

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

Minutes

12 Ninth Month 2021

Meeting was held at the meeting house and online via Zoom.

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with a moment of silence.

Clerks

Nil Wilkins Interim Meeting Clerk.

Cynde Mercer Recording Clerk.

Meeting house attendees

Chris Hugues
Steve Kinney

Cecilia Yocum

Online attendees

Marjorie Arnaldi
April D
Chris Hugues

Dustin Lemke
Nil Wilkins

Rose Yerrakadu
Roy Yerrakadu

Business

Minutes of Fifth and Eighth Month were approved as submitted. The 2019 State of the Meeting report was approved.

Chris Hugues presented the Treasurer's reports for the summer months. We ended the fiscal year (May 2021) at only a slight deficit due to below budget expenditures and a generous donation late in the year. Our monthly expenditures for June, July and August are still out pacing our budget and donations. Meeting accepts the Treasurer's reports for FY 2020-2021 and first quarter 2021-2022.

Committee Reports

Archives – No report.

Communications – No report.

First Day School – No report.

Hospitality and Housekeeping – No report.

Library – No report.

Membership Recorder – No report.

Ministry and Counsel – Chris Hugues brought forward the following minute of membership for second reading. Meeting approves the membership of Cynde Mercer.

Minute of Membership Eighth Month

It is with great pleasure and warm hearts that the Tampa Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends welcomes long-time attender, full-time participant and valued contributor, Cynde Mercer, into membership.

Naming – No report.

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Nominating – Chris Hugues reported that the committee is nominating Dustin Lemke and Cecilia Yocum to serve on Ministry and Counsel. Meeting approval will be considered Tenth month.

Peace and Social Concerns – No report.

Property – No report.

Way Forward Committee – Chris Hugues reported that the committee is discerning and discussing multiple topics concerning the future of our meeting-- membership, physical space, spirituality. Reports are posted in the reports section on TampaFriends.org.

New Business

Cecilia Yocum brought forth the following minute on relief for child food deprivation in Florida with acceptance of Federal funds for this purpose. Because our Quaker faith tells us there is that of God in everyone, including children, we are called to aid the poor and helpless and to care for the vulnerable.

Minute One, Ninth Month

Tampa Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, recognizing the severe problem of childhood hunger in Florida and society's moral duty to confront this, calls on our elected officials to apply for all Federal food assistance benefits to fully fund, among other programs, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. i. e. SNAP (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) and the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer program.

Friends approve. Meeting also approves letting Cecilia Yocum decide how and to whom to disseminate this information.

In addition, Tampa Monthly Meeting encourages a letter writing campaign to Governor DeSantis. Email the Governor at GovernorRon.Desantis@eog.myflorida.com and/or a phone call to the Governor's office at 850-717-9337.

For additional assistance, please call the State Assistance Information Line at 800-342-3557.

Cecilia Yocum also updated the meeting on the progress of implementing use of the clubhouse model in the Hillsborough County criminal justice system.

Sarah Woodard of Jubilee House in Nicaragua has offered to do a Zoom program on Jubilee House for Friends.

Calendar

See TampaFriends.org

Closing worship