

SEYM Executive Committee Meeting
June 9, 2018 • Tampa Meetinghouse

Agenda

Opening Worship

Reading

Announcements

Secretary's Report (attached)

Appointment of ad hoc search committee to fill Secretary Position

Nominating Committee: Gathering Co-clerk and Gathering Registrar vacancies are of particular concern.

Treasurer's Report

Field Secretary of Earthcare Program Evaluation

18YBM-EC01 - SEYM Executive Committee and the Earthcare Committee will evaluate the Field Secretary of Earthcare Program per 15YBM07 at the June 2018 Executive Committee Meeting.

Discern a process for evaluating the FSE program.

5 Minutes establishing the FSE (attached)

Reports from the FSE available on SEYM website

Youth and Young Adult Coordinator Position

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

Committee Reports:

- Archives (attached)
- Earthcare
- Finance
- Half-Yearly Meeting
- Ministry on Racism
- Peace and Social Concerns
- Publications
- Worship and Ministry
- Gathering
- Youth Committee

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This summer is going to be pretty busy for me. I will be working with the Archives Committee to find and archive documents and correspondence. I will be working with the Publications Clerk to find a new publisher to do the work that Lyn Cope has done for us---not only the layout and printing of the pamphlets, but the eBook formatting. I will also be working with Publications and Archives in discerning how to reduce the amount of stuff in the storage unit.

Proposal to get a Zoom account: Some Friends have used a new online meeting platform, Zoom, and suggest it would be a great way for SEYM committees to meet online. Friends Peace Teams uses it, as do FGC and a YM Clerks group. The video quality is much better than Skype; but perhaps more importantly, videos of all participants are on the screen, which then zooms in on the person who is speaking. This allows you not only to see who is speaking, but cuts down on cross-talk. I believe this would be a great way to support our committees and allow them more quality committee time.

There is a free Basic Plan, but meetings are limited to 40 minutes. The next step up is the Pro Plan, which runs \$14.99/month. I suggest that this expense ---\$179.88/year---could be offset by reducing other Administrative line items in the budget.

The Pro Plan includes:

- Up to 100 participants
- Unlimited meeting duration for all meeting
- User management
- Admin feature controls: allows the Admin to manage users, assign roles
- Reporting: usage reports
- Custom Personal Meeting ID
- Assign scheduler
- 1GB of MP4 or M4A cloud recording



The interfaces seem pretty user-friendly. To join a meeting, Participants need to download the Zoom application to their device, and at the scheduled time, click on a link e-mailed to them by their host. For more details, visit their website: www.zoom.us

Website: Submissions and news for the website has increased somewhat over the last year; I hope to be gathering more news on a regular basis as time goes on. I still need to update the Michener and Gathering pages, among other things. I created an online payment form to assist Registrars and the Secretary in collecting amounts due for events and publications. I will also be working, towards the end of the summer, on revising the Half Yearly Meeting registration form.

----Vicki Carlie, SEYM Secretary

2015 YBM Minutes establishing the FSE Program – April 3-4, 2015

15YBM03. Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends establishes the new position of Field Secretary for Earthcare. The purpose of the Field Secretary for Earthcare will be coordination, inspiration, and communication within SEYM and facilitation of interaction with others to encourage Friendly, Spirit-led action for the caring of the Earth. The Field Secretary will be working under the guidance of the Spirit, energized by the person's individual leadings. Description of the duties, responsibilities, and supervision will be provided by the Earthcare Committee of SEYM in concert with the Executive Committee as Personnel Committee through its clerk, and grounded in the loving interest and care of the Yearly Meeting.

15YBM04. Duties for the position of Field Secretary for Earthcare in SEYM:

- Provide focus and coordinate efforts on environmental work in the SEYM region.
- Perform visits to Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups within SEYM to help them discern their leadings in care of the Earth, and to provide information and coordination among Meetings.
- To be a Quaker Presence at specific events, including those arranged by others.
- To assist the Youth of SEYM in their Earthcare projects, to be an inspiration and model for them; to be a presence and resource for Young Adult Friends.
- To communicate and collaborate our regional concerns with national organizations including Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW), Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT), Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), and Friends General Conference (FGC).
- To serve as SEYM's public presence for Earthcare and to serve as a liaison with other like-minded organizations at the direction of the Earthcare Committee of SEYM in concert with the Executive Committee as Personnel Committee through its clerk, and grounded in the loving interest and care of the Yearly Meeting.

15YBM05. Funding Plan for the position of Field Secretary for Earthcare in SEYM:

Southeastern Yearly Meeting establishes a restricted fund within the SEYM accounts for the Field Secretary for Earthcare position. All donations received will be sent to the Yearly Meeting so that they may be recorded and placed in that restricted fund for the committee's use and to ensure right ordering for 501(c)3 tax accounting.

A total of \$500 will be included in the SEYM 2015-2016 budget for the Earthcare Committee operations to provide for administration of the work of the Field Secretary for Earthcare, and to continue the Committee's business between sessions of the Yearly Meeting.

The implementation plan, including financing, will be a working document subject to improvement once funds have been received.

15YBM06. Donation of Support from SEYM Trustees: Southeastern Yearly Meeting requests that the Yearly Meeting Trustees donate \$10,000 for initialization of the position of Field Secretary for Earthcare in SEYM. This would be a one-time donation in the 2015-2016 fiscal year into the restricted fund.

15YBM07. Minute for Field Secretary for Earthcare Program Evaluation – The Field Secretary for Earthcare will have goals and objectives that are established in conjunction with the Earthcare Committee and the Executive Committee of SEYM. These goals and objectives will serve as the basis for continuing evaluation of program progress. The Field Secretary for Earthcare will submit a report of attainment of goals and objectives and other unanticipated activities and accomplishments for SEYM's discernment at the annual gathering.

Archives Committee Report June EC 2018

Neil and Phoebe Andersen and I continued our work on the records collection at the University of Florida Library in Gainesville for a few days in late April. We weeded duplicate pages and pulled staples from the Secretary's files we received several years ago. We ask Monthly Meetings to clearly label each CD of their papers as to content, including Meeting name and year(s). Please mail them to:

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---Bill Rapp, Archives Clerk