

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

Minutes

10 Twelfth Month 2023

Meeting Clerk began the gathering with silent worship.

Clerks

Nil Wilkins Meeting Clerk

Cynde Mercer Interim Recording Clerk

Attendees

Jan Dahm (Zoom)

Lisa Erazmus (Zoom)

Chris Hugues

Steve Kinney

Dustin Lemke

Cynde Mercer

Karen Putney

Nil Wilkins

Cecilia Yocum

Action Items

Minute One Twelfth Month

Tampa Monthly Meeting approves of FCNL's policy statement on reproductive health and abortion approved at FCNL's general meeting in November 2023.

III.2.7. Reproductive health and abortion. Quakers recognize that human life is sacred, and that Spirit can guide us individually and collectively. Based on these beliefs, members of the Religious Society of Friends have come to different conclusions regarding abortion. FCNL supports individual discernment in a spirit of love and truth in making reproductive healthcare decisions, as we do in other areas of conscientious moral choice. Government must ensure that people have the legal right to make these decisions. We oppose the criminalization of people seeking, undergoing, or involved in abortion services. We support equitable access to abortion services. FCNL also supports policies that reduce unwanted pregnancies by ensuring equitable access to contraception, sex education, family planning, fertility and adoption services, and support for all who decide to have children.

There was a discussion about our inclusion on Prayers1 website, a website based in Mexico that is apparently scraping our Facebook page and reposting that info on their site. It does not appear to do any harm but any good to come from it is doubtful. Meeting would like to keep an eye on it for future developments.

Metropolitan Ministries - Metro BrigAIDe Meal Site Partners partners with organizations around Tampa Bay to provide hot, balanced, and nutritious meals. Individual Friends should reach out to Metropolitan Ministries and other charities that help others and volunteer as led.

Carolina Friends School is offering the two travel opportunities In March and June through its Institute for Teaching and Learning. For more information visit cfsnc.org/AdultEnrichment.

Living Mirror Playback Theater would like to use the meetinghouse for rehearsals. Meeting approves.

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Chris Hugues gave the Committee of the Whole report with the following suggestions:

Add photos of message sign at street; add room dimensions/layouts for facility rentals; pull out minuted references and post separately on web site; add library inventory to web site.

Karen Putney would like to have a discernment on SEYM's Facebook page content.

Chris Hugues reported that grass cutting is on winter schedule now and kitchen flooring should be replaced in the next month or two.

FCNL would like to send a youth representative to speak to us on February 4, 2024. This may be an opportunity to reach out to local young adults and promote the event and our meeting. Karen will follow up with them.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Hugues presented the treasurer's report. Income met budget levels and expenditures were higher than expected due to a double draft for the mortgage in November. Mortgage holder, Everence, says they will skip our December payment since we have made two additional payments. Meeting accepts the report.

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Minutes for Tenth month were approved as submitted.

Events

Sixth Day (Friday), December 15, at 7 pm, WMNF and the Living Mirror Playback Theater presents: A Celebration of Diversity and Inclusivity! This event is free, but you must register to attend. For more information and to register: https://www.wmnf.org/wmnf_events/living-mirror-playback-theater-talk-back-improv-10/

Seventh Day (Saturday), December 16, at 6 pm, Christmas gathering. Contact Chris mickymuldoon@yahoo.com.

First Day (Sunday), December 17, at 11:40 am, Potluck at the meetinghouse.

Fourth Day (Wednesday), December 27, at 7 pm, Committee of the Whole, Zoom only. The first part of the meeting will be a time for Friends to have a spiritual check in and then worship/worship share on the SEYM Worship and Ministry Committee query of the week for 24 Twelfth Month, 2023.

First Day (Sunday), January 7, 2024, at 11:40 am, Ministry and Counsel meeting, meetinghouse.

First Day (Sunday), January 7, 2024, from 1 pm to 3 pm, Interfaith Picnic at the Islamic Community of Tampa 130th Ave., Tampa

First Day (Sunday), January 14, 2024, at 11:30 am, Potluck at the meetinghouse. Please note the variance from our usual schedule.

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First Day (Sunday), January 21, 2024, at 11:40 am, Business meeting. Please note the variance from our usual schedule.

First Day (Sunday), January 21, 2024, Michener Lecture, Orlando Meetinghouse.

Meeting ended with closing worship