

Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Winter Interim Business Meeting

January 14, 2017

Orlando Friends Meetinghouse

Minutes

The meeting was held at the Orlando Monthly Meeting meetinghouse, Interim Business Meeting Clerk, Lisa Stewart, opened the meeting at 1pm with a period of silent worship.

Acting Assistant Clerk Cecilia Yocum read a Dan Seeger quotation, a portion of which is included here:

"We, as evangelists of each other, must have it as our first duty not to preach but to listen. We must practice an open and sensitive awareness which allows us to listen not merely to each other's theology but to what the other person is. By doing this we will begin to live in such a way that we neither crush nor dominate nor entangle our companions, but rather help them to be themselves, and bring them to fulfilling service for the benefit of the larger Society of Friends. We will aim for transparency of heart; we will never manipulate each other's consciences, or try to force other members of our Religious Society into our own scheme of things. No one will seek a procedural victory, or a formulation of faith and practice, or the advancement or postponement of a concern, which leaves someone else defeated."

—Daniel E. Seeger, 1985,
Daily Reading from Quaker Writings Ancient and Modern,
Linda Hill Renfer, ed. (1989, p.14)

Roll Call & Milestones: The clerk called the roll of meetings ([see Attachment 1 – Roll Call](#)). Those present identified themselves and announced meeting milestones. *Orlando MM*—We commend the team of volunteers providing meals for WIBM. *Palm Beach MM*—Friend Dean Sherwin passed away. *Tallahassee MM*—Meeting Michelle Lamm as a member. She had been an associate member. Margaret Fogg, founding member of our Meeting, died Jan. 7, 2017. We are working on a minute honoring her. *Tampa MM*—Friends welcome with joy new member Chris Hugues. *Jacksonville MM*—Mike Shell has succeeded Elaine Martin as Meeting Clerk.

Announcements: Lisa Stewart recommended *The Manor: Three Centuries at a Slave Plantation on Long Island* (2013), Mac Griswold's account of Sylvester Manor on Shelter Island, NY, owned by 17th century Quaker Nathaniel Sylvester and his descendants (see www.sylvestermanor.org).

Tampa MM will host Diane Randall, Executive Secretary of FCNL, for "The World We Seek: We Can Live It," on January 22 at 4:00pm. *St. Petersburg MM* will host an Arthur Larrabee workshop, "Friends Decision-making and Clerking: Serving the Community with Joy and Confidence," on February 10, 7-9 pm & February 11, 9 am–4 pm. *Palm Beach MM* will host its Annual Retreat, "Living In Community—the beauty, the challenges, and how to survive gracefully," on February 3 evening, all day February 4, and February 5 morning. *Palm Beach MM* will also present a Gathering workshop on how to use *Quakerism 101*.

Executive Committee: Mike Shell reported. There were no numbered. WIBM accepted the committee report.

Nominating Committee: Elaine Martin reported. Bill Carlie is the nominee for Clerk of Yearly Meeting. Caroline Lanker is stepping down from Trustees: Nell Andersen is the nominee to take her place. This is the first reading of the committee nominations, pending approval at Yearly Meeting Gathering.

Worship & Ministry Committee Report: Clara Diaz reported. The 2017 Michener Lecture, "From My Measure of the Light...", is to be presented by Susan Waltz on January 14. The 2018 lecturer will be Wes Daniels on topic of Convergent Friends. Jan Dahm & Lisa Erasmus will prepare "Quotes & Queries" for YM Gathering. Friends should remind MM/WG participants that 5th Sundays are Intervisitation Sundays. January 29 and April 30 are the next two dates (see <http://seymquakers.org/resources/spiritual-formation-program.>)

Friends have expressed concerns about blatantly political speech during meetings for worship, especially hurtful speech and attacks. On such occasions, others Friends may stand in silence in response or may say, "The meeting needs to go back into worship." (George Fox advised that it is sinful to interrupt the silence unnecessarily.) The clerk or another may elder the political speaker in private after meeting. WIBM Friends asked for training and practice in handling such events.

Friends are encouraged to make use of SEYM's Spiritual Formation Program (<http://seymquakers.org/resources/spiritual-formation-program/>) and FGC's Spiritual Deepening Program (<http://www.fgcquaker.org/deepen/enrichment/spiritualdeepening>).

