# Southeastern Yearly Meeting 

of the Religious Society of Friends

# Fall Interim Business Meeting 

14 Tenth Month 2023
Sarasota Friends Meetinghouse and Online

## MINUTES

The meeting opened with silent worship.
Bill Carlie welcomed Friends to Fall Interim Business Meeting.
Ed Lesnick reported for the Nominating Committee (attached.) The corrected report was circulated this morning. The committee brought two minutes for approval

23FIBM01 Upon recommendation of the nominating committee, FIBM approves Liz Dykes as co clerk of the Gathering Committee for 2024.
APPROVED
23FIBM02 Upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee, FIBM approves Vicki Carlie as co-clerk of the Gathering Committee for 2024.
APPROVED
There are still several open positions for which volunteers are desperately needed.
The meeting broke for committee meetings.
Following the Monthly Meeting Forum and lunch, Friends reconvened for Interim Business meeting, settling into worship.

Clerk Bill Carlie read from Baltimore Yearly Meetings Faith \& Practice (2013):
The desire of Friends is not in limiting or directing seekers to a particular Truth, a common path. The desire of Friends is in gathering in community to seek Truth, all of us humbly listening for the promptings of the Spirit. In the silence and in the words and actions of each other we discern the full measure of the Light within us and around us. We are not each alone in a world of our own Truth but united in the common light of the same Spirit.

Baltimore Yearly Meeting F\&P, 2013
We reviewed the agenda and accepted it as presented.
Friends present introduced themselves in groups by monthly meeting.

Dan Vaughen can send Friends the article about DeLand Worship Group in the Daytona Beach News Journal.

Liz Dykes read the numbered approved minutes from Executive Committee held 13 Tenth Month. Friends accepted the Executive Committee minutes as read.

## 23FIBM03 Liz Dykes and Dan Vaughen agreed to join Richelle Ogle on the Committee of Care for Jacksonville Quaker Worship Group at the Beaches. APPROVED

## 23FIBM04 Vicki Carlie, Phil Stone, and Joel Cook agreed to serve on an ad hoc committee to draft a proposal for a youth coordinator position. <br> APPROVED

## Nominating Committee Report

Ed Lesnick presented the Nominating Committee report (attached) for a second reading. Friends affirmed the nominations made this morning.

Phoebe Andersen described the needs for the Archives Committee: Friends who are retired or who have flexible time, and also have good knees and can climb the stairs.

Susan Taylor shared about her experience as FGC Nominating Committee clerk. She has learned that Friends don't come together for the business meeting, they come together for relationships. Everyone has gifts. Friends who join a committee may not have all the gifts that are needed, but it gives a Friend a place to grow. If the only reason a Friend is choosing not to accept a position is that they don't think they are capable, we need to ask them to stretch, and we will help them grow.
Friends accepted the report.

## Treasurer's Report

Joel Cook presented the Treasurer's report (attached). No transfer has been made from Trustees, so the numbers may not be quite as bad as they look. Joel reviewed the numbers from last fiscal year (22-23). Payroll was a big contributor to the loss, as we had failed for three years to evaluate our staff, recommend merit/longevity raises or even provide cost of living increases. Thus, we had three years of back pay differential to reimburse to our staff.

Joel also reported on the first quarter of FY23-24. There is some overlap between meetings that don't contribute and meetings that don't ever, or very often, attend annual session or interim business meetings. The is a question of how we connect with meetings that are less connected with the yearly meeting. Another question is how we determine how we count Friends for apportionment purposes. Meetings are encouraged to review the Queries around meeting governance and finance. Meetings are also expected to review their lists for an accurate representation of members and attenders-this list is due by the end of January. Finance Committee and Ministry \& Nurture Committee may review this going forward.
Friends accepted the report.

## Trustees' Report

Neil Andersen reported that the Trustees are supporting the Yearly Meeting as they have previously done. Although the market goes up and down, the dividends are consistent.
Friends accepted the report.

## Worship \& Ministry Report

Lisa Erasmus reported for Worship and Ministry (attached). Ann Jerome will give the Michener Lecture, tentatively titled "Let it Burn." The committee encourages Friends to have candid discussions with integrity about the health of the meetings. Without an agreement of challenges from the meeting as a whole, the yearly meeting through Worship and Ministry cannot help address the challenges.
Friends accepted the report with gratitude.

## Gathering Committee Report

Vicki Carlie reported for the Gathering Committee (attached). We will be returning to Dayspring Conference Center. The theme is The Friends We Are Becoming: Embracing Our Longings and Leadings. Hilary Burgin, director of Quaker Voluntary Service, will be our Walton Lecturer and retreat leader. We are exploring ways to improve the sound system in the auditorium for access both in person and on zoom. We need to find a youth program leader for the Gathering-without a youth program there is no Gathering.
Friends accepted the report.

## Ad hoc Committee to Create a Harassment Policy and Standing Crisis Response Process

Cheryl Demers-Holton reported for the ad hoc Committee to Create a Harassment Policy and Standing Crisis Response Process (attached). The committee is now Cheryl and Bill Carlie, and they need some additional members with specific experience or training around abuse response. This process is to create a Yearly Meeting policy and practice, but it could relate to monthly meeting policies and practice. Ellie Caldwell and Jan Dahm offered to serve. Beverly Ward offered to share materials from other organizations that may be useful.
Friends accepted the report.

## Ad hoc Florida Retirement Committee Report

Dan Vaughen reported for the ad hoc Florida Retirement Community Committee (attached). The ad hoc committee requests to be laid down, and perhaps be replaced with another ad hoc committee to examine the Quaker vision for SEYM and the Quaker Call to Justice. It is time to use our resources-we are in a time of spiritual drought. Friends have enthusiasm and caution. Friends are curious and unsure. There is support for the concept of an ad hoc Visioning Committee.
Friends accepted the report and the suggestions.
23FIBM05 Friends agree to establish an ad hoc Quaker Call Committee. Dan Vaughen agreed to convene the committee, and Eileen Zingaro, Katie Green, Suzanne Frechette, Mercedes Soca, John Palozzi, Barbara Finkelstein, and Amy Richards agreed to serve.
APPROVED
23FIBM06 Friends lay down the ad hoc Florida Retirement Community Committee with gratitude for its work.
APPROVED

## Ad hoc Committee on Women's Reproductive Health and Justice

Lyn Carol Henderson reported for the ad hoc Committee on Women's Reproductive Health and Justice (attached). She is encouraging each meeting to have contact for the committee. She is also asking Friends to take the training program to assist in talking with people of faith about reproductive freedom. Friends ask that we address the reality that people who do not identify as women also deserve reproductive freedom. The committee will bring a name change to WIBM.
Friends accepted the report.

## Field Secretary for Earthcare Report

Beverly Ward reported as the Field Secretary for Earthcare (attached). She updated some of her work since the report was written, particularly around the conflict in Israel/Palestine.
Friends accepted the report.

## Friends General Conference Representatives Report

Susan Taylor explained an invitation from the Long Range Conference Planning Committee of Friends General Conference for SEYM to host/co-host the 2025 Virtual FGC Gathering of Friends, to be held in early February 2025. A description of the roles of the host yearly meeting is attached. Friends are interested in providing volunteers to serve on the clerks nominating committee. Susan Taylor is interested serving.
Friends accepted the report.
23FIBM07 SEYM Friends are showing interest in co-hosting the 2025 Virtual Gathering of Friends, and as a first step will recommend two Friends to the Clerk's Nominating Committee. We will consider further involvement at Winter Interim Business Meeting. Bill Carlie will recommend the two Friends to the FGC Long Range Conference Planning Committee clerks.
APPROVED.

## Peace \& Social Concerns Committee Report

Lyn Carol Henderson reported for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. The committee discussed the Reproductive Freedoms ad hoc committee. They have also discussed gun violence and how it relates to AVP. They are considering how to coordinate a get the vote out campaign.

Susan Taylor reported that the committee met informally this morning. A report is in Documents in Advance. The committee would like to recommend Paula Palmer as a Walton Lecture.
Friends accepted the report.
Half Yearly Meeting Committee Report
Susan Wade announced that Half Yearly Meeting is looking for volunteers, particularly for cooking.
Friends accepted the report.

## Finance Committee Report

Peter Schmidt reported for Finance Committee and reminded Friends (and Nominating Committee) that he will be moving abroad shortly after Winter Interim Business Meeting.
Friends accepted the report.

## Youth Committee Report

Friends accepted the Youth Committee report in the Documents in Advance (attached).

## Archives Committee Report

Friends accepted the Archives Committee report in the Documents in Advance (attached).
23FIBM08 SEYM Executive Committee and Fall Interim Business Meeting are grateful to Sarasota Monthly Meeting for their gracious and bountiful hospitality that sustained our discernment. The lovely setting and delicious lunch are very much appreciated.
APPROVED

Liz Dykes read back the numbered, approved minutes.
Respectfully submitted,
Liz Dykes, recording clerk
Dan Vaughen, assistant recording clerk

Participants:

Clearwater Monthly Meeting
Katie Green
Phil Stone
Eileen Zingaro
DeLand Worship Group
Cheryl Demers-Holton (Tampa MM)
Dan Vaughen (Orlando MM)
Beverly Ward (Tampa MM)
Fort Lauderdale Monthly Meeting
Brian Humphrey
Fort Myers Monthly Meeting
Richard Frechette
Suzanne Frechette
Gainesville Monthly Meeting
Liz Dykes
Havana Worship Group
Teresa Dovalpage
Miami Monthly Meeting
Brian Olson
Orlando Monthly Meeting
Chris Laning
Ed Lesnick
Other Friends
Eva Hersh
Peter Schmidt

