

# Southeastern Yearly Meeting Executive Committee

## MINUTES

Fourth Month 1, 2015

The following Friends were present for the Yearly Meeting Executive Committee Meeting: Ann Jerome, Executive Committee and IBM clerk (Orlando MM); Joel Cook - YM and IBM assistant clerk (Palm Beach MM); Jan Dahm and Lisa Erasmus - SEYM co-recording clerks (Tampa MM); Nancy Fennell (Ft. Myers MM); Tom Fennell (Ft. Myers MM); Warren Hoskins - Peace and Social Concerns clerk (Miami MM); Susan Taylor - Nominating Committee clerk (Tallahassee MM); Phoebe Andersen - Yearly Meeting Clerk (Tallahassee MM); Neil Andersen - Treasurer (Tallahassee MM); Bill Carlie - Membership Recorder (Orlando MM); Vicki Carlie - Secretary (Orlando MM); Caroline Lanker (Tampa MM/Lake Wales WG); George Manion (Ft. Lauderdale MM); Peter Crockett and Davida Johns - Gathering Committee co-clerks (St. Petersburg MM); Ellie Caldwell (Palm Beach MM); Jack Bradin (Palm Beach MM); Mary Jo Klingel (Ft. Lauderdale MM); Nancy Triscritti (Tampa MM).

The meeting began with Open Worship at 2:40 p.m.

Ann Jerome, Executive Committee (EC) clerk, made opening remarks out of the silence.

Clerk asked for changes, additions, or corrections to the agenda. Clerk shared gratitude for the support of the clerks during her absence from WIBM

Vicki Carlie gave a report from the **Secretary's office**. She brought forward information regarding the majority of her time being spent in work on the YM Gathering and Registration. She gave an update on the website and the learning process involved in setting up the new website. The website is set to be launched by EC in Sixth Month. Caroline Lanker gave information on the ability of Word Press to automatically transfer input onto the Facebook page. There was no written Secretary's report.

Bill Carlie, **Membership Recorder** (Orlando MM), gave a report on the status of the membership recording process. Information regarding membership as it affects the apportionment has been sent to Neil and should appear in the Treasurer's report. A PDF version of the Directory has been sent to Vicki for the printed form of the Directory.

Peter Crockett, **Gathering Committee** co-clerk, gave a preview of Yearly Meeting Gathering and a welcome to all to enjoy the Gathering. A new addition to the Gathering is the opportunity for Friends to post, outside the dining hall, any "table talk" topics that Friends wish to initiate during meal times.

Susan Taylor, **Nominating Committee** clerk (Tallahassee MM), gave the report from Nominating Committee. Friends were asked to hold Nominating Committee in the Light as they fill several open leadership positions. The responsibilities of the Recording Clerks were divided into Yearly Meeting Recording clerks and EC/IBM Recording clerks. Jan Dahm and Lisa Erasmus will continue for another three-year term as YM Recording clerks but the EC/IBM Recording clerk position remains open. The Archives Committee need for technology expertise has been filled by Derek and April Merleaux (Miami MM). The Nominating Committee preliminary report with all other open and filled positions is in DIA. Friends were asked to take some moments of silent worship to hold the Nominating Committee and their work in God's love.

Neil Andersen gave the **Treasurer's Report**. The report included the status of the website storage company. All records will be taken off the server currently used and will be moved to another storage source. The Treasurer's son, who specializes in banking data security, did a report and recommendations for a charitable fee (under \$200). The Treasurer's report (attached)

were presented and explained. Both Half-Yearly Meeting and WIBM books have been closed out with positive outcomes. Gratitude was expressed to Vicki Carlie and Dianne Langan for their hard work.

There will be more to report from Worship and Ministry Committee after their Thursday committee meeting.

Susan Taylor brought forward a concern regarding the position of clerk of Youth Committee. The concern is about how we might strengthen the **Youth Program**. Susan lifted up the possibility of a paid position that would include a person who could maintain communication with Monthly Meetings and build the Youth Program year-round. The loss of the previous clerk and convener leaves a gap in leadership. Clerk raised the query of how EC could best help the Program to continue. It was brought forward that the Program thrived when leaders were vibrant, inspired, and committed. The suggestion was brought forward to put out the possibility to YM that the position may involve financial support. A suggestion was brought forward that the field secretary position for Earthcare would be involved with and supportive of SEYM youth, but could not additionally coordinate the Youth Program. Neil Andersen spoke from the Treasurer's position that funding for a Youth Program coordinator would depend on whether or not Trustees are willing to fund start-up programs but not ongoing programs. There is a possibility of Trustees setting up a separate source for funding. First an interested person would have to be found, then the budget matters could be determined. The questions was raised of whether or not the person could be located out of state but visit on occasion and connect using emails/phone calls long distance. Clerk brought forward that this would be a topic for Summer EC after consultation with the Youth Committee and results of that discussion could be brought to FIBM. It was suggested that someone from the Youth Committee should be involved in this process. Nominating will discern with existing Youth Committee. There seems to be a willingness to work out funding. Trustees will put the topic on their agenda for discernment. The following minute of appreciation for the Youth Committee's work in social justice and Earthcare was brought forward and approved by Executive Committee:

**15YEC01 Executive Committee of the Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends expresses with joy, deep appreciation to the SEYM Youth and Youth Committee for their leadership in social justice and earth care issues through their actions with the Fair Food Campaign and successful campaign in partnership with the Earth Quaker Action team (EQAT) in persuading PNC Bank to stop funding mountaintop removal mining.**

Nancy Fennell (Ft. Myers MM) gave a report on the **CAP (Child Abuse Prevention) program**. Sandy Lyon has volunteered to be a second trainer for this program. Appreciation was voiced for Vicki Carlie who assisted in the creation of the CAP manual. The Treasurer expressed the need to have approximate numbers to determine what the cost would be.

Phoebe Andersen, clerk of the **Publications Committee** gave a report on the status of SEYM publications. From phone calls with Lyn Cope, there have been difficulties with her transition out of state (including broken computer) that delayed any work. She has been able to recommit to complete work already contracted (the two pamphlets - 2014 Michener Lecture and Walton Lecture, Wendy Clarissa Geiger's book, and Ellie Caldwell's book).

Ellie Caldwell, **Committee for Ministry on Racism** co-clerk, announced that there would be a minute brought forward for Friends' consideration at YM business meeting.

Susan Taylor thanked Ann Jerome for her gentle, caring, sensitive leadership of Executive Committee over these past several years.

The meeting closed after a period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Erazmus and Jan Dahm  
SEYM Recording co-clerks

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Executive Committee met for the purpose of hearing the report from the **Naming Committee**. The following minute was brought forward for approval:

**15YEC02     Executive Committee of the Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves with joyful gratitude the Naming Committee's recommendation of Ellie Caldwell (Palm Beach MM) and Kathy Hersh (Miami MM) to serve on the Nominating Committee for a three-year term. In this instance, this committee will name its own clerk.**

Executive Committee expressed gratitude to the Naming Committee for all its work in this process.

Respectfully submitted,  
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