Treasurer's Report: Neil Andersen distributed and described the written report (see [Attachment](#)). Financial results for some SEYM programs were incomplete as of November's end.

The Field Secretary for Earthcare (FSE) program received \$2,700 in donations by the end of November and had \$2,799 in expenses, resulting in a net expense of \$99, with remaining assets of \$20,548 (not including the \$10,000 Trustees' fund). We expect to pay for FSE out of savings for a while, but we need to become able to match expenses at least on a quarterly basis. Meetings which made multi-year commitments to FSE should budget the same amount for future annual MM budgets, with the possibility of not having that expense if the program ends.

WIBM Friends accepted the Treasurer's report.

Half Yearly Meeting: The event did well, (see [Half Yearly Meeting Report](#))

Gathering Committee: Stephanie Preston reported. The Gathering theme will be "Climate Justice," with Peterson Toscano as Walton lecturer and retreat leader. Fees remain the same as in 2016, with children 18 and under receiving meals and registration for free. Friends should remember that the best promotion is "word of mouth." Program Coordinator Richard Frechette shared several workshop topics including parenting, Sabal Trail pipeline, Quaker response in a politically divisive climate, and "True Islam vs. Extremists."

Registration opens on February 5. Friends who desire SEYM scholarships to help cover expenses MUST coordinate with their own meeting clerks, since the usual formula is that attendee pays 1/3, the Meeting 1/3, and SEYM 1/3. The registration form will have a scholarship section.

2018 Gathering themes are under consideration and the committee welcomes input. Some possible themes: racial discrimination, mass incarceration, injustice against marginalized communities, etc.

Youth Committee: No report.

Earthcare Committee: Bill Carlie reported. In its morning meeting the committee approved two internal minutes:

1. SEYM Earthcare Committee unites in understanding our relationship to earth is based in the sacred. We commit to a deeper study of the environmental issues confronting our communities, our region, and natural resources, to develop priorities for action among Friends.
2. The Sabal Trail Pipeline and Florida South Connection, which are being built by Florida Power and Light, Next Era, and Duke & Spectra Energy, endanger culturally significant land and also put several Florida waterways, human population and wildlife in danger. We, the Earthcare Committee of Southeastern Yearly Meeting are called to support the voices and actions of those who are protesting this pipeline.

After discussion, WIBM Friends approved an amended version of the second minute and asked that it be sent to meetings with the query, "What does this minute mean to you in terms of your own commitments?"

17WIBM01. The Sabal Trail Pipeline and Florida South Connection, which are being built by Florida Power and Light, Next Era, and Duke & Spectra Energy, endanger culturally significant land and also put several Florida waterways, human populations and wildlife in danger. We, Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), meeting at WIBM, are called to support the voices and peaceful actions of those who are protesting this pipeline.

Gainesville MM announced a forum concerning the Sabal Trail Pipeline and appropriate responses to it on 1st Day, Feb 5th at 1 PM, with Speaker Marrillee Malwitz-Jipson of the Sierra Club and FSE Beverly Ward. All monthly meetings are invited to learn about this immanent threat to our state's water supply as it works its way south.

Meeting for Worship gathers at 11 AM, Social Hour/Potluck at Noon, and Forum at 1 PM. Those with a leading to protect our water and members of Earthcare Witness or Peace and Social Concerns committees are encouraged to attend. Print and audio visual materials will be available. Information concerning Sabal Trail and resistance activities can be found on YouTube and Sierra Club websites. If meetings are bringing groups or are need overnight hospitality in Gainesville among Friends, please contact Tim Fogarty 336-430-7791 or tgfogarty62@gmail.com by January 28.

Peace & Social Concerns Committee: Elaine Martin Reported (see p.7 of DIA). The committee had a retreat during the day on Friday using Douglas Gwyn's *A Sustainable Life* as a resource. They shared individual and meeting experiences with P&SC activism

and considered different models for the committee's role with SEYM. There is a call for a "skills and interests" directory to help coordinate P&SC actions.