Palm Beach Monthly Meeting
Jack Braden
Ellie Caldwell
John Palozzi
Saint Augustine Worship Group
Amanda Farrar
Richelle Ogle (Orlando MM)
Saint Petersburg Quakers
Bill Carlie
Vicki Carlie
Susan Wade
Sarasota Monthly Meeting
Barbara Finklestein
Dave Hilsheimer
Mercedes Soca
Tallahassee Monthly Meeting
Neil Andersen
Phoebe Andersen
Andrea Hoskins
Warren Hoskins
Susan Taylor
Tampa Monthly Meeting
Jan Daham
Lisa Erazmus
Lynn Carol Henderson
Nancy Triscritti
Cecilia (Cece) Yocum
Treasure Coast Worship Group
Joel Cook (Palm Beach MM)
Amy Richards

## SEYM Officers, Committees, Representatives, \& Appointees FIBM - Approved October 14, 2023

## OFFICERS

Yearly Meeting Clerk Bill Carlie St. Petersburg ..... 2026
Interim Business Meeting (IBM) \& Executive Committee (EC) Clerk - Bil Carlie ..... 2026
Assistant Yearly Meeting Clerk
Recording Clerk, YM Dan Vaughen Orlando/DeLand ..... 2025
Recording Clerk, IBM/EC Liz Dykes .Gainesville ..... 2025
Assistant Recording Clerks: IBM and EC...........................................Dan Vaughen .Orlando/DeLand ..... 2026
YM Liz Dykes Gainesville ..... 2026
Treasurer Joel Cook Palm Beach/Treasure Coast ..... 2026
Membership Recorder Ed Lesnick Orlando ..... 2024

## TRUSTEES

| Neil Andersen, Clerk | Tallahassee............................................ 2026 |
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| Chris Laning | Orlando .................................................. 2025 |
| Jack Bradin | Palm Beach/Treasure Coast ........................ 2026 |
| Liz Dykes | Gainesville .............................................. 2026 |
| Mike Flanery | Clearwater.............................................. 2026 |

## COMMITTEES

ArchivesBill Rapp, Clerk ............................................Lake Wales WG2024
Neil Andersen Tallahassee ..... 2024
Phoebe Andersen Tallahassee ..... 2026
Earthcare Brian Humphrey, Clerk Ft. Lauderdale ..... 2026
Jim Koopman Ft. Myers ..... 2025
Brad Stocker Miami ..... 2025
Beverly Ward Tampa ..... 2025
Jack Bradin Palm Beach/Treasure Coast. ..... 2026
Mike Flanery Clearwater ..... 2026
Hollyn Green Savannah ..... 2026
Phoebe Andersen, Clerk Tallahassee ..... 2024
Faith \& Practice
Facebook Page Mike Flanery Clearwater ..... 2024
Finance Peter Schmidt, Clerk ..... 2024
Steve Donachie Miami ..... 2024
Shawna Doran Gainesville ..... 2024
Carl Hersh Miami/DeLand ..... 2024
Asst. YM Clerk ((ex officio)
SEYM Treasurer (ex officio)
Clerk of Trustees (ex officio)
SEYM Administrative Secretary (ex officio)
Half-Yearly Meeting Brian Olson, Clerk Miami ..... 2024
Rosiland Kirupavathy, Registrar. Orlando ..... 2024
Kathy Hersh, Co-Food Coordinator Miami/DeLand ..... 2025
Beverly Ward, Co-Food Coordinator St. Petersburg ..... 2025
Asma Roshi Orlando ..... 2025
Ministry on Racism Kathy Hersh, Clerk Miami/DeLand ..... 2024
Minerva Glidden Orlando ..... 2024
Brad Stocker Miami ..... 2024
Susan Taylor Tallahassee ..... 2024
Beverly Ward Tampa ..... 2024
Jane Westberg Miami ..... 2024
Cindy Kwalwasser ..... 2025
Jean Larson ..... 2025
Wendy Clarissa Geiger ..... 2026
Katie Green ..... 2026
Asma Roshi ..... 2026
Peace \&
Social Concerns
Karen Putney Tampa ..... 2024
Helen Fox Ft. Myers ..... 2024
Peter Harrell Gainesville ..... 2024
John Heimburg Orlando ..... 2025
Warren Hoskins Tallahassee ..... 2025
Mercedes Soca Havana WG ..... 2025
Cece Yocum ..... 2025
Shawna Doran ..... 2026
Gainesville
Phil Stone ..... 2026
Phoebe Andersen Tallahassee ..... 2024
Steven Riddle Orlando ..... 2025
John Palozzi Palm Beach ..... 2026
Vicki Carlie (ex officio) St. Petersburg
Richelle Ogle, Co-Clerk Orlando/St. Augustine ..... 2025
Jan Dahm, Co-Clerk Tampa ..... 2026
Lisa Erazmus, Co-Clerk Tampa ..... 2026
Bill Carlie St. Petersburg ..... 2025
Cheryl Demers-Holton Gainesville/DeLand ..... 2025
Nancyrose Logan ..... 2025
Sarasota
Clara Diaz ..... 2026
Orlando/St. Augustine
Eduardo Diaz ..... 2026
Joel Cook. Palm Beach/Treasure Coast ..... 2026
Ann Jerome Orlando ..... 2026
Vicki Carlie, Gathering Co-Clerk St. Petersburg ..... 2024
Liz Dykes, Gathering Co-Clerk Gainesville ..... 2024
Andrea Hoskins, Registrar Tallahassee ..... 2025
John Heimburg, Bookstore. Orlando ..... 2026
Brian Olson, Program Coordinator Miami ..... 2026
Kasper Ronning Orlando ..... 2025
SEYM Administrative Secretary, ex-officio
Sarasota ..... 2024
Jennifer Mendoza
Miami ..... 2025
Kathy Hersh
2026
Hope Ascher Melbourne
2026
Mariah Doran, Gathering Activities Gainesville
2026
Lewis Kirvan, Gathering Activities Gainesville
2026
Cecelia Yocum, Gathering Activities. Tampa
Amanda Farrar St. Augustine ..... 2026
Asma Roshi Orlando ..... 2026
Evelyn Schwalb Orlando ..... 2026
American Friends Service Committee Corporation, - AFSC/Philadelphia
Bill Carlie St. Petersburg ..... 2025
Beverly Ward Tampa ..... 2025
Friends Committee on National Legislation - FCNL
Karen Putney Tampa ..... 2024
Eileen Zingaro Clearwater ..... 2024
Dianne Langan. St. Pete/St. Augustine ..... 2026
Ian McDonald Tallahassee ..... 2026
Friends General Conference - FGC Central Committee
Dan Vaughen. Orlando ..... 2025
Susan Wade St. Petersburg ..... 2025
Friends World Committee for Consultation - FWCC
Clara Diaz ................................................... Orlando ..... 2024
Eduardo Diaz Orlando ..... 2024
Nancyrose Logan Sarasota ..... 2026
Joel Cook Palm Beach/Treasure Coast. ..... 2026
Friends Peace Teams Cecilia Yocum Tampa ..... 2025
Shawna Doran Gainesville. ..... 2025
Florida Council of Churches Beverly Ward. Tampa ..... 2024
Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender \& Queer
Concerns - FLGBTQ Under Discernment
Palmetto Friends Gathering Phoebe Andersen Tallahassee ..... 2026
Neil Andersen Tallahassee ..... 2026
Quaker Earthcare Witness
Brad Stocker .Miami ..... 2025
Beverly Ward Tampa ..... 2026
Quaker House (Fayetteville) Seth Moody St. Augustine WG ..... 2026
Quaker United Nations Office

- QUNO Liz Jenkins Orlando ..... 2025
APPOINTED OBSERVERS TO ORGANIZATIONS
FUM General Board Observer Eduardo Diaz Orlando/St. Augustine ..... 2026
Ellie Caldwell, Alternate Palm Beach ..... 2024
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Ed Lesnick, Clerk. Orlando ..... 2024
Beverly Ward Tampa ..... 2025
Shawna Doran Gainesville. ..... 2026
Brian Olson Miami ..... 2026


## Southeastern Yearly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends

## Treasurer’s Report for 2022 - 2023 Fiscal Year, Fall Interim Business Meeting 2023

All values are rounded to the nearest dollar.

## SEYM Total Cash Flow not including Trustees

The overall cash flow of the Yearly Meeting (excluding separately reported accounts under the care of the Trustees) yielded a net loss (excluding unrealized capital gains) of $\$ 31,079$. This resulted from an SEYM total real income of $\$ 143,720$ against total expenses of $\$ 174,798$.

## SEYM General Fund for Administration - Cash Flow and Budget Performance

At the end of the fiscal year, the General Fund (the operations fund for which we approved a balanced budget of $\$ 93,540$ in our 2022 Yearly Meeting sessions) showed a net loss of $\$ 23,184$. This resulted from General Fund total income of $\$ 74,353$ ( $79 \%$ of budget) against expenses of $\$ 97,537$ ( $104 \%$ of budget).

## Budget Support Apportionments \& Contributions Received

During this fiscal year, in response to the annual request for support of the approved General Fund Budget (the Apportionments), contributions received from the Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups totaled $\$ 57,549$, or $73 \%$ of the year's budgeted request of $\$ 78,685$.

Fifteen (15) Monthly Meetings and six (6) Worship Groups were included in the Apportionment request this fiscal year. Ten (10) contributed between $100 \%$ or more of their requested amount, one (1) contributed approximately $50 \%$, one (1) and nine (9) contributed nothing.

The unrestricted individual donations received toward the Budget during this period totaled $\$ 3,500$ approximately $175 \%$ of the $\$ 2,000$ budgeted amount.

## Cash Flow Results for Programs

The annual programs for this fiscal year are complete. There may, however, be some adjustments to these figures.

The Yearly Meeting Gathering and Walton Lecture had an income of $\$ 38,436$ and expenses of $\$ 42,859$, yielding a net deficit of $\$ 4,422$.

Half Yearly Meeting had an income of $\$ 2,330$ with expenses of $\$ 600$ giving a net surplus of $\$ 1,730$.
The Michener Lecture had an income of $\$ 2,641$ with expenses of $\$ 1,431$ giving a net surplus of $\$ 1,210$.
Programs for Youth had income of $\$ 5,557$ with expenses of $\$ 6,341$ giving a net deficit of $\$ 784$.
The Publications program during this period had a net real gain of $\$ 2,218$, excluding unrealized capital loss of \$756 on investments for the program.

