

SEYM Executive Committee

June 8, 2019

Tampa Friends Meetinghouse

MINUTES

Yearly Meeting Clerk's report:

Bill Carlie presented a Letter from Jacksonville Meeting's Clerk Mike Shell and Sue Watson, which described the lengthy discernment process they have been going through to consider the possibility of laying down Jacksonville Meeting, and the details involved.

We heard that they considered the possibility of becoming a worship group, but even that would need regular attenders to anchor the group. Nancy Triscritti, W&M Co-clerk, reports that Mike had asked Worship & Ministry for support.

Regarding the three questions posed in the letter, Friends noted we have nothing in our own Faith & Practice regarding laying down Meetings. It was suggested that guidance might be found in the Philadelphia YM Faith & Practice.

A Friend noted that it has been our practice in SEYM that to lay down a Meeting, all that is needed is to write a letter to SEYM.

Friends offered additional recommendations:

- Send a letter to all members asking them whether they want to retain their membership.
- Try to find a Monthly Meeting to take them under their care as a WG.
- Find a Monthly Meeting who would receive transfers of membership.

SEC2019.05 We are sad to hear that Jacksonville Friends are considering laying down their Meeting.

Friends recall how much Jacksonville Monthly Meeting has contributed to the life of SEYM over the decades.

We agree to place the concern for support of Jacksonville Meeting in the hands of the Worship & Ministry Committee.