

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

## Minutes

9 Ninth Month 2012

### *OPENING WORSHIP*

#### QUERY 9 – WITNESS

Do our lives reflect Quaker testimonies?

Are we open and responsive to continuing revelation and do I incorporate it in our spiritual life?

Is our Quaker witness characterized by humility and a willingness to learn from others?

Do we recognize that the Spirit works in the world through us?

Does our witness lead us to the condition in which we “walk cheerfully over the earth answering that of God in everyone”?

Do we as a Meeting try to share in the religious life of our wider community, availing ourselves of opportunities for worship and service with other local religious groups?

### *CLERKS*

Nil Wilkins meeting clerk.

Cynde Mercer recording clerk.

### *ATTENDEES*

John Arnaldi

MJ Arnaldi

Tom Blackburn

Jill Floerke

Chris Hugues

Dustin Lemke

Cynde Mercer

Wayne Schucker

Grace Terry

Nancy Triscritti

Nil Wilkins

Barbara Wolfe

### *BUSINESS*

Minutes of 13 Fifth Month were approved as submitted.

The Treasurer’s report was accepted as submitted. In reporting on the FY 2011-2012 budget, our income was slightly below budget, but our expenses were also below budget, so we ended the year with a surplus which the Treasurer recommends moving to our Capital Projects fund. Meeting approves moving the FY 2011-2012 surplus (\$4,754.42) to the Capital Projects fund.

### *COMMITTEE REPORTS*

**Nominating** – No report.

**Ministry and Counsel** – Chris Hugues reported that the next Friendly Dinner is scheduled for September 29 at Curtis Hixon Park. Jill Floerke reported on the schedule for Getting to Know You.

**Outreach** – No report.

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

**Peace and Social Concerns** – Dustin Lemke reported that the committee's visioning session centered on five areas: Helping children with reading by collecting books, holding an Alternatives to Violence workshop; hold an education session on lobbying; hold a session on big banks vs. credit unions; support prisoners.

**Hospitality** – Nil Wilkins reported that help with cleaning and closing are needed.

**Library** – No report.

**Property and Grounds** – No report.

**First Day School** – Cecilia Yocum reported that the program is going well and teachers are always needed.

### *OTHER BUSINESS*

Grace Terry, a member of Interfaith Partnership, asked that Meeting make a public declaration of support for families troubled by domestic violence and attend a press conference on October 2. Meeting could not come to consensus on this issue and decided to hold a special Meeting on September 30 to reconsider the request after additional time for discernment.

### *CALENDAR*

See TampaFriends.org.

### *CLOSING WORSHIP*