The SEYM Field Secretary for Earthcare program during this period received \$13,451 in donations and had expenses of $\$ 22,555$, yielding a net deficit of $\$ 9,104$. This program was closed as an independent program. The balance of $\$ 1,484$ in the FSE account was transferred to the General/Admin Fund for support of the FSE staff position and program.

## Net Worth

The Net Worth of the combined Yearly Meeting and its Trustees at the end of this period was $\$ 586,581$, a decrease of $\$ 48,846$ including $\$ 22,477$ in unrealized capital gains since the beginning of the fiscal year.

Joel D. Cook, Treasurer - SEYM 10/12/2023

## Southeastern Yearly Meeting

## Budget vs. Actual

June 2022 through May 2023
Cash Basis

| Income |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 - Income |  |  |  |  |
| 2001 - Donations |  |  |  |  |
| 2002 - Indivd.Donations-Classes | 3,500.80 | 2,000.00 | 1,500.80 | 175.04\% |
| 2003 - Meeting Donations |  |  |  |  |
| 2013 - Meeting Donations, Unaffiliated | 0.00 |  |  |  |
| 2023 - Meeting Donations, WG wo apport | 0.00 |  |  |  |
| 2003 - Meeting Donations - Other | 58,694.51 | 83,160.00 | $(24,465.49)$ | 70.58\% |
| Total 2003 - Meeting Donations | 58,694.51 | 83,160.00 | $(24,465.49)$ | 70.58\% |
| 2006 - In-kind Donation | 0.95 |  |  |  |
| Total 2001 - Donations | 62,196.26 | 85,160.00 | $(22,963.74)$ | 73.04\% |
| 2200 - Investment Earnings |  |  |  |  |
| 2203 - Savings Account Interest | 3.65 | 20.00 | (16.35) | 18.25\% |
| Total $2200 \cdot$ Investment Earnings | 3.65 | 20.00 | (16.35) | 18.25\% |
| Total 2000 - Income | 62,199.91 | 85,180.00 | $(22,980.09)$ | 73.02\% |
| 2700 - Transfer in FROM other classes |  |  |  |  |
| 2710 - Surplus Michener Lecture | 1,210.23 |  |  |  |
| 2712 - Michener Lect. to GF/insurance | 190.00 | 190.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 2732 - Gath/Walton to GF/insurance | 1,140.00 | 1,140.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 2750 - Surplus Half Yearly Meeting | 1,729.98 |  |  |  |
| 2752 - HYM to GF/insurance | 570.00 | 570.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 2804 - from Trustee's Funds |  |  |  |  |
| 2815 - for BertscheOutreach Travel | 2,180.52 | 1,930.00 | 250.52 | 112.98\% |
| 2820 - for Staff Salary | 5,132.32 | 4,530.00 | 602.32 | 113.3\% |
| Total 2804 • from Trustee's Funds | 7,312.84 | 6,460.00 | 852.84 | 113.2\% |
| Total 2700 - Transfer in FROM other classes | 12,153.05 | 8,360.00 | 3,793.05 | 145.37\% |
| Total Income | 74,352.96 | 93,540.00 | $(19,187.04)$ | 79.49\% |
| Expense |  |  |  |  |
| 2999 - Expenses |  |  |  |  |
| $3000 \cdot$ Operating Costs |  |  |  |  |
| 3001 - Bank Service Charges | 337.72 | 200.00 | 137.72 | 168.86\% |
| 3002 - PayPal service fee | 46.26 | 15.00 | 31.26 | 308.4\% |
| 3080 - Duplication | 1,489.82 | 500.00 | 989.82 | 297.96\% |
| 3100 - Insurance |  |  |  |  |
| 3106 - Liability Insurance | 0.00 | 1,900.00 | (1,900.00) | 0.0\% |
| 3100 - Insurance - Other | 1,960.69 |  |  |  |
| Total $3100 \cdot$ Insurance | 1,960.69 | 1,900.00 | 60.69 | 103.19\% |
| 3107 - Youth Worker CAP Certification | 135.08 | 160.00 | (24.92) | 84.43\% |
| 3146 - Non-Profit Corporation Fee | 61.25 | 65.00 | (3.75) | 94.23\% |
| 3200 - Office Supplies | 709.75 | 400.00 | 309.75 | 177.44\% |
| 3270 - Payroll Expenses | 64,422.24 | 50,000.00 | 14,422.24 | 128.84\% |
| 3272 - Employer Payroll Taxes | 2,999.34 | 3,750.00 | (750.66) | 79.98\% |
| 3380 - Postage/Shipping | 297.93 | 400.00 | (102.07) | 74.48\% |
| 3381 - Post Office Box rental | 0.00 | 200.00 | (200.00) | 0.0\% |
| 3400 - Office Equipment | 892.98 | 400.00 | 492.98 | 223.25\% |
| 3500 - Professional Fees |  |  |  |  |
| 3526 - Accounting | 410.00 |  |  |  |
| 3500 - Professional Fees - Other | 0.00 | 500.00 | (500.00) | 0.0\% |
| Total 3500 - Professional Fees | 410.00 | 500.00 | (90.00) | 82.0\% |
| 3640 - Rent warehouse/office |  |  |  |  |
| 3642 - Office Rent | 840.00 |  |  |  |
| 3643 - Storage Unit | 1,632.00 |  |  |  |
| 3640 - Rent warehouse/office - Other | 0.00 | 2,000.00 | (2,000.00) | 0.0\% |
| Total 3640 - Rent warehouse/office | 2,472.00 | 2,000.00 | 472.00 | 123.6\% |
| 3700 - Repairs |  |  |  |  |
| $3740 \cdot$ Computer Repairs | 536.56 |  |  |  |


|  | Jun 22 - May 23 | Budget | \$ Over Budget | \% of Budget |
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| $3700 \cdot$ Repairs - Other | 0.00 | 250.00 | (250.00) | 0.0\% |
| Total $3700 \cdot$ Repairs | 536.56 | 250.00 | 286.56 | 214.62\% |
| 3816 - Software | 2,187.43 | 3,000.00 | (812.57) | 72.91\% |
| 3840 - Telephone \& Inet access | 1,489.17 | 1,500.00 | (10.83) | 99.28\% |
| 3860 - Travel Administrative | 422.86 | 1,000.00 | (577.14) | 42.29\% |
| 3900 - Website |  |  |  |  |
| 3940 - Domain Name Registrations | 10.00 |  |  |  |
| 3900 - Website - Other | 313.27 | 3,900.00 | $(3,586.73)$ | 8.03\% |
| Total 3900 - Website | 323.27 | 3,900.00 | $(3,576.73)$ | 8.29\% |
| Total $3000 \cdot$ Operating Costs | 81,194.35 | 70,140.00 | 11,054.35 | 115.76\% |
| 4000 - Committees Operating Expenses |  |  |  |  |
| 4309 - Archives | 0.00 | 100.00 | (100.00) | 0.0\% |
| 4329 - EC and IBM | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | $(1,000.00)$ | 0.0\% |
| 4339 - Faith and Practice | 0.00 | 25.00 | (25.00) | 0.0\% |
| 4349 - Finance | 0.00 | 25.00 | (25.00) | 0.0\% |
| 4359 - Nominating | 0.00 | 25.00 | (25.00) | 0.0\% |
| 4369 - Peace and Social Concerns | 0.00 | 450.00 | (450.00) | 0.0\% |
| 4389 - Youth Committee | 0.00 | 25.00 | (25.00) | 0.0\% |
| 4399 Worship and Ministry | 1,450.00 | 2,000.00 | (550.00) | 72.5\% |
| 4429 - Earthcare | 0.00 | 25.00 | (25.00) | 0.0\% |
| 4449 - Publications | 0.00 | 25.00 | (25.00) | 0.0\% |
| 4469 - Racism, Ministry on | 0.00 | 25.00 | (25.00) | 0.0\% |
| 4489 - Young Adult Quakers | 0.00 | 25.00 | (25.00) | 0.0\% |
| Total 4000 - Committees Operating Expenses | 1,450.00 | 3,750.00 | $(2,300.00)$ | 38.67\% |
| 5000 - Donations to Organizations |  |  |  |  |
| 5007 - AFSC | 200.00 | 200.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 5018 - Earlham School of Religion | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 5027 - FCNL | 300.00 | 300.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 5028 - QEW (FCUN) | 950.00 | 200.00 | 750.00 | 475.0\% |
| 5030 FLGBTQC | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 5037 - FGC | 0.00 | 1,200.00 | $(1,200.00)$ | 0.0\% |
| 5038 - FLCoalition for Peace \& Justice | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 5047 - Florida Council of Churches | 200.00 | 200.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 5048 - Florida Impact | 300.00 | 300.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 5057 - Friends Journal | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 5061 - Friends Peace Teams | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 5067 - FUM | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 5068 - FWCC | 1,450.00 | 1,450.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 5077 - Pendle Hill | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 5085 - Quaker House of Fayetteville NC | 200.00 | 200.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 5087 - Quaker Life | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 5089 - QUNO | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 5090 - NNABSHC | 300.00 | 300.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 5097 - Wm Penn House | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| Total 5000 - Donations to Organizations | 5,700.00 | 6,150.00 | (450.00) | 92.68\% |
| 8000 - Travel \& Financial Aid |  |  |  |  |
| 8160 Annual Representative | 270.00 | 4,000.00 | (3,730.00) | 6.75\% |
| 8360 - Attend SEYM-approved Activities | 0.00 | 1,500.00 | $(1,500.00)$ | 0.0\% |
| 8460 - Travel Support to SEYM Business | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | $(1,000.00)$ | 0.0\% |
| Total 8000 - Travel \& Financial Aid | 270.00 | 6,500.00 | $(6,230.00)$ | 4.15\% |
| 8500 - Contingency | 0.00 | 2,000.00 | (2,000.00) | 0.0\% |
| Total 2999 - Expenses | 88,614.35 | 88,540.00 | 74.35 | 100.08\% |
| 9000 - Transfer OUT TO other classes |  |  |  |  |
| 9004 - for Youth Programs | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 9005 - for Gathering Youth | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 9060 - for Triennial Travel | 0.00 | 500.00 | (500.00) | 0.0\% |
| $9230 \cdot$ for Walton Lecture/Gathering | 4,422.31 |  |  |  |
| Total 9000 - Transfer OUT TO other classes | 8,922.31 | 5,000.00 | 3,922.31 | 178.45\% |
| Total Expense | 97,536.66 | 93,540.00 | 3,996.66 | 104.27\% |
| t Income | (23,183.70) | 0.00 | (23,183.70) | 100.0\% |




