

Southeastern Yearly Meeting

Yearly Business Meeting 2018

Numbered Minutes

18YM01 – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves the Numbered Minutes of the 2017 Summer Executive Committee, Fall Interim Business Executive Committee, 2018 Winter Interim Business Executive Committee and the Yearly Meeting Executive Committee Meetings.

18YM02 – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves the Numbered Minutes of the 2017 Fall Interim Business Meeting and 2018 Winter Interim Business Meeting.

18YM03 – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves the creation of an ad hoc committee, convened by Phoebe Andersen, to create a minute regarding SEYM's position against gun violence.

18YM04 – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves SEYM joining the Florida Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence.

18YM05 – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends accepted the Treasurer's Report as provided and explained in the report.

18YM06 – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves the Finance Committee engaging the services of a professional accounting firm to conduct a review of the SEYM financial statements, policies, procedures, and controls for a fee of up to \$4000.

18YM07 – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends expresses deep appreciation for the ten plus years of loving ministry provided by Wendy Clarissa Geiger for co-clerking the Worship and Ministry committee and for the spiritual nurture of our Yearly Meeting.

18YM08 – In anticipation of the laying down of the Historic Peace Churches Program, Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves laying down of our representation to the Historic Peace Churches program.

18YM09 – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends expresses gratitude for Warren Hoskins' faithful witness within the Historic Peace Churches program and bringing a presence of Friends to that work.

18YM10 – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves the 2018-2019 budget as presented by the Finance Committee in the second reading.

18YM11 - Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves the establishment of a Youth and Young Adult Coordinator position as proposed in the Youth Committee report with financial details to be discerned by the Finance Committee, Trustees, and Youth Committee at Executive Committee meeting Sixth Month 2018.

18YM12 – SEYM Minute on Stopping Gun Violence

Friends (Quakers) have a vision of humankind drawing together in mutual care, including reconciliation addressing both the safety of the victims of violent acts and the unmet needs of perpetrators of those violent acts. We are committed to healing and raising our children. To this end, we demand that our government, school systems, and all adults in our children's lives take steps to face the root causes of violence in our society. As Quakers, we support the youth in their vision of a world without a ubiquitous background of violence, a world where people learn how to express feelings of anger and pain constructively. This is an issue to unite us in protection of the children and all the people we love. We urge the passage of several pieces of legislation that will make a beneficial difference for all Americans:

Nationally:

- Require universal background checks on every gun purchase.
- Implement a ban on all high-capacity ammunition magazines and military grade semi-automatic weapons.
- Reinstate the assault weapons ban or institute strict licensing similar to the National Firearms Act of 1934 (PL 73-474).
- Repeal of the "Dickey Amendment", to allow federal health agencies to conduct research into the causes, effects, and evidence-based prevention of gun violence in our communities, and provide funds for this work through Congressional action.

In Florida:

- Repeal Chapter 790.33 of Title 46 of the 2017 Florida Statutes "Field of Regulation of Firearms and Ammunition Preempted", which now prohibits local governments in Florida (Municipalities, Counties, Cities, etc.) from making any regulations more restrictive than the State laws to control guns or ammunition. Local governments should be able to pass their own regulations to ensure the safety of their residents and children.

In a larger context, we share distress at the degree to which American culture accepts, uses, and relies on violence by individuals and groups to solve interpersonal and societal conflicts. We ally ourselves with the victims of such violence and with their sense of urgency in seeking reforms through non-violent means.

We affirm our belief, faith, and experience in the power of love, respect, tolerance and friendship as bases for living together with those around us, in family, community, societal and global relationships.

We intend to share this Minute with all people in Southeastern Yearly Meeting and all other Yearly Meetings in the USA, as well as our legislators and the students of Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. We encourage Friends to share this concern widely within their communities, to take action and start collaborating. Let us be open to whatever meaningful work our hearts are led to do.

18YM13 – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends appreciates the faithful work of the ad hoc committee in crafting the minute on stopping gun violence and for listening so carefully to the concerns of our body.

18YM14 – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves the Nominating Committee’s second reading of the Nominating Committee Report. Friends express deep gratitude for the faithful work of this committee in listening and responding to the Spirit.

18YM15 – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends express gratitude for the diligence and care provided by Richard Frechette, Andrea Hoskins, Stephanie Preston, and Gerry O’Sullivan to ensure our annual gathering met the needs and fed the spirits of the Yearly Meeting body.

18YM16 – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends publicly repudiates the Doctrine of Discovery and supports the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

18YM17 – Friends approved with deep appreciation the 2018 SEYM epistle, which captured the Spirit of our Gathering. It will be posted on the SEYM website and distributed widely among Friends.

18YM18 - Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends expresses deep gratitude to Lisa Erasmus and Jan Dahm for their six years of faithful, prayerful service as our co-recording clerks.

18YM19 – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends expresses their sincere thanks to the staff, volunteers, and the director of the Florida United Methodist Life Enrichment Center for their diligent efforts that make our time together so rewarding and comfortable.

18YM20 – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends accepted with joy the SEYM youth program and Young Adult Quaker (YAQ) epistles. These will be posted on the SEYM website and distributed to “Friends Everywhere.”