Nine meetings have signed on as partner organizations with the Florida Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence (<http://www.preventgunviolenceflorida.org/>), a League of Women Voters response to the mass shootings at Orlando Pulse on June 12, 2016.

The next Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) activity is a basic workshop at the Jacksonville Church of the Brethren. The workshop begins Friday, March 3rd at 6 pm, and runs through Sunday, March 5th.

The committee is revisiting Quaker non-violent direct action resources from the Vietnam era in order to make such training available to SEYM Friends now.

Field Secretary for Earthcare: Beverly Ward reported (see attached [Field Secretary for Earthcare \(FSE\) Report](#)). Beverly has visited a number of MMs and other organizations, and she appreciates the synergy which also her to bring together a number of her long-term activities as FSE. Her published report illustrates this synergy in detail. She reminds Friends that many people globally are "in recovery" from climate change challenges. How do we help them? Way is opening.

ProNica Report: Pam Haigh reported (see Year-End Report at <http://pronica.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Annual-Report-2016.pdf>) and introduced Stateside Assistant Yarrow Reis. Donations are up a bit, yet needs for funds and volunteers have also increased. For example, a retired carpenter from upstate New York contributed three weeks of labor to make repairs to the ProNica house in Nicaragua. Basic subsistence economic issues are ProNica's primary concern.

Program Director Bambi Griffin is in Costa Rica to renew her visa. ProNica is that last NGO of its kind still operating in Nicaragua, and taxes, fees and regulations under the new government keep being changed. Local partners are frightened by the return of old political powers, so Quaker presence becomes more important to them. Los Quinchos/Las Yahoskas rehabilitation program for street children has cut back its service to boys due to low funds for food (see <http://pronica.org/project/los-quinchos-las-yahoskas/>).

Ministry on Racism Report: Susan Taylor reported (see attached [Committee for Ministry on Racism Report](#)). Based on feedback from meetings, the committee revised the proposed "Action Request on the Thirteenth Amendment, for Further Seasoning for Suggested Approval at SEYM Yearly Meeting Sessions, 2017" (see second draft of "[End Slavery for All](#)"). The committee also recommends support for the planned Institutional Assessment for the FGC organization itself to find structural racism within FGC and recommend steps to remove it (see attached document [FGC discernment](#)).

Katie Green will be giving a workshop at the Gathering entitled "Pink Spit." She has a background in giving workshops on racism. Some of the workshop will include participants' exposure to racism at a young age. Susan Taylor will be her elder. The committee shared information that might be helpful to include in racism workshops and is open to learning more.

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) – Karen Putnam reported, advising Friends to share the website with MM/WG participants. Read Executive Secretary Diane Randell's "This new Era" (<https://www.fcni.org/updates/this-new-era-545>), her

January 20 message. Look at the staff biographies (<https://www.fcnl.org/updates/staff-10>). Karen urges FCNL representatives to keep their meetings informed active regarding the work.

At the FCNL annual meeting (<http://tinyurl.com/FCNL2016Annual>) Karen noted both discouragement and the sense of commitment: "Now we have to double down." Many of the 42 staff are young people who are very talented yet still learning to cope with the setbacks of political action. Over 200 Friends who lobbied Capitol Hill noted a shocked, subdued mood among staff of both parties.

Folks of both parties want to act on key issues but say they need to hear from constituents: "Make us do it." Karen mentioned renewed efforts to pass Rep. Chris Gibson's (R, NY-19) resolution on climate change and to find remedies for mass incarceration (<http://tinyurl.com/FCNLmass>).

Friends World Committee on Consultation (FWCC) – Eduardo Diaz reported. The Traveling Ministry Corps (<http://fwccamericas.org/visitation/traveling-ministry.shtml>) "is organizing a volunteer corps of Spanish- and English-speaking Friends, to send as traveling ministers throughout the Section, crossing Yearly Meeting lines and other divisions among Friends." "Why Traveling Ministry Is Vital for Quakers in the 21st Century," a QuakerSpeak video (<https://youtu.be/1jQK9srrgDs>), describes the importance of the program.

Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns (FLGBTQC) – Stephanie Preston reported. FLGBTQC has minuted to begin a jubilee year at the conclusion of the Midwinter Gathering (<http://tinyurl.com/flgbtqc2017midwinter>) in Portland, Oregon, February 17-20. During this year, regular business will be suspended so that members of the community can focus on listening to spirit to discern way forward on organizational concerns. Stephanie thanked Friends for valuable personal and community support following the Orlando Pulse murders.

Friends General Conference (FGC) – Gerry O'Sullivan reported. "Ripples Start Where Spirit Moves," the 2017 Gathering, will be at Niagara University, NY, July 2-8. Registration opens April 3 (<http://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering>). SEYM representatives should share this information with their meetings.

Friends Peace Teams (FPT) – Cecilia Yocum reported. "Peacebuilding en las Américas" (PLA <http://friendspeaceteams.org/initiatives/peacebuilding-en-las-americas-pla/>) seeks \$20,000 in donations for a number of low-cost projects, including AVP and trauma resiliency in Guatemala and support of Salvadoran people with disabilities. Cece can visit meetings and other organizations to advocate for PLA. Carolina Lanker, one of the editors of FPT's newsletter *Peaceways* (<http://friendspeaceteams.org/news/peaceways-newsletter/>), said that PLA is the "orphan child" of the organization and needs stronger support.

Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW) – Jack Bradin reported. QEW has given SEYM a copy of *Overdevelopment, Overpopulation, Overshoot (OVER)* (<https://populationspeakout.org/the-book/>), large-scale photographs illustrating "the ecological and social tragedies of humanity's ballooning numbers and consumption." [Note: PopulationSpeakout.org will give free copies of the \$50 retail book to organizations which join their campaign.]

Florida Council of Churches (FCC) – Beverly Ward reported (see p.10 of DIA). FCC will convene the Third Florida Interfaith Climate Action Network Assembly, February 23-25 at First United Methodist Church in Orlando (see <https://floridachurches.org/interfaith-climate-action-network/>). FCC received funding to provide a series of statewide half-training sessions, *Faith Reforming Justice in Florida* (<https://floridachurches.org/reform/>).

American Psychological Association (APA) – Eduardo Diaz reported that Cecilia Yocum is now a member of the council of APA's Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict and Violence: Peace Psychology Division (<http://www.apa.org/about/division/div48.aspx>).

The Recording Clerk read back the Sabal Trail Pipeline minute (17WIBM01), and WIBM concluded with silent worship.

Submitted by
Mike Shell, Recording Clerk
1/26/2017

Attachment 1 – Roll Call

1	Clearwater MM	Caroline Kaufman
2	Clearwater MM	Douglas Woodward
3	Clearwater MM	Elizabeth Woodward
4	Clearwater MM	Katie Green
5	Clearwater MM	Mike Fogarty
6	Clearwater MM	Phil Stone
7	Clearwater MM	Richard Brice
8	Ft. Myers MM	Nancy Fennell
9	Ft. Myers MM	Richard Frechette
10	Ft. Myers MM	Tom Fennell
11	Gainesville MM	Jean Larson
12	Gainesville MM	Peter Harrell
13	Gainesville MM	Shawna Doran
14	Gainesville MM	Tim Fogarty
15	Jacksonville MM	Elaine Martin
16	Jacksonville MM	Mike Shell
17	Lake Wales WG	Catherine Price
18	Lake Wales WG, Tampa MM	Caroline Lanker
19	Miami MM	Andrea Hoskins
20	Miami MM	Brad Stocker
21	Miami MM	Clara Diaz
22	Miami MM	Eduardo Diaz
23	Miami MM	Floyd M. Daniels
24	Miami MM	Gerry O'Sullivan
25	Miami MM	Steve Donachie
26	Miami MM	Vera V. Daniels
27	Orlando MM	Bill Carlie
28	Orlando MM	Jerry Knutson
29	Orlando MM	Kate Joseph
30	Orlando MM	Liz Jenkins
31	Orlando MM	Minerva Glidden
32	Orlando MM	Ray Jenkins
33	Orlando MM	Stephanie Preston
34	Orlando MM	Vicki Carlie
35	Palm Beach	Lisa Stewart
36	St. Petersburg MM	Dianne Langan
37	St. Petersburg MM	Herb Haigh
38	St. Petersburg MM	Pam Haigh
39	St. Petersburg MM	Peter Schmidt
40	St. Petersburg MM	Yarrow Ries
41	Tallahassee MM	Jim Meade
42	Tallahassee MM	Neil Andersen
43	Tallahassee MM	Phoebe Andersen
44	Tallahassee MM	Susan Taylor
45	Tallahassee MM	Tor Bejnar
46	Tallahassee MM	Vicki Mariner
47	Tampa MM	Beverly Ward
48	Tampa MM	Cecilia Yocum
49	Tampa MM	Karen Putney
50	Treasure Coast WG	Jack Bradin
51	Treasure Coast WG, Palm Beach MM	Joel Cook

