

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

Minutes

14 Tenth Month 2012

OPENING WORSHIP

QUERY 10 – SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Do we seek to transform the world with our loving spirit?

Do we take an active interest in the social and economic conditions of our community?

Have we objectively considered the causes of discrimination and are we ready to abandon old prejudices and think anew?

Do we, as individuals and as a Meeting, do all in our power to end governmental, social, economic and educational injustices in our community, and to create equal opportunity for all?

How do we as individuals and as a Meeting promote the welfare of those in need and work to secure a just distribution of the world's resources?

What are we doing as individuals and as a Meeting to understand and remove the causes of war and violence and to develop the conditions and institutions of peace?

CLERKS

Cecilia Yocum meeting clerk.

Cynde Mercer recording clerk.

ATTENDEES

Jan Dahm

Lisa Erazmus

Jill Floerke

Chris Hugues

Dustin Lemke

Cynde Mercer

Karen Putney

Wayne Schucker

Mercedes Soca

Grace Terry

Nancy Triscritti

Nil Wilkins

Barbara Wolfe

Cecilia Yocum

BUSINESS

Minutes of Ninth Month were approved with update.

Minutes of 30 Ninth Month were approved as submitted.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating – No report.

Ministry and Counsel – Cecilia Yocum reported that the next Friendly Dinner is scheduled for October 27.

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First Day School – Cecilia Yocum reported that the program is going well and teachers are always needed. The children are collecting food donations for Metropolitan Ministries.

Peace and Social Concerns – Dustin Lemke reported that the committee has suggestions for three activities: Letter to Publix from Florida Quaker Youth asking Publix to agree to the Fair Food Campaign; planning an advocacy/lobbying workshop led by Karen Putney; holding an Alternatives to Violence workshop for the Meeting sometime in the spring. The Meeting agrees with the plans.

Minute One, Tenth Month

Tampa Monthly Meeting approves endorsement of a letter from Florida Quaker youth on living and working conditions of the Immokolee farm workers to Publix requesting them to agree to the Fair Food Campaign. The Meeting will be a signatory on the letter.

Hospitality – No report.

Library – No report.

Property and Grounds – Chris Hugues reported that the committee has purchased lightweight tables for the Meeting. The committee also is considering fixing the metal fence and adding a gate between our property and Pyramid's at the Meeting's expense if Pyramid does not have funding for the project.

Outreach – No report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Barbara Wolfe reported that there were about 100 people in attendance at the press conference held in recognition of National Domestic Violence Month, on October 2. One of the points made was that religion is being used as an excuse for domestic violence and of the religious leaders in attendance, not many, if any, are speaking of domestic violence from the pulpit.

Barbara Wolfe reported from the fall interim meeting for business that concerning the meeting that FWCC would like to hold in Florida in 2015, Eduardo Diaz believes that Miami could host such a meeting.

The Meeting would like to participate in the SEYM's Meeting archive process, but have not received instructions. Cynde Mercer will inquire as to the process and details and bring that forward.

The Meeting will hold a threshing session after Meeting for Worship on November 4 to consider the role and responsibilities of SEYM secretary and offering feedback to SEYM.

CALENDAR

See TampaFriends.org.

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