

Southeastern Yearly Meeting

2016 Winter Executive Committee Meeting

MINUTES

1st Month 15, 2016
Quakers of Orlando Meetinghouse

The following 27 individuals were present at the Winter Interim Executive Committee Meeting: Lisa Stewart, Executive Committee and IBM clerk (Palm Beach MM); Joel Cook-YM and IBM assistant clerk (Palm Beach MM); Stephanie Preston-recording clerk for WIBM (Orlando MM); Vicki Carlie-SEYM Executive Secretary (Orlando MM); Juan Reza-Tallahassee MM; Richard Frechette-YM Gathering Committee (Ft. Myers MM); Phoebe Andersen - YM clerk (Tallahassee MM); Neil Andersen-YM treasurer (Tallahassee MM); Jack Braden-YM trustees clerk (Palm Beach MM); Brad Stocker-YM Earthcare Committee co-clerk (Miami MM); Bill Carlie YM membership recorder (Orlando MM); Elaine Martin-YM Nominating Committee (Jacksonville MM); Willie Hager (Jacksonville MM); Nancy Fennell (Ft. Myers MM); Tom Fennell (Ft. Myers MM); Peter Schmidt-Finance Committee clerk (St. Petersburg MM); Mary Jo Klingel-YM Earthcare Committee (Ft. Lauderdale MM); Andrea Hoskins YM Gathering registrar (Miami MM)-; Warren Hoskins-YM Peace & Social Concerns Committee clerk (Miami MM); Elaine Petrella (Miami MM); Floyd Daniels (Miami MM); Clara Diaz-YM Worship & Ministry Committee clerk (Miami MM); Vera Beregovoy (Miami MM); Jean Larson (Gainesville MM); Caroline Lanker (Tampa MM attending Lake Wales WG); Dianne Langan-SEYM Bookkeeper (St. Petersburg MM); Shawna Doran (Gainesville MM)

The meeting opened with silent worship in the Orlando Meetinghouse, Orlando, Florida at 7:00pm

Joel Cook, IBM assistant clerk, read the Prayer of St. Francis out of the silence.

All those present introduced themselves.

The Secretary's Report was submitted in writing (attached) by Vicki Carlie. The secretary provided update on improvements to the SEYM website, specifically the ability for monthly meetings to have a unique subdomain and edit their own content. The secretary has been in contact with MM's to facilitate this process. The relocation of files from the old website to the new host location will be complete by March. The secretary reported that the next three months will be especially busy preparing for yearly meeting. Additionally, revised job descriptions for the handbook are still needed. Friends accepted the Secretary's Report.

Phoebe Andersen, SEYM clerk made announcement about the SEYM personnel policy. The clerk explained that the concern raised at FIBM 2015 over the unapproved state of the personnel policy has been clarified. At yearly meeting business gathering in 2011, the personnel policy was approved by Friends with the addition of a single sentence non-discriminatory statement.

However, the amended version was never posted on the SEYM website, thus causing confusion. The corrected version will be posted on the SEYM website next week.

Neil Andersen (Tallahassee MM) gave the Treasurer's Report (attached) as provided in 2016 WIBM DIA's with time given for comments and questions. Friends accepted the Treasurer's Report.

Elaine Martin (Jacksonville MM) gave the report for the Nominating Committee. The following clarifications were made to the report found in the 2016 WIBM DIA's: Neil Andersen YM treasurer (Tallahassee MM) has agreed to extend his term to end in 2017, coinciding with Phoebe Andersen's term as YM clerk. Nominating is still seeking a friend to train with Neil as well as a yearly meeting gathering clerk and a youth committee clerk. Nominating Committee will bring forward the following names at 2016 WIBM for approval: Bill Carlie (Orlando MM) for Earthcare Committee co-clerk; Catherine Price (Lake Wales WG) for Earthcare Committee; Bonnie Zimmer (Gainesville MM) for Earthcare Committee; Floyd Daniels (Miami MM) for YM Gathering Committee; Gerry O'Sullivan (Miami MM) for SEYM Representative to FGC Central Committee; Beverly Ward (Tampa MM) for SEYM Representative to Florida Council of Churches. Nominating Committee is still seeking two Friends to serve on the ProNica board, with three names having been brought forward thus far for discernment. Naming Committee is requested to appoint new members as Eduardo Diaz will be cycling off of Nominating Committee at the end of 2016.

Co-clerk of YM Earthcare Committee Brad Stocker referenced draft versions of the following documents regarding the Field Secretary for Earthcare position in 2016 WIBM DIA's: FSE Job Description, FSE Anchor Committee, and FSE Search Committee. There was a period of discussion about the process used by Earthcare Committee to draft the DIA's, specifically how feedback from various MM's about FSE was integrated. It was clarified that comments on the FSE documents were received from a majority of MM's, however some critical questions and concerns remained. It was agreed that SEYM friends and MM's with concerns about the SEYM FSE position will labor together in discernment with Earthcare Committee during WIBM morning committee time to find unity and way forward on the proposed documents for approval at 2016.

EC concluded in silent worship at 8:55pm.

Secretary's Report to Winter EC

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News from the Office:

Website:

We now have the ability to offer webpages with their own subdomain names to Meetings and Worship Groups. Amy had to install Wordpress Multisite to be able to do this; so the Meeting webpages are actually their own site-within-a-site. We will be studying how Meeting webclerks could be given user permissions to post & edit their own content.

I have been contacting those who are still on seymmeetings.org to encourage them to let me create a page or move their content to our new site. Winter Park Meeting is the only one to give the go-ahead to date; their site can be found at winterparkfriends.seymquakers.org. A Meeting page can be simple, such as Winter Park's, or can include more content, social media links, etc. I could also post pdfs of newsletters. This is said with the caveat that neither Amy nor I will have much time at all to devote to these pages.

Over the summer, I set up a new Cloud account & moved our files from the old host. The plan is to finish moving all our content, along with the (few) Meetings' pages, off of the old host by the end of March.

Looking ahead:

The next 3 months will be extremely busy as I assist the Gathering Committee. The lack of a Gathering Clerk is keenly felt.

I would like to spend more time on the website---reporting news from the Meetings, adding more content, particularly about Quaker Business process, & etc.

We have received only a handful of revised job descriptions for the Handbook. This is another project that needs attention.

Call me if you ever have any questions.

Thanks!

Vicki Carlie, Secretary