

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

**Minutes**

**8 Seventh Month 2007**

*OPENING SILENCE*

**QUERY 7 – SELF DISCIPLINE AND RESPONSIBILITY**

Do we attend Meeting for Worship regularly and punctually?

Do we participate in Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business and support it financially and with personal service according to our resources and abilities?

Are we conscientious in fulfilling all obligations of state and society that are not contrary to our religious convictions?

Am I punctual in keeping promises, just in payment of debts, and honorable in all my dealings?

Do we choose recreations that strengthen our physical, mental and spiritual life, avoiding those that may hinder others, our Earth, and ourselves?

Do we act responsibly concerning substances and behaviors that can become addictive?

*RECORDING CLERK*

Cynde Mercer recording clerk.

*ATTENDEES*

John Arnaldi, M.J. Arnaldi, Francis Drake, Mary Grimme, Chris Hugues, Linda Hugues, Ralph Hume, Terry Hume, Steve Kinney, Laura Lozon, Susan Lozon, Cynde Mercer, Bill Ward, Kathy Ward, Nil Wilkins, Cecilia Yocum

*BUSINESS*

Minutes of 10 Sixth Month were read and approved with corrections.

The Treasurer's report was laid over until Eighth month due to absence of treasurer.

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **Minute 1 Seventh Month 2007**

**The Tampa Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves the appointment of John Arnaldi as assistant clerk, Cynde Mercer as webkeeper and Amy Souza as Florida Impact representative.**

Property and grounds – Louis Putney reported on the completion of a successful workday where the front porch deck was replaced. The committee is looking into replacing the handrail on the front porch. Bids for irrigation well repair are being considered. Also under consideration is the replacement of the fence from the building to the west property line and oak tree removal at the west side of the property. The committee is seeking a new bid on a building for First Day School. Chris and Linda Hugues presented a rendering for a landscape plan.

Peace and social concerns – John Arnaldi reported on a successful first performance of the play, “What I Heard about Iraq.” The committee suggests we as a meeting and individuals consider writing letters to local newspaper editors about the arson at the Islamic Center of Tampa and the vandalism committed at the Christ the Servant Apostolic Catholic Church. Also suggested were donations to and a workday for the Islamic Center to help rebuild.

Worship and ministry – M.J. Arnaldi requested that members of meeting come to the committee for pastoral care.

### OTHER BUSINESS

#### **Minute 2 Seventh Month 2007**

**The Tampa Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends recommends John Arnaldi for consideration to attend a consultation for Friends with emerging gifts in gospel ministry hosted by the Traveling Ministries Program and Youth Ministries Committee of FGC. Tampa Meeting will share the travel costs with SEYM for this important ministry.**

#### **Minute 3 Seventh Month 2007**

**The Tampa Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves supporting travel costs for Friends from less wealthy areas to the FWCC Triennial in Ireland with a donation of \$100.**

The clearness committee for membership for Amy Souza recommends that the Meeting approve her membership.

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The meeting approved the creation of a travel minute for members to travel to nearby meetings (attachment 1).

CALENDAR

	Meeting for Worship each First Day at 10 a.m.
8 Seventh Month	Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
15 Seventh Month	Potluck
5 Eighth Month	Committee meetings; no peace and social concerns committee meeting
12 Eighth Month	Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
19 Eighth Month	Potluck

*CLOSING SILENCE*

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**Attachment 1  
Travel Minute**

***SEYM Faith & Practice - Blessed Community: The Practice of Community Responsibilities of Friends***

***“And Friends, meet together, and know one another in that which is eternal...”  
George Fox, 1657, Epistle 149***

Dear Friends,

Tampa Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends commends to your care our members who present to you this minute in support of their visitation among Friends in Southeastern Yearly Meeting.

Our concern for the blessed community of Friends within Southeastern Yearly Meeting has led us to realize that we, Tampa Monthly Meeting, have not fulfilled our responsibility to “meet together, and know one another in that which is eternal” within our Yearly Meeting. In our life together as a Monthly Meeting, we have heeded the truth as stated in the PYM Faith & Practice by Friend Janet Scott, 1980:

*“We know ourselves as individuals but only because we live in community. Love, trust, fellowship, selflessness are all mediated to us through our interdependence. Just as we could not live physically without each other, we cannot live spiritually in isolation. We are individually free but also communally bound. We cannot act without affecting others and others cannot act without affecting us. We know ourselves as we are reflected in the faces, action and attitudes of each other.”*

We now recognize that the truth stated here goes beyond the worship, work and witness of our Monthly Meeting. This leads us to seek to deepen the spiritual life of our Meeting by supporting members who feel called to travel and share in worship and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Southeastern Yearly Meeting. In so doing, we are also seeking to fulfill our responsibility to help nurture and strengthen our beloved community of Southeastern Yearly Meeting.

We look forward to the spiritual enrichment, ideas, information and gifts that our visiting Friends are sure to bring home with them from their visit with you. We hope that their visit will be enriching for you as well. Thank you.

In the Light,  
Nil Wilkins, clerk  
Tampa Monthly Meeting of  
The Religious Society of Friends

*Our life is love, and peace, and tenderness; and bearing one with another, and forgiving one another, and not laying accusations one against another; but praying one for another, and helping one another up with a tender hand.*

Issac Penington, 1667