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Treasurer Report at 2017 Winter Interim Business Meeting

Report at end First Half of Fiscal Year 2016-17 (June 1 thru November 30, 2016)

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 separately-reported Trustees accounts) for the first six months of this fiscal year showed a net income of \$2,271 (excluding unrealized capital gains of \$411 on Publications Program investments), resulting from a total real income of \$40,120 against total expenses of \$37,849.

SEYM General Fund for Administration - Cash Flow and Budget Performance

At the end of the First Half of this fiscal year, the General Fund (the operations fund for which a balanced annual budget of \$69,490 was approved in the 2016 Yearly Meeting sessions) showed a net income of \$3,415, resulting from General Fund total income of \$31,596 (45% of budget) vs. General Fund total expenses of \$28,182 (41% of budget).

Budget Support Apportionments & Contributions Received

During the first half of 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 \$26,955, or 44% of the annual budget request of \$60,880.

Of the sixteen (16) Monthly Meetings and three (3) Worship Groups which were included in the Apportionment request this fiscal year, at the end of the first six months eleven (11) have responded, including one meeting which has paid its full request.

The unrestricted individual donations received toward the Budget during the first three months were \$1,155, or 58% of the \$2,000 budgeted amount.

Results for Programs

The annual programs during this fiscal year (including the Half Yearly Meeting which occurred near the end of November and involves transactions in December) are in progress, so the cash flow results for this First-Half report are not complete.

The Publications Program during the First Half had a net income of \$598, excluding unrealized capital gains of \$411 on its investments.

The Programs for Youth during the First Half had a net expense of \$580, because the budgeted \$2,500 transfer of support from the General Fund has not yet been done.

The SEYM Field Secretary for Earthcare program by the end of November had received \$2,700 in donations this year and had \$2,799 in expenses, resulting in a net expense during this six months of \$99, and remaining assets of \$20,548.

Net Worth

The combined Net Worth of the Yearly Meeting and its Trustees at the end of November 2016 was \$533,536 (reflecting \$1,882 in liabilities), an increase since the beginning of the fiscal year of \$15,549.

Neil H. Andersen, Treasurer SEYM

January 11, 2017

Southeastern Yearly Meeting
Income & Expense Budget vs. Actual
June through November 2016

