

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

**Minutes**

10 Tenth Month 2021

Meeting was held at the meeting house and online via Zoom.

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a moment of silence.

**Clerks**

Nil Wilkins Interim Meeting Clerk.

Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

**Meeting house attendees**

Chris Hugues  
Dustin Lemke  
Cynde Mercer

Robin Passmore  
Nancy Triscritti

Nil Wilkins  
Cecilia Yocum

**Online attendees**

Marjorie Arnaldi  
Miki Epperson  
John Heimburg  
Steve Kinney

Elizabeth Mitchell  
Karen Putney  
Louis Putney  
Beverly Ward

Rose Yerrakadu  
Roy Yerrakadu

**New Business**

Nil Wilkins brought forth a draft minute for a call to action regarding the Transgender Youth Medical Care Ban (HB 211) – for review, discussion, and approval.

**Minute One, Tenth Month**

Tampa Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, recognizing the injustice of the proposed HB 211 in denying transgender children medical care, calls on our Florida state representatives and senators, as well as Governor DeSantis not to support this bill.

Friends approve. Friends also approve of Nil Wilkins, interim meeting clerk, sending a letter to representatives, senators and the governor on behalf of the meeting.

In addition, Tampa Monthly Meeting encourages a letter writing campaign to Friends' state representatives, senators, and to Governor DeSantis.

**Events**

See TampaFriends.org for dates and details.

Potluck restarts this month on 10 October.

A concert is being planned.

Senator Marco Rubio's office is hosting an event on 14 October.

**Business**

Minutes of Ninth Month were approved as submitted.

Chris Hugues presented the Treasurer's report. Our expenses continue outpacing our income. Our accumulated deficit is about \$1500. Meeting accepts the Treasurer's report.

**Committee Reports**

Archives – No report.

Communications – No report.

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First Day School – Cecilia Yocum asked for additional volunteers to coordinate First Day School as we begin to welcome children back into Meeting for Worship. Also, we need to consider implementing a policy of those approved to coordinate First Day School.

Hospitality and Housekeeping – No report.

Library – No report.

Membership Recorder – No report.

Ministry and Counsel – No report.

Naming – No report.

Nominating – Chris Hugues reported that the committee is nominating Dustin Lemke and Cecilia Yocum to serve on Ministry and Counsel. Meeting approves.

Peace and Social Concerns – Cecilia Yocum requested that this committee coordinate a Zoom event with SEYM and Sarah Woodard of Jubilee House in Nicaragua.

Property – Chris Hugues reported that he has added wifi to the meeting house.

Way Forward Committee – Chris Hugues reported that the committee is discerning and discussing multiple topics concerning the future of our meeting.

Nancy Triscritti reported on use of the meeting space: Restart the art group on Friday or other day; continue #FriYay chat; restart adult first day school.

Chris Hugues reported on use of hybrid meeting model and investment in additional equipment to make the experience better for all, online and in-person. Under consideration is the addition of a big screen TV (\$600-700), additional microphones (\$200), smart camera(s) that will focus automatically on speaker (OWL system \$1800+).

Nil Wilkins reported on use of outside space and care of the property. Suggestions are to increase outdoor events to bring in more people, i.e. speakers, concerts, potluck resumes this month on third first day). Have a sign-up sheet of property responsibilities and encourage everyone to sign up for one or more tasks, similar to the Pendle Hill model.

Chris Hugues reported on financial considerations, specifically a finance committee, and the establishment of an online donation capability.

Closing worship