Southeastern Yearly Meeting
Income \& Expense by Class
June 2022 through May 2023



 Total 260 Income
Total 2000 . Transfer in FROM other classes 2700. Transfer in FROM other classes 2710 Surplus Michener Lecture
2712. Michener Lect. to GF /insurance 2732 Gath/Walton to GF/insurance
$2750 \cdot$ Surplus Half Yearly Meeting
$2752 \cdot$ HYM to GFlinsurance
 2801 - transfer from General Fund
2802 from GF for Gathering Youth
2804 .from Trustee's Funds
$2805 \cdot$ for Gathering Youth 2805• for Gathering Yocur
2810. for Michene Lecture
2815. for BertscheOutreach Travel
2820 •or Staff Salary
2830 for Walton Lecture/Gathering $2830 \cdot$ for Walton Lecture/Gathering
Total 2804 • from Trustee's Funds
Total $2700 \cdot$ Transfer in FROM other classe Total 2700 - Transfer in FROM other classe
Total Income


|  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |












# Southeastern Yearly Meeting <br> Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison 

10/12/2023
As of May 31, 2023
Cash Basis

|  | May 31, 23 | May 31, 22 | \$ Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ASSETS |  |  |  |
| Current Assets |  |  |  |
| Checking/Savings |  |  |  |
| 0501 - Checking Account BOA |  |  |  |
| 511 - Checking - Gen'l Fund - General | -3,552.81 | 16,759.25 | -20,312.06 |
| 560 - Checking-GF-Triennial Travel | 20,587.31 | 20,587.31 | 0.00 |
| 566 - Checking-GF-Sufferings | 170.00 | 170.00 | 0.00 |
| 640 - Checking-SA-Programs for Youth | 567.31 | 1,350.85 | -783.54 |
| 670 - Checking - SA - Earthcare | 0.00 | 9,921.38 | -9,921.38 |
| 680 - Checking-SA-Publications | -4,093.33 | -6,311.51 | 2,218.18 |
| 690 - Checking - 690 Covid Relief | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| 695 Checking - Int'I WG Support | 226.46 | 452.00 | -225.54 |
| $700 \cdot$ Checking-Trustees |  |  |  |
| 705 - Checking - Gathering Youth Fund | 3,391.74 | 3,391.74 | 0.00 |
| 710 - Checking - Michener Fund | 15.00 | 15.00 | 0.00 |
| 715 - Checking - Bertsche Travel Fund | 15.00 | 15.00 | 0.00 |
| 720 - Checking - Staff Salary | 615.00 | 615.00 | 0.00 |
| 725 - Checking - Unrestricted Fund | 10,790.34 | 10,765.34 | 25.00 |
| $730 \cdot$ Checking - Walton Fund | 15.00 | 15.00 | 0.00 |
| 750 - Checking -FGC Meetinghouse Fund | 331.09 | 0.00 | 331.09 |
| Total $700 \cdot$ Checking-Trustees | 15,173.17 | 14,817.08 | 356.09 |
| Total 0501 - Checking Account BOA | 29,578.11 | 58,246.36 | -28,668.25 |
| $830 \cdot$ Checking - BofA Payroll | 4,321.21 | 10,827.58 | -6,506.37 |
| 903 - Savings BOA | 36,927.79 | 36,924.14 | 3.65 |
| Total Checking/Savings | 70,827.11 | 105,998.08 | -35,170.97 |
| Accounts Receivable |  |  |  |
| 1100 Accounts Receivable | -0.06 | -1,145.58 | 1,145.52 |
| Total Accounts Receivable | -0.06 | -1,145.58 | 1,145.52 |
| Other Current Assets |  |  |  |
| 1180 - FFC SOYM1 Publications Investme | 17,873.09 | 17,873.09 | 0.00 |
| 1199 - Undeposited Funds | 0.00 | -3,303.00 | 3,303.00 |
| 1200 - Trustee Investments |  |  |  |
| 1205 - FFC SOYMT6 GatheringYouth Fund | 121,685.12 | 127,502.46 | -5,817.34 |
| 1210 FFFC SOYMT3 Michener | 25,494.30 | 26,713.59 | -1,219.29 |
| 1215 - FFC SOYMT2 BertscheTravel Fd | 53,186.41 | 55,728.54 | -2,542.13 |
| 1220 - FFC SOYMT5 Staff Salary Fund | 125,185.13 | 131,169.21 | -5,984.08 |
| 1225 FFFC SOYMT4 Unrestricted | 98,657.85 | 99,114.01 | -456.16 |
| 1230 - FFC SOYMT1 Walton Fund | 47,124.72 | 49,377.37 | -2,252.65 |
| 1240 - FFC SOYMT7 Meetinghouse Support | 26,547.29 | 26,399.20 | 148.09 |
| Total $1200 \cdot$ Trustee Investments | 497,880.82 | 516,004.38 | -18,123.56 |
| Total Other Current Assets | 515,753.91 | 530,574.47 | -14,820.56 |

## Total Current Assets <br> TOTAL ASSETS

| May 31, 23 | May 31, 22 | \$ Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 586,580.96 | 635,426.97 | -48,846.01 |
| 586,580.96 | 635,426.97 | -48,846.01 |

LIABILITIES \& EQUITY
Equity
1400 • Trustees Funds Equity
1500 • Operational Equity/ Net Assets
1511 - General Fund Net Assets
1560 • Triennial Travel Net Assets
1580 • Publications Net Assets
Total $1500 \cdot$ Operational Equity/ Net Assets
1700 - Retained Earnings
Net Income
Total Equity
TOTAL LIABILITIES \& EQUITY

| $296,694.99$ | $296,694.99$ | 0.00 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |
| $29,324.36$ | $29,324.36$ | 0.00 |
| $5,349.80$ | $5,349.80$ | 0.00 |
| $14,341.85$ | $14,341.85$ | 0.00 |
| $49,016.01$ | $49,016.01$ | 0.00 |
| $289,715.97$ | $326,208.60$ | $-36,492.63$ |
| $-48,846.01$ | $-36,492.63$ | $-12,353.38$ |
| $586,580.96$ | $635,426.97$ | $-48,846.01$ |
| $586,580.96$ | $\boxed{635,426.97}$ | $\underline{ }$ |

# Southeastern Yearly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends 

## Treasurer Report for 2023 Fall Interim Business Meeting

Report for end of First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (June 1 thru August 31, 2023)
All values are rounded to the nearest dollar.
SEYM Total Cash Flow not including Trustees
The overall cash flow of the Yearly Meeting (excluding the Trustees' accounts) for this period yielded a net income of $\$ 1,092$. This resulted from an SEYM total real income of $\$ 32,377$ against total expenses of $\$ 31,285$.

## SEYM General Fund for Administration - Cash Flow and Budget Performance

At the end of this period, the General Fund (the operations fund for which we approved a balanced budget of $\$ 115,640$ in our 2023 Yearly Meeting sessions) showed a net loss of $\$ 5,746$. This resulted from General Fund total income of \$22,781 (20\% of budget) against expenses of \$28,528 (25\% of budget).

## Budget Support Apportionments \& Contributions Received

During this period, in response to the annual request for support of the approved General Fund Budget (the Apportionments), contributions received from the Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups totaled \$15,598, or $15 \%$ of the year's budgeted request of $\$ 103,175$.

Fourteen (14) Monthly Meetings and seven (7) Worship Groups were included in the Apportionment request this fiscal year. So far, none have contributed their entire requested amount, two (2) have contributed $40 \%$, three (3) have contributed $20 \%$ to $39 \%$, and two (2) have contributed $10 \%$ to $19 \%$, and fifteen (15) not contributed anything.

The unrestricted individual donations received toward the Budget during this period totaled $\$ 1,348$, approximately $34 \%$ of the $\$ 4,000$ budgeted amount.

## Cash Flow Results for Programs

The annual programs for this fiscal year are in progress; cash flow is incomplete.
The Publications program during this period had a net real income of $\$ 100$.

Net Worth
The Net Worth of the combined Yearly Meeting and its Trustees at the end of this period was $\$ 608,744$, an increase of $\$ 22,163$ including $\$ 19,007$ in unrealized capital gains since the beginning of the fiscal year.