	Jun - Nov 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
2000 · Income				
2001 · Donations				
2002 · Indivd.Donations-Classes	1,155.00	2,000.00	-845.00	57.75%
2003 · Meeting Donations				
2003 · Meeting Donations - Other	26,955.00	60,880.00	-33,925.00	44.28%
Total 2003 · Meeting Donations	26,955.00	60,880.00	-33,925.00	44.28%
Total 2001 · Donations	28,110.00	62,880.00	-34,770.00	44.7%
2200 · Investment Earnings				
2203 · Savings Account Interest	6.76	10.00	-3.24	67.6%
Total 2200 · Investment Earnings	6.76	10.00	-3.24	67.6%
Total 2000 · Income	28,116.76	62,890.00	-34,773.24	44.71%
2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes				
2712 · Michener Lect. to GF/insurance	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
2732 · Gath/Walton to GF/insurance	0.00	900.00	-900.00	0.0%
2752 · HYM to GF/insurance	450.00	450.00	0.00	100.0%
2804 · from Trustee's Funds				
2815 · for BertscheOutreach Travel	909.32	1,500.00	-590.68	60.62%
2820 · for Staff Salary	2,119.95	3,600.00	-1,480.05	58.89%
Total 2804 · from Trustee's Funds	3,029.27	5,100.00	-2,070.73	59.4%
Total 2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes	3,479.27	6,600.00	-3,120.73	52.72%
Total Income	31,596.03	69,490.00	-37,893.97	45.47%
Expense				
2999 · Expenses				
3000 · Operating Costs				
3001 · Bank Service Charges	0.00	20.00	-20.00	0.0%
3002 · PayPal service fee	0.00	10.00	-10.00	0.0%
3080 · Duplication	1,026.40	1,000.00	26.40	102.64%
3100 · Insurance				
3106 · Liability Insurance	1,368.36	1,400.00	-31.64	97.74%
Total 3100 · Insurance	1,368.36	1,400.00	-31.64	97.74%
3107 · Youth Worker CAP Certification	71.55	150.00	-78.45	47.7%
3146 · Non-Profit Corporation Fee	0.00	60.00	-60.00	0.0%
3200 · Office Supplies	281.59	500.00	-218.41	56.32%
3270 · Payroll Expenses	18,046.06	29,200.00	-11,153.94	61.8%
3272 · Employer Payroll Taxes	1,381.96	2,200.00	-818.04	62.82%
3380 · Postage/Shipping	335.18	500.00	-164.82	67.04%
3381 · Post Office Box rental	152.00	200.00	-48.00	76.0%
3400 · Office Equipment	1,417.42	400.00	1,017.42	354.36%
3500 · Professional Fees	0.00	1,400.00	-1,400.00	0.0%
3640 · Rent warehouse/office				
3642 · Office Rent	300.00	0.00	300.00	100.0%
3643 · Storage Unit	420.85	0.00	420.85	100.0%
3640 · Rent warehouse/office - Other	0.00	1,400.00	-1,400.00	0.0%
Total 3640 · Rent warehouse/office	720.85	1,400.00	-679.15	51.49%
3700 · Repairs	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
3816 · Software	500.00	1,400.00	-900.00	35.71%
3840 · Telephone & Inet access	884.36	2,000.00	-1,115.64	44.22%
3860 · Travel Administrative	581.44	2,000.00	-1,418.56	29.07%
3900 · Website				
3641 · Rent E=Data off-site storage	288.00	0.00	288.00	100.0%
3900 · Website - Other	188.78	1,000.00	-811.22	18.88%
Total 3900 · Website	476.78	1,000.00	-523.22	47.68%
Total 3000 · Operating Costs	27,243.95	45,040.00	-17,796.05	60.49%

Southeastern Yearly Meeting
Income & Expense Budget vs. Actual
June through November 2016

	Jun - Nov 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
4000 · Committees Operating Expenses				
4309 · Archives	0.00	550.00	-550.00	0.0%
4329 · EC and IBM	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
4339 · Faith and Practice	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
4349 · Finance	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
4359 · Nominating	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
4369 · Peace and Social Concerns	0.00	450.00	-450.00	0.0%
4389 · Youth Committee	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
4399 · Worship and Ministry	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
4429 · Earthcare	276.00	500.00	-224.00	55.2%
4449 · Publications	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
4469 · Racism, Ministry on	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
4489 · Young Adult Quakers	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
Total 4000 · Committees Operating Expenses	276.00	2,100.00	-1,824.00	13.14%
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	100.00	-100.00	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 · Pendle Hill	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
5078 · ProNica	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	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%
5097 · Wm Penn House	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 5000 · Donations to Organizations	0.00	9,850.00	-9,850.00	0.0%
7000 · Operating Costs Programs				
7500 · Site Fees				
7575 · Site Fees - Lodging				
7590 · Lodging - SEYM Staff	266.56	0.00	266.56	100.0%
Total 7575 · Site Fees - Lodging	266.56	0.00	266.56	100.0%
Total 7500 · Site Fees	266.56	0.00	266.56	100.0%
Total 7000 · Operating Costs Programs	266.56	0.00	266.56	100.0%
8000 · Representative Travel				
8160 · Annual Representative	395.00	4,000.00	-3,605.00	9.88%
8460 · Travel Support to SEYM Business	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
Total 8000 · Representative Travel	395.00	5,000.00	-4,605.00	7.9%
8500 · Contingency	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
Total 2999 · Expenses	28,181.51	63,990.00	-35,808.49	44.04%
9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes				
9004 · for Youth Programs	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%
9005 · for Gathering Youth	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
9060 · for Triennial Travel	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
Total 9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes	0.00	5,500.00	-5,500.00	0.0%
Total Expense	28,181.51	69,490.00	-41,308.49	40.56%
Net Income	3,414.52	0.00	3,414.52	100.0%

