

Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Summer Executive Committee Meeting • June 18, 2016

Numbered Minutes

- 16SEC01.** SEYM Executive Committee approves extending the sabbatical of the Faith and Practice Committee for another year.
- 16SEC02.** SEYM Executive Committee recommends that Yearly Meeting approve creating an asset account for memorial donations received.
- 16SEC03.** SEYM Executive Committee approves a scholarship of \$400 out of the contingency account to enable Lyn Cope to accompany Jerry Knutson to Friends General Conference Gathering as an elder.
- 16SEC04.** SEYM mourns with the families, loved ones, and friends the victims of the June 12th, 2016 mass shooting at the 'Pulse' LGBTQ nightclub in Orlando. We pray for the swift and complete recovery of the wounded. We are heartbroken by this act of violence against the LGBTQ community. But we are also heartened by the outpouring of love and support we have seen from around the world.
- 16SEC05.** Executive Committee was reminded of the plight of at-risk LGBTQ persons, particularly the problem of youth not being accepted by family. We are moved to request that all SEYM Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups open their communities and worship spaces as safe places for the LGBTQ community, especially youth. Friends are to be a beacon of light in the darkness, and the instruments of God's infinite, unconditional love.
- 16SEC06.** SEYM Executive Committee expresses gratitude to Tampa Monthly Meeting for their warm hospitality and refreshments in hosting the June 2016 EC meeting.