

Tampa Friends Meeting

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

Minutes

13 Eighth Month 2006

OPENING SILENCE

QUERY 8 – PERSONAL INTEGRITY AND RIGHT ACTION

Do we keep to simplicity and moderation in speech, manner of living and vocation?

Do we make time in our day for silence, solitude, spiritual reflection and the growth of our inner life?

Do we remind ourselves each day of our connections with people, other creatures and all that sustains life?

Are we ready to live in the Spirit that heals estrangements that may arise from resentment, nagging fears, and alienation from others?

Do we listen to others, even beyond words, being sensitive to their personal needs and difficulties?

Are we free from the use of judicial oaths, thus affirming that our statement is only part of our usual integrity of speech?

Do we regard our possessions as given to us in trust and do we part with them freely for the needs of others?

Are we careful to keep our jobs and social activities from absorbing time and energy that need to be given to spiritual growth and service to others?

Do we stay tender and open to the leadings of the Spirit?

RECORDING CLERK

Nil Wilkins recorded minutes of this Meeting for Business.

ATTENDEES

MJ Arnaldi, Francis Drake, Chris Hugues, Linda Hugues, Steve Kinney, David Lee, Karen Putney, Lou Putney, David Smith, Alfreda Sonneveldt, Rick Souza, Nancy Triscritti, Melissa Van Dyke, Andrea Walsh, Nil Wilkins, Barbara Wolfe, Cecelia Yocum

BUSINESS

Minutes of 9 Seventh Month Meeting for Business were read and approved as presented.

The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted with a correction to First Day line item in budget.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee – given by Nil Wilkins. Amended as regards Steve Kinney asking the Orlando Peace and Social Concerns Committee only about the planned Lebanon support march. The report may be further amended by John Arnaldi's notes of the committee meeting. Karen Putney will email the report to Tampa Meeting members.

Steve Kinney and Andrea Walsh will travel to Pendle Hill for the upcoming workshop for Peace and Social Concerns clerks and members on clarifying where Friends in the wider Quaker world are on issues. Steve Kinney and Andrea Walsh each requested \$100 from both Tampa Friends Meeting and SEYM to help with the trip's cost. Tampa Meeting approved the \$200 request and will in addition give another \$200 if SEYM is unable to help with the requested funds. On their return from the trip, Steve

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Kinney and Andrea Walsh will present a report on the workshop to Tampa Meeting and for the SEYM newsletter.

Worship and Ministry Committee – given by MJ Arnaldi. A reminder for the Worship Sharing scheduled for 8/23/06 at 7 pm. The Worship Sharing held on 8/10/06 was well received. The committee is working on having First Day School for adults before Meetings for Worship and will keep the Meeting apprised.

Property Committee – David Price from Lake Wales Worship Group put together a five page report of recommendations from his visit of the Meeting property. Work days are planned when the weather is cooler. Two phases are planned: the first phase will involve removing plants, etc. The second phase will involve planting. Karen Putney will email the report to interested members.

Hospitality Committee - given by Nancy Triscritti. Steve Kinney and Francis Drake have joined the cleaning rotation so that now members only need come every eighth week. The committee sees the opening and closing of meeting going well and relieving the burden on Karen Putney

First Day School Committee - given by Cecelia Yocum. People are needed to help with First Day and are asked to contact either Cecelia Yocum or Amy Souza if interested.

Other - Karen Putney read a letter from FUM thanking the Meeting for our donation to the Kaimosi Hospital in Kenya and noting the donation's use for advertising to find an administrator for the hospital and for board session meetings. Our donation represented the Meeting's effort to continue dialoguing with FUM.

Francis Drake will work with Cecelia Yocum and Lou Putney to gather information on copier types and their costs and report back to the Meeting so it can consider purchasing one for Meeting usage.

CLOSING SILENCE