Numbered Minutes from Yearly Business Meeting 2013

13YBM01 – All of the minutes recorded during the 2012-2013 Executive Committee and Interim Business Meeting Gatherings were brought before the Yearly Meeting body and were accepted by SEYM.

13YBM02 – SEYM accepted the Treasurer’s Report as provided and explained by the Treasurer.

13YBM03 – SEYM supports the Coalition of Immokalee Workers Fair Food Campaign calling for respect, fair working conditions for farmworkers, and an additional penny per pound for picking tomatoes. We encourage Publix and other food suppliers to agree to the Fair Food Campaign.

13YBM04 – SEYM of the Religious Society of Friends will take the concern of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers Fair Food Campaign under its care through discernment by Peace and Social Concerns Committee, the Committee for Ministry on Racism, and the Committee for Earthcare seeking way forward with the leading and work of our Quaker Youth.

13YBM05 – SEYM of the Religious Society of Friends approves the request of Worship and Ministry for the endorsement of the travel letter for Nancy Fennell to carry as she travels in the ministry outside of SEYM.

13YBM06 – Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves with appreciation Orlando Monthly Meeting taking the Orange City Worship Group under its care.

13YBM07 – SEYM approves the 2013-2014 budget as presented by the Finance Committee.

13YBM08 – SEYM of the Religious Society of Friends appreciates Carl Hersh’s years of running the sound and video equipment for the Yearly Meeting sessions. His service enhances the Yearly Meeting sessions and is a blessing to us.

13YBM09 – SEYM of the Religious Society of Friends accepts the Nominating Committee Report. Friends express deep gratitude for the faithful work of this committee in listening and responding to the Spirit.

13YBM11 – Friends approved the 2013 SEYM epistle, which will be posted on the SEYM website and distributed.

13YBM12 – SEYM of the Religious Society of Friends accepted the SEYM youth program epistles and the minutes of the Young Adult Quakers. These will be posted on the SEYM website and distributed to “Friends Everywhere.”

13YBM13 – SEYM of the Religious Society of Friends expresses its gratitude for the loving service of Lyn Cope as Administrative Secretary. She has become the office of SEYM, managing everything from international communications and networking, fundraising, publisher extraordinaire, bookkeeper, webmaster, and Administrative Secretary. Oftentimes she has been the glue that kept SEYM together, the innovator who has embraced the technology of the 21st century to enable and extend our outreach among Friends, and many more things too numerous to mention. Thank you, Friend, for all you have done for SEYM! We wish you peace and contentment in retirement with our love.

13YBM14 – SEYM of the Religious Society of Friends expresses their sincere thanks to the Florida United Methodist Life Enrichment Center for their gifts of hospitality and care during our annual sessions.

13YBM15 – SEYM of the Religious Society of Friends expresses their deep gratitude to Roy H. Taylor for his generous sharing of hope and witness on the concern for the Earth and its resources during the 2013 Walton Lecture and Workshops.

13YBM16 – SEYM of the Religious Society of Friends expresses their appreciation to all who were involved with making the Youth Program a reality and to all those who facilitated the activities of the Youth Program during our Yearly Gathering. You are the heart and soul of our Yearly Meeting and we are deeply grateful for all your work and Spirit-led witness.

13YBM17 – SEYM expresses deep and joyful gratitude to the Faith and Practice Committee for its faithful, loving, discernment and Spirit-filled work on drafting and completing our Southeastern Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice. Many, many hours were spent getting the draft ready for publication. SEYM also expresses deep gratitude to our Administrative Secretary who worked over and above her full-time hours to assist the committee in publication.