Joel D. Cook, Treasurer - SEYM 10/12/2023

Southeastern Yearly Meeting
Budget vs Actual
June through August 2023
Income
$2000 \cdot$ Income
$2001 \cdot$ Donations
$2002 \cdot$ Indivd.Donations-Classes
$2003 \cdot$ Meeting Donations
Total $2001 \cdot$ Donations
$2040 \cdot$ Restricted Donations
$2060 \cdot$ Donations - Restricted- FSE
Total $2040 \cdot$ Restricted Donations
$2200 \cdot$ Investment Earnings
$2203 \cdot$ Savings Account Interest
Total $2200 \cdot$ Investment Earnings
Total $2000 \cdot$ Income
$2700 \cdot$ Transfer in FROM other classes
$2712 \cdot$ Michener Lect. to GF/insurance
$2732 \cdot$ Gath/Walton to GF/insurance
$2752 \cdot$ HYM to GF/insurance
$2804 \cdot$ from Trustee's Funds
$2815 \cdot$ for BertscheOutreach Travel
$2820 \cdot$ for Staff Salary
Total $2804 \cdot$ from Trustee's Funds
Total $2700 \cdot$ Transfer in FROM other classes

Gross Profit
Expense
2999 - Expenses
3000 - Operating Costs
3001 • Bank Service Charges
3002 • PayPal service fee
3080 - Duplication
3100 • Insurance
3106 • Liability Insurance

Total 3100 - Insurance
3107 • Youth Worker CAP Certification
3146 - Non-Profit Corporation Fee
3200 - Office Supplies
3270 - Payroll Expenses
3272 • Employer Payroll Taxes
3380 - Postage/Shipping
3381 • Post Office Box rental
3400 - Office Equipment
3500 - Professional Fees
3526 • Accounting
3500 • Professional Fees - Other
Total 3500 - Professional Fees
3640 - Rent warehouse/office
3642 - Office Rent
3640 - Rent warehouse/office - Other
Total 3640 - Rent warehouse/office
3700 - Repairs
3816 • Software
3840 • Telephone \& Inet access
3860 - Travel Administrative
3900 - Website
Total $3000 \cdot$ Operating Costs

10/12/2023
Cash Basis

Jun - Aug 23 Budget $\quad$| \$ Over/Under |
| :---: |
| Budget |$\quad$ \% of Budget

| $1,348.00$ | $4,000.00$ |  | $-2,652.00$ | $33.7 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $15,598.00$ | $103,175.00$ |  | $-87,577.00$ | $15.12 \%$ |
|  | $16,946.00$ | $107,175.00$ |  | $-90,229.00$ |

$\frac{200.00}{200.00}$

| 0.92 | 5.00 | -4.08 | 18.4\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0.92 | 5.00 | -4.08 | 18.4\% |
| 17,146.92 | 107,180.00 | -90,033.08 | 16.0\% |
| 190.00 | 210.00 | -20.00 | 90.48\% |
| 1,140.00 | 1,200.00 | -60.00 | 95.0\% |
| 570.00 | 590.00 | -20.00 | 96.61\% |
| 1,113.46 | 1,930.00 | -816.54 | 57.69\% |
| 2,620.76 | 4,530.00 | -1,909.24 | 57.85\% |
| 3,734.22 | 6,460.00 | -2,725.78 | 57.81\% |
| 5,634.22 | 8,460.00 | -2,825.78 | 66.6\% |
| 22,781.14 | 115,640.00 | -92,858.86 | 19.7\% |
| 22,781.14 | 115,640.00 | -92,858.86 | 19.7\% |


| 89.85 | 360.00 | -270.15 | 24.96\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 23.71 | 120.00 | -96.29 | 19.76\% |
| 0.00 | 800.00 | -800.00 | 0.0\% |
| 0.00 | 2,000.00 | -2,000.00 | 0.0\% |
| 0.00 | 2,000.00 | -2,000.00 | 0.0\% |
| 41.55 | 160.00 | -118.45 | 25.97\% |
| 0.00 | 65.00 | -65.00 | 0.0\% |
| 101.46 | 400.00 | -298.54 | 25.37\% |
| 17,966.05 | 70,000.00 | -52,033.95 | 25.67\% |
| 1,263.51 | 4,550.00 | -3,286.49 | 27.77\% |
| 22.07 | 400.00 | -377.93 | 5.52\% |
| 293.00 | 200.00 | 93.00 | 146.5\% |
| 0.00 | 400.00 | -400.00 | 0.0\% |
| 90.00 |  |  |  |
| 0.00 | 500.00 | -500.00 | 0.0\% |
| 90.00 | 500.00 | -410.00 | 18.0\% |
| 210.00 |  |  |  |
| 0.00 | 2,125.00 | -2,125.00 | 0.0\% |
| 210.00 | 2,125.00 | -1,915.00 | 9.88\% |
| 0.00 | 250.00 | -250.00 | 0.0\% |
| 465.20 | 2,600.00 | -2,134.80 | 17.89\% |
| 371.80 | 2,400.00 | -2,028.20 | 15.49\% |
| 472.76 | 1,000.00 | -527.24 | 47.28\% |
| 16.57 | 3,900.00 | -3,883.43 | 0.43\% |
| 21,427.53 | 92,230.00 | -70,802.47 | 23.23\% |


|  | Jun - Aug 23 | Budget | \$ Over/Under Budget | \% of Budget |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4000 - Committees Operating Expenses |  |  |  |  |
| 4309 Archives | 0.00 | 100.00 | -100.00 | 0.0\% |
| 4329 - EC and IBM | 0.00 | 100.00 | -100.00 | 0.0\% |
| 4339 - Faith and Practice | 0.00 | 25.00 | -25.00 | 0.0\% |
| 4349 - Finance | 0.00 | 25.00 | -25.00 | 0.0\% |
| 4359 - Nominating | 0.00 | 25.00 | -25.00 | 0.0\% |
| 4369 - Peace and Social Concerns | 0.00 | 450.00 | -450.00 | 0.0\% |
| 4389 - Youth Committee | 0.00 | 25.00 | -25.00 | 0.0\% |
| 4399 - Worship and Ministry | 1,200.00 | 2,000.00 | -800.00 | 60.0\% |
| 4429 - Earthcare | 0.00 | 25.00 | -25.00 | 0.0\% |
| 4449 - Publications | 0.00 | 25.00 | -25.00 | 0.0\% |
| 4469 - Racism, Ministry on | 0.00 | 25.00 | -25.00 | 0.0\% |
| 4479 - SEYM Retirement Committee | 0.00 | 500.00 | -500.00 | 0.0\% |
| 4489 - Young Adult Quakers | 0.00 | 25.00 | -25.00 | 0.0\% |
| Total 4000 Committees Operating Expenses | 1,200.00 | 3,350.00 | -2,150.00 | 35.82\% |
| 5000 Donations to Organizations |  |  |  |  |
| 5007 • AFSC | 0.00 | 200.00 | -200.00 | 0.0\% |
| 5018 • Earlham School of Religion | 0.00 | 100.00 | -100.00 | 0.0\% |
| 5027 • FCNL | 0.00 | 300.00 | -300.00 | 0.0\% |
| 5028 - QEW (FCUN) | 0.00 | 200.00 | -200.00 | 0.0\% |
| 5030 FLGBTQC | 0.00 | 100.00 | -100.00 | 0.0\% |
| 5037 • FGC | 0.00 | 1,200.00 | -1,200.00 | 0.0\% |
| 5038 - FLCoalition for Peace \& Justice | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | -1,000.00 | 0.0\% |
| 5047 • Florida Council of Churches | 0.00 | 200.00 | -200.00 | 0.0\% |
| 5048 • Florida Impact | 0.00 | 300.00 | -300.00 | 0.0\% |
| 5057 - Friends Journal | 0.00 | 100.00 | -100.00 | 0.0\% |
| 5061 - Friends Peace Teams | 0.00 | 500.00 | -500.00 | 0.0\% |
| 5067 • FUM | 0.00 | 500.00 | -500.00 | 0.0\% |
| 5068 FWCC | 0.00 | 1,450.00 | -1,450.00 | 0.0\% |
| 5077 P Pendle Hill | 0.00 | 100.00 | -100.00 | 0.0\% |
| 5085 - Quaker House of Fayetteville NC | 0.00 | 200.00 | -200.00 | 0.0\% |
| 5087 - Quaker Life | 0.00 | 100.00 | -100.00 | 0.0\% |
| 5089 - QUNO | 0.00 | 100.00 | -100.00 | 0.0\% |
| 5090 NNABSHC | 0.00 | 300.00 | -300.00 | 0.0\% |
| 5097 - Wm Penn House | 0.00 | 100.00 | -100.00 | 0.0\% |
| Total 5000 - Donations to Organizations | 0.00 | 7,050.00 | -7,050.00 | 0.0\% |
| 8000 - Travel \& Financial Aid |  |  |  |  |
| 8160 - Annual Representative | 0.00 | 4,000.00 | -4,000.00 | 0.0\% |
| 8360 - Attend SEYM-approved Activities | 800.00 | 1,500.00 | -700.00 | 53.33\% |
| 8460 - Travel Support to SEYM Business | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | -1,000.00 | 0.0\% |
| 8560 - Other Travel | 100.00 |  |  |  |
| Total 8000 - Travel \& Financial Aid | 900.00 | 6,500.00 | -5,600.00 | 13.85\% |
| $8500 \cdot$ Contingency | 0.00 | 2,000.00 | -2,000.00 | 0.0\% |
| Total 2999 - Expenses | 23,527.53 | 111,130.00 | -87,602.47 | 21.17\% |
| 9000 - Transfer OUT TO other classes |  |  |  |  |
| 9004 - for Youth Programs | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 9005 - for Gathering Youth | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 100.0\% |
| 9060 - for Triennial Travel | 500.00 | 10.00 | 490.00 | 5,000.0\% |
| Total 9000 - Transfer OUT TO other classes | 5,000.00 | 4,510.00 | 490.00 | 110.87\% |
| 「otal Expense | 28,527.53 | 115,640.00 | -87,112.47 | 24.67\% |
| ;ome | -5,746.39 | 0.00 | $\underline{-5,746.39}$ | 100.0\% |








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# Southeastern Yearly Meeting Balance Sheet 

