

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

Minutes  
8 First Month 2023

**Clerks:** Nil Wilkins (Meeting Clerk) and Dustin Lemke (Stand-in Recording Clerk)

**Attendees:**

Meetinghouse attendees: Chris Hugues, Rick Kugler, Steve Kinney, Dustin Lemke, Cynder Mercer, Nil Wilkins, Cece Yocum, Diann Zeigler

Online attendees: Jan Dahm and Lisa Erasmus

**Take Action:**

- Spiritual State of the Meeting Report
  - The 2022 Spiritual State of the Meeting Draft Report was presented for a first reading and will be presented again next month for a final reading.
- Memorial Minute for Caroline Lanker
  - Cece Yocum will be coordinating the writing of this minute. She mentioned that the memorial will be in Lake Wales in February.

**Calendar of events:**

- January 10 (7-8:30 p.m.) – George Lakey presentation: Meeting Our Challenges Together, with Courage; online only; see [seymquakers.org](http://seymquakers.org) to register
- January 14-15 – SEYM Winter Interim Business Meeting and Michener Lecture
- January 15 (11:30 am) – Potluck at the meetinghouse
- January 22 (11:30 am) – Session for Friends to share their work with Quaker organizations and local community groups; hybrid
- January 29 (11:30 am) – Worship sharing on queries concerning meeting outreach efforts; hybrid

**Reports and Minutes**

- Community:
  - Cece Yocum gave an update about the interfaith potluck where she played with her “jam” group. About 100 people attended the commUNITY potluck.
  - Cynde Mercer has received and activated a Google phone number for the Meeting which is linked to the meeting’s Google email address. The goal is to have a sustainable phone number that can be the long-term phone for meeting. Currently, it rings to Cynde’s phone where she can answer or

allow it to go to voicemail where it sends a transcript of the message to the meeting email account. Early tests have been going nicely and she will continue to experiment with it before advertising the number.

- Nil Wilkins and Cynde Mercer are working to merge two meeting email lists into one that the Meeting Clerk will then maintain.
- Chris Hugues will be taking over the maintenance of the meeting website.
- There will be no friendly dinner in January, but we will plan to do one in February.

- Ministry and Counsel:

- MC presented the first reading of the 2022 Spiritual State of the Meeting Report.
- The SEYM Listening Project has not been scheduled yet because SEYM Ministry and Worship will be discussing this at the Winter Interim Business Meeting. We have offered several dates for the listening session.

- Activism:

- Cece Yocum will be the temporary clerk for SEYM Peace and Social Concerns on January 14. They are seeking input from meetings about peace and social concerns, so please email Cece if there is anything you want raised at that meeting.
- If you are interested in working with Cece Yocum on LGBTQ areas of concern, please reach out to her.

- Learning:

- There will be no AFDS for January; will look to resume in February

- Project:

- There are several ongoing issues at the meetinghouse that Chris Hugues is working on: termites in the front building and minor eave damage on the second building
- For the UCC group that was interested in renting our meetinghouse space, Chris Hugues has sent them a follow-up email but hasn't heard from them again.
- The AA group that uses space in the front building is only meeting 2 days per week with somewhat low attendance.

- Nominating:

- We still have several open positions and will begin work on the 2023-2024 slate very soon; please check with Chris Hugues for information.

- Treasurer's report:
  - Tampa Meeting's SEYM apportionment payment will be made soon.
  - Donations are slightly better than they have been the past few months.

Minutes for 11 Twelfth Month 2022 were approved with some minor typographical issues that Chris Hugues will correct.

The meeting ended with closing with worship