

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

Minutes

12 Fourth Month 2015

Opening worship

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a quote:

One of the most calming and powerful actions you can do to intervene in a stormy world is to stand up and show your soul. Soul on deck shines like gold in dark times. The light of the soul throws sparks, can send up flares, builds signal fires, causes proper matters to catch fire. To display the lantern of soul in shadowy times like these - to be fierce and to show mercy toward others, both, are acts of immense bravery and greatest necessity. Struggling souls catch light from other souls who are fully lit and willing to show it. If you would help to calm the tumult, this is one of the strongest things you can do.

--- Clarissa Pinkola Estes, Ph.D.

Clerks

Jan Dahm Meeting Clerk.

Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

Attendees

Tom Blackburn

Jan Dahm

Lisa Erasmus

Chris Hugues

Dustin Lemke

Cynde Mercer

Karen Putney

Lou Putney

Wayne Schucker

Nancy Triscritti

Barbara Wolfe

Cecilia Yocum

Business

Minutes of Third Month were approved with corrections.

Treasurer Chris Hugues reported that our operating income variance is a little ahead of where we normally are; our total donations for the new worship space are about \$91,638. We have an additional impact fee of about \$13,000 that was not anticipated. We are going to dispute the amount with the city. Meeting accepts the budget reports.

The 2015-2016 proposed budget was presented for first reading. The budgeted donations increased from \$36,500 to \$40,000 rounded.

Committee Reports

First Day School – No report

Hospitality – Karen Putney reported that we can always use more help with cleaning.

Library – Karen Putney reported that she has picked up a few new books to the library.

Ministry and Counsel – Nancy Triscritti reported that a Friendly Dinner is planned for April 25. Plans continue for a meeting retreat in the fall. A clearness committee for marriage has met with Jan

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Dahm and Lisa Erasmus. The committee has found unity for the endorsement of their marriage and recommends that the meeting take the relationship under the care of the meeting.

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With great joy and warmth, the Tampa Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends takes the marriage of Jan Dahm and Lisa Erasmus under its care.

Naming – No report

Nominating – No report

Peace and Social Concerns – Karen Putney reported that the committee is considering drafting a minute in response to the issue of death penalty for the Boston bomber and CIW actions.

Property – Chris Hugues reported that we are expecting construction to begin next week. A workday is planned for May 16.

New Business

None

Milestones

No milestones were brought forth.

Calendar

See TampaFriends.org.

Closing worship