10/12/2023
As of August 31, 2023
Cash Basis

## ASSETS

Current Assets
Checking/Savings
0501 • Checking Account BOA
511 • Checking - Gen'l Fund - Genera
$560 \cdot$ Checking-GF-Triennial Travel
566 • Checking-GF-Sufferings
610 - Checking-SA-Michener
$630 \cdot$ Checking-SA-YBM Gathering
640 - Checking-SA-Programs for Youth
650 • Checking-SA-HYM
680 - Checking-SA-Publications
690 - Checking - 690 Covid Relief
695 • Checking - Int'I WG Support
700 - Checking-Trustees
705 - Checking - Gathering Youth Fund
710 - Checking - Michener Fund
715 - Checking - Bertsche Travel Fund
720 - Checking - Staff Salary
725 - Checking - Unrestricted Fund
730 - Checking - Walton Fund
$750 \cdot$ Checking -FGC Meetinghouse Fund
Total $700 \cdot$ Checking-Trustees
Total 0501 • Checking Account BOA
830 - Checking - BofA Payroll
903 - Savings BOA
Total Checking/Savings
Accounts Receivable
1100 - Accounts Receivable
Total Accounts Receivable
Other Current Assets
1180 •FFC SOYM1 Publications Investme
1200 - Trustee Investments
$1205 \cdot$ FFC SOYMT6 GatheringYouth Fund
1210 • FFC SOYMT3 Michener
1215 • FFC SOYMT2 BertscheTravel Fd
1220 • FFC SOYMT5 Staff Salary Fund
1225 • FFC SOYMT4 Unrestricted
1230 • FFC SOYMT1 Walton Fund
1240 • FFC SOYMT7 Meetinghouse Support
Total 1200 • Trustee Investments

| $126,589.61$ | $121,685.12$ | $4,904.49$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $26,522.34$ | $25,494.30$ | $1,028.04$ |
| $55,329.55$ | $53,186.41$ | $2,143.14$ |
| $130,230.10$ | $125,185.13$ | $5,044.97$ |
| $104,708.33$ | $98,657.85$ | $6,050.48$ |
| $49,023.85$ | $47,124.72$ | $1,899.13$ |
| $26,547.37$ | $26,547.29$ | 0.08 |
| $518,951.15$ | $497,880.82$ | $21,070.33$ |

Total Other Current Assets
Total Current Assets
TOTAL ASSETS
LIABILITIES \& EQUITY
Equity
1400 - Trustees Funds Equity
1500 - Operational Equity/ Net Assets
1511 - General Fund Net Assets
1560 • Triennial Travel Net Assets
1580 - Publications Net Assets
Total $1500 \cdot$ Operational Equity/ Net Assets
1700 - Retained Earnings
Net Income
Total Equity
TOTAL LIABILITIES \& EQUITY

| Aug 31, 23 | May 31, 23 | \$ Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $536,824.24$ | $515,753.91$ | $21,070.33$ |
| $608,743.74$ | $586,580.96$ | $22,162.78$ |
| $608,743.74$ | $586,580.96$ | $22,162.78$ |


| $296,694.99$ | $296,694.99$ | 0.00 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |
| $29,324.36$ | $29,324.36$ | 0.00 |
| $5,349.80$ | $5,349.80$ | 0.00 |
| $14,341.85$ | $14,341.85$ | 0.00 |
| $49,016.01$ | $49,016.01$ | 0.00 |
| $240,869.96$ | $289,715.97$ | $-48,846.01$ |
| $22,162.78$ | $-48,846.01$ | $71,008.79$ |
| $608,743.74$ | $586,580.96$ |  |
| $608,743.74$ | $586,580.96$ |  |

## Worship and Ministry Committee Report

SEYM Fall Interim Business Meeting
14 Tenth Month 2023
Dear Friends of SEYM,
The SEYM Worship \& Ministry Committee continues its commitment to provide opportunities for spiritual growth for SEYM Meetings and Worship Groups and the Yearly Meeting as a whole. We are inspired by the words of Jon Martin, Britain Yearly Meeting:

Early Quakers strongly believed that the divine light was within everyone, that all were equal and that every person could know and be transformed by their own, immediate experience of God. From prison reform to equal marriage, conscientious objection to ethical business, Quakers haven't always had the answers but have always tried to live up to the testimonies of peace, equality, simplicity, and truth that arise from our faith. We open ourselves further to the challenge of living as faithful, passionate, and committed Quakers, welcoming anyone who seeks to join us in our work and worship. Because while Quaker meetings are rooted in stillness, Quakerism is made for turbulent times.

Since Yearly Meeting Gathering and Summer EC, we have answered this challenge by:

1. Beginning to organize the 2024 Michener Lecture. The tentative title is: "Let it Burn!" and will be offered by Ann Jerome, who is currently a Friend in Residence at Pendle Hill.
2. Providing Queries for the Journey to the SEYM newsletter and website for use by Meetings and individuals.
3. Providing opportunities for SEYM Friends to participate in Extended Worship experiences via Zoom. The next opportunity for this experience is 4 Eleventh Month.
4. Facilitating the online Seekers Book Club focusing on spiritual texts. The current book is "Presence: Recognizing the Divine in Your Everyday Life, by Mary G. Jackson.
5. Offering an online workshop on Forgiveness as Spiritual Practice, with Sue Regen 19-21 Fifth Month.
6. New opportunities for online presentations are forthcoming and will be announced in the SEYM newsletter and website.

## Listening Project Update:

The Listening Project began at the request of the SEYM Executive Committee (SEYM/EC) in the June 2022 Interim Business Meeting. In our interviews with Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups, we asked how SEYM could be more helpful to them. After nearly a year, SEYM Worship and Ministry laid down this ministry. Since then, the SEYM website has been redesigned, and resources and links added, increasing opportunities for connection among Friends. Thank you to Vicki Carlie and Susan Wade for doing this work. We continue, however, to request that SEYM/EC follow up to see if attention is being given regarding other parts of the report's recommendations as a matter of integrity, because the needs and requests listed are representative of SEYM Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups and were gathered at Executive Committee's request.

A related matter is a concern that has been raised regarding Meetings and Worship Groups in the position of experiencing shrinking numbers, lack of energy, aging membership, a small few carrying all the work, and Quaker process not necessarily being followed. There is more than one Monthly Meeting/Worship Group in this situation. We ask the SEYM/EC to find way forward to address these serious concerns and consider options for revitalization or movement in another direction for these Friends.

We continue to hold in the Light the hearts and concerns of all Friends.
SEYM Worship and Ministry Committee co-clerks, Jan Dahm, Lisa Erazmus, and Richelle Ogle

## Gathering Committee

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We will be returning to Dayspring Camp and Conference Center for our 2024 Annual Gathering, March 27-31.

We're excited that Hilary Burgin will be the Walton Lecture and Retreat Leader. Hilary has been director of Quaker Voluntary Service for several years. In addition to her work with young adults, she has co-led workshops on being faithful (with Marcelle Martin) and on renewing our Meetings.

Liz Dykes is now serving as co-clerk of our committee and Shawna Doran is also joining us to assist with registration and other work.

We will have more details to report at FIBM.
Vicki Carlie, co-clerk

# Ad hoc Committee to Create a Harassment Policy and Standing Crisis Response Process 

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When the ad hoc crisis response committee completed its work in fall 2021, it made recommendations that were accepted and committed to by SEYM:

Formation of a second committee tasked with creating an SEYM harassment policy and standing crisis response process.

The plan was for this committee to develop training for all individuals attending an SEYM event, regardless of formal involvement with the youth program. The hope was that all members of the yearly meeting would be able to contribute to an atmosphere that is inclusive and safe for all attenders, and particularly our youth and vulnerable adults.

This committee has not been laid down, but it has stagnated; two members are all that is left.
I am asking Friends who have gifts that will help this committee to step forward and volunteer for this important work. If you are a trained social worker, a survivor who has been through the healing process, someone trained in trauma-informed care or a deep commitment to the safety of others, please consider joining us.

Our goal is to bring the final draft of this policy to annual gathering 2024 for approval.
Peace,
Cheryl Demers-Holton
CAPP Coordinator

## Ad hoc Florida Retirement Community Committee

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At the Annual Gathering of SEYM in April of this year, the Yearly Meeting approved the following minute:

23YBM03 SEYM approves exploration of the creation of a physical space in Florida in which Friends and others may gather to model The Blessed Community, whether through a retirement community, a K-12 school, an InterFaith Conference Center, or some combination thereof. To that end, SEYM authorizes the ad hoc Florida Retirement Community Committee to survey all SEYM Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups regarding their interest in participating in a joint effort to implement this concept within SEYM. APPROVED"

Communications authorized by that minute were sent from the Yearly Meeting office, and from this Committee, to all Monthly Meetings in SEYM. Daniel Vaughen presented "The Quaker Vision for SEYM" to St. Petersburg Monthly Meeting, and to Orlando Monthly Meeting. It was received with interest in both meetings, but neither Monthly Meeting took positive action. No other Monthly Meeting or Worship Group in SEYM expressed an interest in learning more about it.

This Committee, originally resurrected in view of interest expressed by Kendal Corporation (kendal.org) in constructing a retirement community in Florida for the mid-level market, has learned that Kendal has since abandoned any Florida project, in favor of similar projects in California and elsewhere.

This Committee has therefore completed the tasks assigned to it as an ad hoc committee of SEYM. It accordingly recommends that it now be laid down by the Yearly Meeting.

The Quaker Vision for SEYM, however, did spark interest at the Annual Gathering of SEYM in April. Friends there sensed a need to respond in some tangible and public way to the frontal attack upon our Testimonies emanating from the political and religious right.

This attempt to unify around an undefined, all-Quaker Vision, seemed to those present at the Annual Gathering to hold some potential for fulfilling George Fox's call to become "patterns and examples" for the communities in which we live.

We recommend, therefore, that the Quaker Vision for SEYM, itself, NOT be laid down. It should, instead, be further seasoned and re-defined. It could perhaps be assigned to a new ad hoc committee. Such a Vision seems to serve two important, and parallel objectives: one, to re-unite and re-energize Quakers, while simultaneously, and non-violently, resisting political pressure upon our core Testimonies.

We note that a similar motive produced the Quaker Call To Action: (http://www.quakercall.net.) We recommend that SEYM endorse the Quaker Call To Action and appoint a new ad hoc committee to explore whether the Spirit that led to the Quaker Vision for SEYM and the Spirit that led to the Quaker Call for Action, have a common source and, if so, whether SEYM is led by that Spirit to take some specific action within Florida or SEYM. One suggestion for a name for such an ad hoc committee is "The Quaker Call Committee."

