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a quote:

*There is a way of ordering our mental life on more than one level at once. On one level we may be thinking, discussing, seeing, calculating, meeting all the demands of external affairs. But deep within, behind the scenes, at a profounder level, we may also be in prayer and adoration, song and worship and a gentle receptiveness to divine breathings... It is at this deep level that the real business of life is determined.*

--Thomas Kelly

**Clerks**

Jan Dahm Meeting Clerk.

Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

**Attendees**

Stan Abrams

Jan Dahm

Lisa Erazmus

Chris Hugues

Dustin Lemke

Cynde Mercer

Karen Putney

Louis Putney

Peter Schmidt

Nancy Triscritti

Beverly Ward

Barbara Wolfe

Cecilia Yocum

**Business**

Minutes of Tenth Month were approved with corrections.

Treasurer Chris Hugues reported that we are lagging further behind on our budgeted income versus what we are receiving in donations. Meeting is about \$18,000 from our fundraising goal for the building. Meeting accepted the Treasurer's Report.

**Committee Reports**

First Day School – No report

Hospitality – No report

Library – No report

Ministry and Counsel – Nancy Triscritti reported that the Thanksgiving Leftovers Friendly Dinner is on Saturday, November 28. On Sunday, November 29 we will meet after Meeting for Worship to share our thoughts on Queries that are selected to guide our Spiritual State of the Meeting Report. A Worship Sharing on Being Spiritually Prepared

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for our new building is planned for December 20 with a brief break between Worship and the Worship Sharing. Three Spiritual Companion Groups have been established. Meeting approves supporting a family for Christmas this year. Ministry and Counsel would like to recognize the gifts of ministry of Jan Dahm and Lisa Erasmus by moving forward with the process to formally record these gifts. The committee has appointed a clearness committee to meet with them.

Naming – No report

Nominating – No report

Peace and Social Concerns – Karen Putney brought forth a minute supporting the establishment for Field Secretary for Earthcare.

Cecilia Yocum requests that the Meeting host an AVP Advanced workshop, January 22, 23 and 24. This will be a follow-up to the AVP Basic held in Jacksonville. There will be five participants from Jacksonville who will need to be hosted in homes (one couple). Hosts will provide housing and breakfast. Tampa Friends are asked to provide the following meals: snacks for Friday evening, lunch on Saturday and potluck on Sunday; sessions to begin after our regular worship. There will be openings for Tampa Friends who have completed an AVP Basic training to sign-up and participate. Meeting approves hosting the workshop.

Property – Karen Putney reported that we have received a request for another AA group to use the Meetinghouse one evening a week. Meeting approves the request. Cecilia Yocum requested use of the new building for her performance group and asked that the committee create guidelines on use of the new building. Nancy Triscritti volunteered to keep the meeting calendar, including use of meeting space. Meeting agrees to create position of Calendar Clerk.

Chris Hugues reported that tile and electrical are next to be installed, then the carpet. The existing building will have fascia repairs then be painted soon.

**New Business**

**Minute Two 2015**

Tampa Monthly Meeting of Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends minutes its support of the establishment of the new position of Field Secretary for Earthcare and entrusts the formulation of the details of the job description, supervision, and related activities to the combined efforts of the Earthcare Committee of SEYM in concert with the Executive Committee as Personnel Committee through its clerk. Tampa Friends express their desire for this process to move forward in keeping with the sense of urgency for this concern.

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**Minute Three 2015**

Tampa Monthly Meeting expresses its deep gratitude to Chris Hugues for his attention to detail, exquisite reporting, hard work and persistence in shepherding us through this process of building the new worship space.

**Milestones**

No milestones were brought forth.

**Calendar**

See [TampaFriends.org](http://TampaFriends.org).

Closing worship