

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

Minutes

13 Sixth Month 2010

OPENING WORSHIP

QUERY 6 – HOME, FAMILY AND RELATIONSHIPS

Do we make our home a place where love, peace, happiness, friendship, and refreshment of spirit are found, and where the presence of God is experienced?

Do all members of our family receive our affection and understanding?

Do we take care that responsibilities outside the home do not encroach upon the time and loving attention our family needs?

Do we acknowledge and support all relationships and families, whether conventional or not, that are based on love and commitment?

Does our family set aside First Day and other times for worship, service, rest and refreshment of spirit?

CLERKS

Nil Wilkins meeting clerk.

Cynde Mercer recording clerk.

ATTENDEES

Francis Drake
Jill Floerke
Chris Hugues
Steve Kinney
Dustin Lemke

Cynde Mercer
Karen Putney
Lou Putney
Wayne Schucker
Franko Triscritti

Andrea Walsh
Nil Wilkins

BUSINESS

Minutes of 11 Fourth Month were approved with corrections.

Minutes of 9 Fifth Month were approved with corrections.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

The Treasurer has created a new fund for general reserves funded from surplus from 2009.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating – no report.

Ministry and Counsel – Karen Putney reviewed the annual financial obligations letter to members and attenders to be mailed in September. Wednesday Worship Sharing will continue through the summer.

Website Ad Hoc Committee – no report

Outreach – Steve Kinney gave more explanation about the nature of the Facebook page. It is set up as a business page and only the administrator may update or place information on the page. The Committee will consider adding a new or replacement Facebook page that is interactive.

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Peace and Social Concerns – Dustin Lemke reported that the survey is ready and has been given out. The Committee is recommending that the Meeting get involved with FCNL's Nation's Checkbook project, coordinate the movement in Florida, and recruit other religious organizations in the Tampa area to join in. Meeting approves.

Hospitality – Nil Wilkins reported that they need openers, closers and cleaners. Barbara Wolfe will send a brief note to visitors to Meeting. The Committee is working on acquiring a clock for the Meetinghouse.

Library – Karen Putney reported that she is going to do an inventory to determine whether or not there are any lost books.

First Day School – Karen Putney reported that they have had a meeting with parents. Requests have been made to include more context from the Bible for lessons so they are addressing that. The Committee would like to request that Property Committee get a solid door to help with the noise when they meet inside.

Property and Grounds – Steve Kinney presented a mock up of the proposed sign changes.

OTHER BUSINESS

The group that helps victims of torture needs a place to meet for eight weeks for a couple of nights a week. The Meeting approves Karen Putney meeting with them about their needs and it is suggested a fee of \$25 per night be charged for rent.

SEYM Executive Committee met at the Meetinghouse on June 12 and appreciated the use of the Meetinghouse for their meeting.

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Tampa Monthly Meeting approves giving \$300 from our Friends in Need Fund for medical needs of another family in SEYM.

CALENDAR

See TampaFriends.org.

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SIXTH MONTH ACTION ITEMS

Karen Putney will complete the annual letter and get it ready for mailing in September; will also continue updating member and attender contact information.

Nil Wilkins will provide to Karen Putney the SEYM member and attender apportionment numbers for the annual letter.

Karen Putney will continue updating member and attender contact information.

Outreach Committee will discern adding a new or replacement Facebook page that is interactive.

Peace and Social Concerns committee will study whether or not they want to initiate action or a boycott on BP.

Lou Putney will contact Singleton Signs about adding a new section to the sign.

Karen Putney to gather more information as to how the FCNL proposal for action with Senator Nelson would best be carried out by the meeting.

Karen Putney will speak with the Florida Center for Survivors of Torture to determine their needs and the possibility of their using the Meetinghouse space during the summer; authorizing such use with **Property and Grounds**.

Property and Grounds will set up parameters about renting the Meetinghouse by outside groups.

Nil Wilkins will contact Gary Arthur as to how to best disburse funds to SEYM family in need of medical care.

Hospitality to continue discernment on sending birthday greetings to members and attenders.