

Executive Committee at SEYM 2014 Annual Sessions 16 Fourth Month, 2014

Executive Committee [EC] opened with worship, and 20 Friends present. After introductions and additions to the agenda, the meeting was directed to the DIAs Part 1 for the clerk's report, followed by an oral presentation of the secretary's report.

Since January of this year the secretary has worked almost exclusively on the 2014 Gathering. Next on her agenda in preparation for the June EC meeting, the secretary plans to investigate and plan for the SEYM.org website redesign. She is currently looking for an independent professional web designer who can guide us through a web design while implementing the best programs for web security, as privacy is a very important concern for SEYM.

EC thanks the secretary for her work over the last year with the youth committee, various program committees including but not limited to the annual gathering and the treasurer. Vicki Carlie is prompt, accessible and very friendly! She jumped into the reorganized position and has operated as if she had several years experience in the position.

The EC clerk has asked the Naming Committee to reconvene because one of the persons it brought forward for the Nominating Committee has recently asked to resign from the committee. The naming committee has started working on this vacancy but currently has no name to bring forward at this time.

The Nominating Committee is currently looking for:

- a. Membership recorder
- b. Clerk or co-clerk for the Youth Program
- c. Trainer or Coordinator for the Child Abuse Prevention Program

The clerk of the nominating committee reminded EC that the Child Abuse Prevention Program (CAPP) is an important responsibility that needs a standing committee or person to guide the coordination of the program. When the program was implemented it was originally proposed to hire or seek a volunteer to serve on a part time basis as CAPP coordinator/trainer. The coordinator part of the implementation plan was never acted upon.

We currently have a Child Abuse Prevention Program Review Committee that reviews the CAPP applicants but it is not their responsibility to name the CAPP trainer(s) or monitor the program to insure smooth operation. The current CAPP Review committee is made up of Nancy Fennell, Peter Crockett and Vicki Carlie *ex officio*. In addition, the Half Yearly Meeting clerk, Youth Committee clerk and Yearly Meeting clerks need a list annually of the approved trained workers for the youth programs.

14YMEC01 – Executive Committee recognizes the need to establish consistent oversight for the Child Abuse Prevention Program [CAPP] by creating the position of Child Abuse Prevention Program Coordinator, serving for a 3 year term. Executive Committee takes responsibility for the oversight of this position and the Child Abuse Prevention Program [CAPP] Coordinator will report to Executive Committee at its regular meetings. Nominating Committee will be responsible for bringing names forward to fill this position.

A concern was raised that this new position needs to be fully described in the *SEYM Operational Handbook*. The clerk of the Faith and Practice committee reported that it is currently planned to review and update the contents of the current *SEYM Operational Handbook* over the next three years. The CAPP Coordinator duties will be the first position to be reviewed.

The Treasurer reported on the performance of the General Fund and the apportionment support/contributions received for the budget. Through the end of the third quarter or 75% of the budget year we have received \$46,871 or 61% of the amount budgeted for apportionment support during the fiscal year. The total amount for apportionment support in the approved budget for the year is \$76,295. We are behind for the fiscal year.

The Worship and Ministry Committee brought a concern to EC over the state of the Pendle Hill Scholarship. Prior to two years ago, the scholarship paid for the room and board and program fees for SEYM to send one person to one of Pendle Hill's workshops every year. Currently, they only offer an annual scholarship amount of \$100 to any Yearly Meeting's attendee of one of their workshops. It has over the years been extremely difficult to get Pendle Hill to even acknowledge the scholarship existed. Worship and Ministry asks the EC to find out the financial history of the donation to Pendle Hill for the SEYM scholarship and to clarify this relationship with Pendle Hill.

EC asks the Treasurer to research the financial history of the Pendle Hill scholarship and bring it back to EC for further discernment.

Worship and Ministry also reported that the next Michener Lecturer will be Benigno Sanchez Eppler with the topic of the lecture yet to be determined.

Circus McGurkis has asked SEYM to sponsor the event for a second time. Their effort to incorporate as a 501(c)3 charitable entity is not possible under the current legal climate. The city of St. Petersburg currently requires the sponsor of any charitable event using city facilities to be 501(c)3 certified. If Circus McGurkis can not get a 501(c)3 certified sponsor, the event will be cancelled after 42 years of the annual event.

The yearly meeting clerk pointed out her experience with the process last year in which she had at the last minute to sign a document from the City of St. Petersburg that stated that SEYM would be solely responsible for any liability incurred at the event or Circus McGurkis could not be held. She suggested that perhaps SEYM needed to add Circus McGurkis to our Guide One insurance policy to legitimize the sponsorship.

EC directed the yearly meeting clerk to talk to our insurer about the Circus McGurkis concern and get a quotation for adding it to our insurance policy.

The clerk of the Youth Committee reported about sending Jocelyn Benton of Tampa Meeting to a meeting of EQAT (Earth Quaker Action Team) to learn about mountaintop removal at the request of EQAT. They wanted to get our youth involved in the stop-mountaintop-removal campaign of EQAT. Our youth eventually decided to stay with their plan of action for the Immokalee Farm Workers. However, the PNC Bank, a past target of EQAT protests, has decided to move their shareholders meeting from Philadelphia to Tampa on April 22nd (Earth Day) to avoid EQAT and other protestors. Consequently, EQAT has asked our youth to

participate in the protest outside PNC Bank's hotel meeting place in Tampa. Additionally, the youth are asking for a minute of support from SEYM for this action.

EC directed the Youth Committee to work with the Peace and Social Concerns Committee to prepare a minute of support and bring it to Plenary Session #5 for consideration by the yearly meeting.

The yearly meeting clerk reported on her leading to further support the Havana Unprogrammed Worship Group based on the letters they sent the yearly meeting, which are published in the DIAs Part 2. Havana WG in their letters is asking for spiritual nurture and support. Friends united with Havana WG's request but were not sure what support was already in place for the worship group.

14YMEC02 – Executive Committee receives with joy and gratitude the letters from Havana Unprogrammed Worship Group requesting spiritual nurture and support. Andrea Hoskins and Nancy Triscritti agreed to gather information about supports already in place for the worship group and report to Executive Committee at its June 2014 meeting.

The Publication Review Committee Report was laid over to the next EC meeting in Sixth Month, 2014.

EC settled into worship and then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Phoebe Andersen
Acting Recording Clerk

Executive Committee additional Meeting at SEYM 2014 Annual Sessions 18 Fourth Month, 2014

EC met briefly to discuss the Naming Committee's recommendations for the Nominating Committee. The following minute was brought forward and approved:

14YMEC03 – Executive Committee of SEYM approves the Naming Committee's recommendations of Cheryl Demers-Holton (Gainesville MM) for a three-year term ending in 2017, Eduardo Diaz (Miami MM) for a two-year term ending in 2016, and Andrea Hoskins (Miami MM) for a one-year term ending in 2015 to serve on Nominating Committee, with Susan Taylor having agreed to continue serving for another year as Nominating Committee clerk. The Naming Committee is now laid down.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Erazmus
Jan Dahm
Recording co-clerks