

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

Minutes

9 Tenth Month 2022

Meeting was held at the meetinghouse and online via Zoom. Meeting Clerk began the gathering with silent worship and a short reflection.

Clerks

Nil Wilkins, Meeting Clerk

Dustin Lemke, Stand-in Recording Clerk

Meetinghouse attendees

Chris Hugues

Dustin Lemke

Nancy Triscritti

Nil Wilkins

Cecilia Yocum

Online attendees

Cynthia B

Vincent Cobb

Miki Epperson

Karen Putney

Take Action

- A recent Tampa Meeting minute was sent to the Tampa Bay Times about transgender rights, but it was not published. The Meeting Clerk will send that same minute to Equality Florida.
- Meeting agreed that if a minute was approved that the Meeting Clerk could then send it to any person or group necessary. Nil Wilkins said she would keep everyone in the loop about whom minutes were sent to.
- Meeting approved for the Meeting Clerk to sign a petition on behalf of Tampa Meeting asking for fair distribution of FEMA funds after the recent Hurricane Ian. (Attached)
- A group of Tampa Meeting Friends is working on a draft minute about reproductive rights. One friend mentioned that Fort Myers Meeting also might be working on a similar draft. Contact Chris Hugues, Cynde Mercer, or Elizabeth Mitchell about this draft.

Events

16 October – potluck
23 October - AFDP
30 October - Getting to Know You with Nancy Triscritti

Reports and minutes

Project Umbrella

Facility Use: Chris Hugues gave an update on the UCC church in Brandon that had asked about using the Tampa Friends meetinghouse; a small group of Tampa Friends met with them, but the UCC church has not followed up. Also, the AA group is still meeting in the front building, but they are meeting fewer days a week and donating less money.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Hugues gave the Treasurer reports from June – September. He commented that June had a smaller amount of donations and pointed out that electricity costs (not usage) have gone up. The overall income during these months was \$6,209.90 while the overall expenses were \$14,660.52. A large donation of stock was given and placed in the Ameritrade account (this amount does not reflect as income since it is still in stocks). This donation of \$11,375.70 was a donor's yearly giving and might make the finances look a bit skewed. Overall, our donations are down and not at sustainable levels.

Nominating Report: We will soon need to replace Nancy Triscritti on several committees as she is moving to Bradenton in December. The committee is still looking for a Reporting Clerk; volunteers will serve on a rotating basis for now.

Ministry and Counsel Report: Dustin Lemke reported that MC and met periodically over the summer to work on a couple of issues. They have reached out to members who have had surgery and other concerns.

Community Umbrella: Meeting will once again have a fellowship time with snacks each week after meeting for worship. Also, potlucks will re-start on a monthly basis beginning in October. Meeting agreed that on the potluck day each month, there would not be hybrid worship in order to build community in person.

Activism: This committee is looking for more members who can fully engage.

Learning: This committee is planning Adult First Day for October. We also discussed Cece Yocum's concern and action steps so we will always be ready and waiting for families with children when they attend.

The Meeting Clerk reported that the donation sent to the Friends Meeting of San Antonio was received by them. They responded with a nice letter (Appendix A) saying they had then used our donation along with their own funds to send to the Sandy Hook Promise organization for the prevention of gun violence.

Minutes for 12 Sixth Month 2022 were approved as submitted.
The meeting ended with closing worship.

Appendix A



18 September 2022

Tampa Monthly Meeting
c/o Nilufer Wilkins
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Dear Friends in Tampa Meeting,

We received your contribution in response to the violent loss of so many lives in Uvalde. The tragedy lies heavily on us and the region, as we are reminded daily in the news more than three months on. Your thoughtful support of us and the greater San Antonio region is most appreciated.

Upon learning that \$20 million has been donated to various organizations in and supporting the Uvalde community, we discerned that an appropriate purpose to support would be the prevention of similar horrors. We have chosen Sandy Hook Promise Foundation whose mission is educating and empowering youth and adults in the prevention of violence in schools, homes, and communities.

Encouraged by your example, we have added our donation to yours for this organization.

In the Light,

William D. Sweet, Treasurer

At the direction of the Ministry, Care and Guidance Committee

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