

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

**Minutes**

13 Third Month 2016

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a quote:

*Discernment assumes there is a divine will which we seek to discover, a will to which we attempt to align our motivations and actions. Not all decisions require deep discernment. There is a continuum of depth of discernment which extends from simple decision-making to a profound submission to the holy will. ...Decisions are based on our own reasoning, emotional reactions, and social consequences. These are all important contributors to the discernment process, but discernment goes beyond these to include a fundamental yearning for union with the Holy Spirit. Without such yearning, we are simply making our own choices. The first, most powerful tool of discernment, then, is the development of a real, sustained relationship with God.*

– Sheila Keane, *Prayer: Beginning Again* (PHP 339)

**Clerks**

Jan Dahm Meeting Clerk.

Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

**Attendees**

Tom Blackburn  
Deborah Breeden  
Vincent Cobb  
Jan Dahm  
Lisa Erazmus

Chris Hugues  
Cynde Mercer  
Katherine Thorndike  
Nancy Triscritti  
Beverly Ward

Barbara Wolfe  
Rose Yerrakuda  
Roy Yerrakuda  
Cecilia Yocum

**Business**

Minutes of Second Month were approved with corrections.

Treasurer Chris Hugues reported that we are about \$5,000 behind on our donations, but this deficit is partially offset by reduced spending. Meeting accepted the Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer presented the proposed 2016-2017 budget for discussion. Proposed budget is \$43,370.50, an increase over the current budget of \$42,615.50.

**Committee Reports**

First Day School – No report

Hospitality and Housekeeping – No report

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Library – No report

Ministry and Counsel – No report

Naming – No report

Nominating – No report

Peace and Social Concerns – Beverly Ward reported that the local chapter of Books to Prisoners is asking for support (volunteers, storage and packing space, outreach, website maintenance, and funding). It is suggested that the representative meet with meeting to educate us on their program and needs. The Bridge of Tampa requested that the meeting co-sponsor (help with publicity) Matthew Fox's visit in May. Meeting approves.

Property – Chris Hugues reported that the new worship space continues to progress but there are still many items to be completed. Outstanding items include landscaping, driveway, and plumbing.

**New Business**

None

**Milestones**

No milestones were brought forth.

**Calendar**

See TampaFriends.org.

Closing worship