Peace,
Daniel R Vaughen, Clerk

# Ad hoc Committee on Women's Reproductive Health and Justice 

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The SEYM ad hoc Committee on Women's Reproductive Health and Justice have gathered actionoriented contacts from eight SEYM Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups throughout Florida to engage Quakers and other Florida communities of faith to work on promoting reproductive freedom. So far the committee has communicated by phone and e-mail and we are still in the process of nominating liaisons from all the other SEYM groups. Volunteers are welcome.

Throughout the summer months we have stayed in touch with the Florida Protecting Freedom (SPF) Organization, disseminating and sending in signed Constitutional Amendment Initiative Petition Forms and participating in local actions and fundraising around these issues. We intend to produce a minute for passage by the overall SEYM Community modeled after the Amendment's wording and the wording used in the revised FCNL Reproductive Freedom Statement. Unfortunately, at this time the DeSantispacked Anti-Abortion judges of the Florida Supreme Court are likely to reject the petition's present wording and FCNL has not yet come to unity over their new revision.

In the meantime, because of the inclusive nature of our beliefs, each of our individual Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups are ideally placed to communicate across ecumenical boundaries from a place of conscience with other Floridians in communities of faith. For the last several years, Minerva Glidden has unofficially represented the Quakers on the Florida Interfaith Coalition for Reproductive Rights. They have found the work of _The Sacred_, a national group of clergy and lay people, to be very helpful in establishing a common language for dialogue on these issues. Minerva has taken their free online 4hour training program and has recommended it for all the members of our group. It is our hope that as many Quakers as possible will attend one of _The Sacred's_ three remaining training sessions in 2023. A committee Zoom meeting in December will take up the task of using our Monthly Meetings' FCNL responses to reach out to other Quakers and communities of faith in the geographical areas of Florida where reproductive freedom is most endangered.

To register for _The _Sacred_ training session:

## info@sacreddignity.org

Submitted by Co-Clerks:
Lynn Carol Henderson, St. Petersburg Monthly Meeting, and Minerva Glidden, Orlando Monthly Meeting

## Field Secretary for Earthcare Report

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## Overview

Provide focus and coordinate efforts on environmental work in the Southeastern Yearly Meeting (SEYM) region.
This report provides a written update on activities since the annual Gathering. (An oral update was provided during the Executive Committee Meeting in late Spring 2023.). Also included here are plans to date through Summer 2024. Some planned activities may extend beyond the regional boundaries of the Yearly Meeting; this is in keeping with the functions related to communication, collaboration, and so on as related to the wider Quaker World and environmental groups.

## Communication with the Anchoring Committee

I continue to communicate with the FSE Anchoring Committee members through email, telephone, or other remote means, and, at times, in person. Work continues to create opportunities or otherwise engage Friends online. Determining when to meet in person or online requires some careful thought, especially given spikes in COVID, etc.

## Meeting with Monthly Meetings (MMs), Worship Groups (WGs), and Others

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.
As a reminder, "Meetings can issue invitations to the [SEYM] administrative secretary, FSE, or the Anchor Committee [for FSE visits]. We will all conference over the invitation and subsequent planning" (Phoebe Andersen, 3 Tenth Month 2016). As mentioned earlier, I continue to provide online visits, workshops, and talks.

Contact Information

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- Facebook: @fsearthcare
- Twitter: @fsearthcare
- Instagram: @fsearthcare
- Telephone number: 813.928.8823.
- Snailmail: P.O. Box 1614, Umatilla, FL 32784.

A Google calendar showing requests for visitation and FSE has been created and shared with the Anchoring Committee.

## Suggested Workshop/Event Topics

- Angelic Troublemaking: Beyond Bystander Training - explores anti-racism/decolonization work with emphasis on local concerns and means of accompaniment;
- Climate Equity/Climate Justice in Our Community: identifies specific local social justice and equity concerns. Participants identify actions to address concerns;
- Decolonizing Earthcare: explores the intersectionality of gender, race, extraction, and harmful economic systems and the adverse impacts to the Earth.
- Discerning Earthcare Leadings: listening and sharing experiences to reach individual and group decisions on Earthcare actions;
- Earthcare audits: baseline assessment of individual or community activities and discernment;
- Equality or Equity? What is Our Testimony?: examines Friends' equality testimony, the concepts of equity and justice, and the relationship of these to Earthcare;
- Permaculture is Not Just Agriculture: introduces permaculture design and domains and ways to bring these practices into Earthcare;
- Project Drawdown, Introduction and more: presents information on actions that "drawdown" carbon emissions and ways to promote drawdown choices as individuals and communities;
- Quakers and Climate Collapse: shares and builds on a Woodbrooke course led by Jackie Carpenter from 2021 Fifth Month (May), including review of the latest science, worship sharing, and discernment.
o I also can build on my Pendle Hill presentation to help with local concerns;
- Racial Wealth Gap Simulation: an exercise that helps "...people understand the connections among racial equity, hunger, poverty, and wealth";
- Transportation, migration, and climate: explores access and mobility issues from the local to global perspective and the impacts of climate change;
- Underwater Homeowners Association: shares local actions that can be undertaken by communities experiencing sea level rise;
- Water: Sea Level Rise, Flooding, and Water Quality explores local, national, and global water issues;
- Waterline Communities: Displacement and Gentrification and Why Quakers Should Care drills down to the county or community level on the impacts of displacement; and
- What the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs AND Inflation Reduction Acts Mean to Me and My Community? This workshop looks at how funds from the two acts are being dispersed at the local level and provides suggestions on how to get involved in the decision-making process. Special emphasis is given to working with local implementing agencies and collaborating with advocacy groups to address adverse climate and environmental impacts.

Meetings since 2023 Annual Gathering and Planned Meetings
Deland Worship Group and Black Heritage Trail Event, 16 Fourth Month
Worshipped with the Deland Worship Group and attended the opening event of the Deland Black Heritage Trail. The project was developed as self-guided cycling and walking routes to connect Black heritage sites of interest and historical importance. This all ages street event celebrated the trail opening. This link, https://river2sealoop.org/delandblackheritageproject/, provides more information about the project, the trail, and links to photos and videos from the celebration.

Earthday Drop In, Orlando Monthly Meeting and Tallahassee Monthly Meeting, 22 Fourth Month
About 10 Friends dropped in on a Zoom meeting during a 90-minute period set aside to commemorate Earthday. Greetings were shared from Quaker Earthcare Witness Steering Committee members who


Heritage Trail Celebration Banner
were meeting also. Topics ranged from concern for the impacts of the war in Ukraine and armed conflict everywhere; ways to be engaged on the local level to further decisions that can mitigate climate collapse; and, suggestions for Yearly Meeting-wide activities, e.g., more online presentations.

I also helped Orlando Monthly Meeting and Tallahassee Monthly Meeting stock their Earthday booths with pamphlets from Quaker Earthcare Witness. Due to the pandemic and limited travel, I have not been as active in dropping off pamphlets in person.


Orlando MM Booth


Tallahassee MM Display SEYM Fall Interim Business Meeting 2023 Minutes

Quaker Earthcare Witness has more than 30 pamphlets on a wide range of Earthcare-related issues, https://quakerearthcare.org/category/pamphlets-for-sharing/. These reflections are written using Quaker decision-making and discernment. If your supply of Earthcare pamphlets, please contact me for assistance with printing, selection, questions, etc. The pamphlets also are being converted to longform for sharing electronically.

## Deland Worship Group Events

As part of Deland's ongoing Third Day (Tuesday) discussions, I facilitated two discussions:

## Caste, Ethnicity, Race, and Civil Reform: A Call for Repair, 18 Seventh Month

This workshop grew out of a discussion following the rise of Meeting. (Full disclosure: my dissertation analyzes ethnicity, gender, race, and work through the lens of the public transportation industry.). In this workshop, we reflected on this quote, "There is a general tendency to think of class, ethnicity, gender, and race as distinct descriptors of humans' social or even biological conditions. Rarely...do humans function solely from any one of these" and how these descriptors are used to discriminate. Our discussion included ways we can work to educate ourselves, speak truth, and create community.

## Juneteenth 2023, 29 Seventh Month

Due to inclement weather, recognition of Juneteen was rescheduled. I participated in the banned book giveaway organized by Friends.

## Climate Action Climate Justice, 1 and 8 Eighth Month

In these discussions, we responded to these queries:

1. What would it look like for your community to address climate justice? Are actions already in place? What are some actions you could take?
2. Where do you feel your spirituality is grounded? What is your family or meeting doing in response to the Pisac Minute? https://fwcc.world/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Pisac-Sustainability-Minute-2016.pdf. ${ }^{1}$
3. What are other faith groups in your area doing for ecojustice? How do we honor life in all living things? What impedes and affects our stewardship?

Of particular concern was Friends' work with the local direct action organization, Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony (FAITH), http://www.faithvolusia.org/. "FAITH is an interfaith, diverse, congregation-based community [Direct Action Research and Training] organization...[M]ember congregations pledge to build powerful Justice Ministries within their own congregations and to work together to address the root causes of issues of injustice in Daytona Beach" (Volusia County). ${ }^{2}$ There are about 14 direct action agencies in Florida, https://thedartcenter.org/where-we-work/\#florida; a number of Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups are members of the local organizations or otherwise collaborate.

## Interactions or Collaborations between and among other SEYM committees

These interactions between and among SEYM committees help to facilitate communication and collaboration of our regional concerns with national organizations and to be a Quaker Presence at specific events.

