

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

Minutes

8 Second Month 2015

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a quote:

The life of faith requires that we have vision, that we be attentive and obedient to revelation. It requires that we have a sense of the potential for God's work to take place in and through us—the capacity to apprehend the ideals which we can grow to embody and personify in our lives. It also requires an awareness that much of what we must do to live life fully in faith has been revealed and is to be heeded— a commitment to being mindful of what Friends have long called Truth and right order in our lives...

—Thomas Jeavons

Clerks

Jan Dahm Meeting Clerk.

Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

Attendees

Marjorie Arnaldi

Jan Dahm

Lisa Erasmus

Chris Hugues

Dustin Lemke

Cynde Mercer

Bill Ward

Kathy Ward

Nil Wilkins

Barbara Wolfe

Cecilia Yocum

Business

Minutes of First Month were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Chris Hugues reported that we have have paid some large expenses and planned payments this past month; but our budget is good shape and our fundraising continues on track for the new worship space.

Committee Reports

First Day School – No report

Hospitality – No report

Library – No report

Ministry and Counsel – Dustin Lemke reported that Quakerism 101 has been well attended and successful.

Naming – No report

Nominating – Dustin Lemke presented nominations for the second reading. The Meeting approves the nominations. See Appendix A

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Peace and Social Concerns – Cecilia Yocum reported that the committee plans to join the Coalition of Immokolee Workers Parade and Concert for Food in St. Petersburg on March 21.

Property – Chris Hugues reported that we are only waiting for the city of Tampa to finish our permitting before we can break ground on the new building. Construction should go quickly since much of the building parts are ready.

New Business

None

Milestones

No milestones were brought forth.

Calendar

See TampaFriends.org.

Closing worship

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Appendix A

APPROVED 2015 COMMITTEES

Clerk Jan Dahm 2015
Assistant Clerk Karen Putney for one year
Recording Clerk Cynde Mercer
Treasurer Chris Hugues
Web keeper Cynde Mercer

Ministry and Counsel**
Barbara Wolfe 2015
Dustin Lemke 2016
Nancy Triscritti* 2016
Lisa Erazmus 2015
Jan Dahm - ex-officio

Nominating**
Dustin Lemke 2015
Kate Johnson 2016
New appointment 2017

Property and Grounds
Tom Blackburn
Chris Hugues*
Karen Putney
Lou Putney

Hospitality
Janet Harris
Karen Putney*
Nancy Triscritti
Nil Wilkins*
Barbara Wolfe

Library
Lisa Erazmus
Karen Putney

Friendly Dinner Coordinator
Kate Johnson

Peace and Social Concerns
Stan Abramson
Janet Harris
Jill Floerke
Karen Putney*
Mercedes Soca
Wayne Shucker
Bill Ward
Kathy Ward
Cecilia Yocum

Keeping in Touch (cards) Coordinator
Dustin Lemke

First Day School
Elizabeth Mitchell
Cecilia Yocum
Karen Putney

* Clerk of committee

**Committees carrying a three-year commitment, the dates given note the year through which the individual will serve. Unless otherwise noted, committee members and clerks serve for one year, and may be asked to serve again for additional terms.

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Appendix B

Peace and Social Concerns Committee

January 4, 2015

Attending: Karen Putney, Cece Yocum, Mercedes Soca, Janet Harris

The committee talked about how our committee saw it's work in the past year and began to think about where we might continue in 2015.

The committee has not discerned a specific leading for a project that the Meeting would undertake but is aware and tries to support the work of the many individuals who are called to a variety of witness in our world. In trying to facilitate this support the committee has had Friends share after worship on what their leading and work entails.

Looking back, in 2014 we heard from:

- SEYM Youth - PNC Bank/ Mountain Top Removal
- Christina Suddath - Florida Impact
- March Against Monsanto - local organizers shared on why and when
- Nil Wilkins - Right Sharing of World Resources
- David Zarembka - Friends Peace Teams, Africa Great Lakes Initiative

Looking to possible speakers for 2015:

- Janet and Mercedes - about their trip to Cuba
- Karen and Cece - Moral Injury and military veterans
- Dustin - Friends General Conference
- Cece - Workshop on Writing Letters to the Editor

The committee recognizes and continues to encourage Tampa Friends commitment to helping Nancy Triscritti provide books for summer reading for the children at her school.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Putney, clerk