[^0]- The Committee for Ministry on Racism (CMOR): As part of the 2023 SEYM Gathering, I facilitated a simulation workshop on the racial wealth gap to support CMOR's workshop. Participants learned of U.S. legislation and policies that prohibited participation of persons of African descent after 1865 and the impacts of these practices. I continue to participate in CMOR meetings and am working with committee members to gathering information for the Yearly Meeting to address the Model Minute On Responsibility for Support of Boarding Schools for Indigenous Children. The committee also is interested in collaborating with the Worship \& Ministry Committee to invite Paula Palmer to conduct a workshop or lecture;
- Earthcare Committee: During the 2023 Annual Gathering, I facilitated an intergenerational workshop, Preparedness 101: Zombie Apocalypse. "If you're prepared for a zombie apocalypse, you're prepared for any emergency." This workshop is being prepared for posting to the SEYM website;
- Florida Council of Churches (FCC): The Florida Council of Churches is preparing for the 2024 Florida legislative session. The legislature will begin committee meetings during Eleventh Month. There has been some change in the leadership in the Council, which has presented some differences. Please hold the Council in your hearts;
- Half Yearly Meeting (HYM) Committee: I serve as an ex-officio member of HYM because of our arrangement with Wekiwa Springs State Park. (An environmental program is required as part of the use of the Springs' Youth Camp during the Eleventh Month weekend.). As part of this work, Kathy Hersh and I are working on a guide to share with volunteers and other attendees. The guide focuses on meal preparation. It will be available by mid-Tenth Month 2023.
- Ministry and Worship Committee: With the aid of the SEYM Worship and Ministry Committee members, Jan Dahm and Lisa Erasmus, I will help to facilitate online worship sharing convened by Quaker Earthcare Witness on 26 Ninth Month.
- Peace and Social Concerns (PSC) Committees: I continue to meet with or otherwise support the Yearly and Monthly Meeting PSC committees;
- Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO), AFSC: Bill Carlie and I now share SEYM appointments to AFSC. I am an AFSC representative on the Quaker United Nations Committee (QUNC). QUNO is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. A number of activities, including many online, are planned. Most recently, the Geneva Reporter has been made available for download, https://quno.org/timeline/2023/8/geneva-reporter-newest-edition-online-download. This edition shares about the Geneva staff, a report on the annual Quaker United Nations Summer School, and a Q\&A with one of the programme assistants who is finishing a year of working with the Human Rights \& Refugees programme;
- Right Sharing of World Resources: I continue to share information through theQEW United Nations Working Group, AFSC, and Quaker United Nations Committee.
- Youth Committee: I continue to work with the Youth Committee. I hope to have strong youth participation in the Preparedness 101 workshop at annual gathering. The youth have the knowledge!!!


## The Wider Quaker World, Interfaith Groups, Other Environmental Organizations

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 be a Quaker Presence at specific events, including those arranged by others.

I continue to work with the wider Quaker World, interfaith groups, and environmental organizations. These interactions have been virtual and in person during this period.

- Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP): I remain in contact with AVP facilitators in Florida and beyond and recently participated in an online basic workshop with persons who are incarcerated and outside facilitators at Arizona Barchey Lewis Complex. (While I am an AVP facilitator, I had not facilitated on line.). The Deland Worship Group is planning to offer AVP workshops. There also are a number of folks around the State who are ready to have training as facilitators. I will be working with other facilitators to see how this training and other workshops can be offered. There are several options!
- American Friends Service Committee (AFSC): I continue to serve as a corporate member of AFSC, QUNC and AFSC's Third World Coalition.
- Decolonizing Quakers, https://www.decolonizingquakers.org/: The Indigenous and Friends of African descent affinity groups continue discernment on the meaning of "decolonizing."
o I participated in the Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples (TRR) Advisory Group and Friends Peace Teams Gathering at Westtown Friends School 3 through 7 Fifth Month. This was an amazing Gathering that included friends from all the Friends Peace Teams sections, African Great Lakes, Asia West Pacific, Europe, North America, and Peacebuilding en las Américas. During the Gathering, the TRR group facilitated the "Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples" (aka the Blanket Exercise) workshop. Participants found it very moving and drew parallels to other injustices;
- Earth Ethics Institute (EEI), http://earthethicsinstitute.org/, Miami Dade College: I participated in an EEI board meeting 18 through 21 Fifth Month at Narrow Ridge Earth Literacy, Washburn, TN, https://narrowridge.org/. We stayed in a strawbale lodge that can sleep more than 20 people. The lodge is off the grid-powered by solar and uses composting toilets. We visit the natural cemetery, had a cosmic walk, watched the stars, and did a guided night walk. These activities were in addition to information and strategy meetings! I have had some discussions with members of the Earthcare Committee and we hope to work with the Youth Committee to see if we can plan a trip to Narrow Ridge for SEYM Youth.


Attending EEI National Advisory Board members, EEI staff, partners, and members of the Narrow Ridge community gather in from of Strawbale Lodge

- Fellowship of Friends of African Descent (FOFAD): the work of Decolonizing Quakers overlaps with the FOFAD activities and the Black Quaker Project, https://www.theblackquakerproject.org/.
- Florida Interfaith Climate Actions Network (FL-iCAN): Jan Booher continues to work with the Florida Disaster Resilience Initiative, (https://resiliencesystem.org/dashboards/florida-disaster-resilience-initiative/) and share health and environmental information, including COVID-19.
- Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL): Brad Stocker and I continue to share a slot as representatives to FCNL for QEW. Much of the work during this period has been on the Farm Bill. AFSC, FCNL, and QEW have been providing resources on this legislation, which is due for reauthorization by 30 Ninth Month.
- Friends General Conference (FGC): I continue to work with FGC, particularly with the Fellowship of Friends of Color, FOFAD, and Quakers Uprooting Racism. At the request of a member of the Workshops Committee, John Heimburg and I have submitted a proposal for the 2024 Gathering.
- Friends Peace Teams (FPT): I continue to work with members of FPT as described above and link FPT to QEW UN Working Group and Towards Right Relationship/Decolonizing Quakers;
- Friends United Meeting (FUM): I continue to work with Jim Kessler, Grinnell Friends Church, through Quaker Earthcare Witness;
- Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC): I continue to work to strengthen links to FWCC through QEW, FGC, and AFSC;
- National Academies of Sciences, Transportation Research Board (TRB), Equity in Transportation and the Women's Issues in Transportation Committees. I continue to work with these committees and to serve on the planning committee for the 2024 Conference on Advancing Transportation Equity.
- QEW: I continue to co-clerk with Brad Stocker, Miami Monthly Meeting. At the rise of the Steering Committee meeting during Tenth Month 2023, I will be part of the clerking committee along with Elaine Emmie and Suellen Lowry.
- Quaker House at Chautauqua (NY), Friend of the Week (Chaplain): I have agreed to work with Quaker House, 10 through 17 Eighth Month. The themes are "Water: Crisis, Beauty and Necessity A Week in Partnership with National Geographic" and Interfaith Lecture Theme - A Metaphor for Life. As I prepare for this work, please hold especially close to your hearts.
- Tri-City NAACP Branch: I continue with the Environmental and Climate Justice Committee. We are preparing an online survey of residents of Lake County to help the committee set our agenda for the near future.
- University of South Florida: I continue to work with various colleagues at the University. I taught a course on research methods this summer as part of the University of South Florida's National Science Foundation, Weather, Climate, and Society grant. Our research team looked at the impacts of Hurricane Ian on Lee County. I will share the student research posters with Fort Meyers Monthly Meeting.


## Social Media

I share short pieces on activities, with SEYM Monthly Meetings, Working Groups, the wider Quaker world and others. Please send suggestions for topics, research, etc. I'm working on doing more vlogging or other audiovisual content.

May we all be safe.
May we all be healthy.
May we all know joy.
May we all know happiness.
May we all live lives of wellbeing.
Love and Peace,
Beverly G. Ward

## Friends General Conference Request to SEYM to Co-Host the 2025 FGC Virtual Gathering

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## Role of Yearly Meeting Host or Co-Hosts of Virtual FGC Gatherings

The Co-Hosts:

1. Help select the nominating committee (or a couple of the members serve on the nominating committee) that selects the co-clerks of the Gathering. Hosts may also make suggestions of possible clerks for the nominating committee to consider.
2. The selection of the actual Gathering committee members is primarily the responsibility of the clerks. Suggestions from the host community are welcome.
3. Can contribute toward the theme from the main interests of the hosting Yearly Meeting. Can also reach out to community members for possible workshops.
4. Some members of the hosting/co-hosting yearly meeting might serve on the Gathering planning committee, but that is not a requirement.
5. The host meeting's responsibilities could be filled by as few as 2 people.
6. The host meeting's role is complete before the Gathering. Though any Friends who choose to serve on the planning committee continue to serve through the Gathering, meeting daily to address any problems which may arise.

Source: Communication between Susan Taylor (SEYM) and the clerk, Michelle Bellows (PACYM), and assistant clerk (NYYM), Karen Snare, of the FGC Long Range Conference Planning Committee by email, 10/14/2023

From: Jennifer Mendoza drihmendoza@gmail.com
Subject: SEYM Youth Committee Report
Date: September 27, 2023 at 2:17PM
To: Vicki Carlie office@seym.org

The committee has come together to recommend forwarding a request to the Executive Committee to pursue hiring a Youth Coordinator. Can you put that on the agenda for the Winter Interim Meeting? Thank you, Jennifer

## Archives Committee Report

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The work organizing and weeding our collection at the University of Florida Library in Gainesville has continued over the past two years during weeks when a room for working in is available and the staff can help us access the records. This recent work has been done solely by Bill Rapp as Phoebe and Neil have been unable to due to her illness.

Our Committee thanks our monthly meetings that have sent in their recent records in electronic form. This helps conserve space and makes them easier to catalog. However, if the records are only on paper, we will gratefully accept them for the collection.

The Committee has decided that we need some younger help. By younger, we mean someone(s) in their sixties who can go up and down stairs.

Bill Rapp
Archives Committee


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Following the 2016 world gathering in Pisac (Peru), a minute was produced that lead onto the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) World Office Sustainability programme in 2017.
    ${ }^{2}$ Direct Action Research and Training (DART) Center, https://thedartcenter.org/, "[DART trains] community leaders and professional organizers to build power and take direct action on problems facing their communities, so that all people are treated with the respect and dignity that...faith traditions tell us they deserve."