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Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
As of November 30, 2016

	<u>Nov 30, 16</u>	<u>May 31, 16</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
0501 · Checking Account BOA			
511 · Checking - Gen'l Fund - General	19,969.07	36,149.19	-16,180.12
560 · Checking-GF-Triennial Travel	5,598.18	5,598.18	0.00
566 · Checking-GF-Sufferings	170.00	170.00	0.00
610 · Checking-SA-Michener	2,133.12	1,758.78	374.34
630 · Checking-SA-YBM Gathering	1,981.71	1,695.56	286.15
640 · Checking-SA-Programs for Youth	5,067.27	5,647.27	-580.00
650 · Checking-SA-HYM	-1,604.46	119.09	-1,723.55
670 · Checking - SA - Earthcare	20,548.25	20,647.15	-98.90
680 · Checking-SA-Publications	-2,997.50	-3,218.46	220.96
700 · Checking-Trustees			
705 · Checking - Gathering Youth Fund	3,723.74	3,723.74	0.00
725 · Checking - Unrestricted Fund	34,378.66	0.00	34,378.66
750 · Checking -FGC Meetinghouse Fund	2,237.50	1,900.00	337.50
Total 700 · Checking-Trustees	<u>40,339.90</u>	<u>5,623.74</u>	<u>34,716.16</u>
Total 0501 · Checking Account BOA	91,205.54	74,190.50	17,015.04
903 · Savings BOA	40,841.32	20,834.56	20,006.76
999 · Pay Pal	134.72	134.72	0.00
Total Checking/Savings	<u>132,181.58</u>	<u>95,159.78</u>	<u>37,021.80</u>
Accounts Receivable			
1100 · Accounts Receivable	20.52	20.52	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>20.52</u>	<u>20.52</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Other Current Assets			
1130 · Pre-paid expenses	882.00	882.00	0.00
1180 · FFC SOYM1 Publications Investme	13,213.06	12,801.96	411.10
1200 · Trustee Investments			
1205 · FFC SOYMT6 GatheringYouth Fund	101,666.55	98,759.55	2,907.00
1210 · FFC SOYMT3 Michener	21,300.60	20,691.55	609.05
1215 · FFC SOYMT2 BertscheTravel Fd	44,436.23	43,165.64	1,270.59
1220 · FFC SOYMT5 Sec's Salary Fund	103,596.29	100,634.11	2,962.18
1225 · FFC SOYMT4 Unrestricted	56,247.32	54,268.93	1,978.39
1230 · FFC SOYMT1 Walton Fund	39,372.00	38,246.22	1,125.78
1250 · FGC Meetinghouse Fund	22,500.00	22,500.00	0.00
1255 · Domini Fund			
1257 · Domini International Equity	0.00	15,037.14	-15,037.14
1259 · Domini Social Equity Fund	0.00	17,666.14	-17,666.14
Total 1255 · Domini Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>32,703.28</u>	<u>-32,703.28</u>
Total 1200 · Trustee Investments	<u>389,118.99</u>	<u>410,969.28</u>	<u>-21,850.29</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>403,214.05</u>	<u>424,653.24</u>	<u>-21,439.19</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>535,416.15</u>	<u>519,833.54</u>	<u>15,582.61</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>535,416.15</u></u>	<u><u>519,833.54</u></u>	<u><u>15,582.61</u></u>

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Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
As of November 30, 2016

	<u>Nov 30, 16</u>	<u>May 31, 16</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
1300 · Expected/prepaid expenses			
1336 · Last FY Expenses not paid	0.00	377.47	-377.47
Total 1300 · Expected/prepaid expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>377.47</u>	<u>-377.47</u>
1370 · Payroll Liabilities			
1372 · SEYM Payroll Liability	749.01	598.45	150.56
1370 · Payroll Liabilities - Other	1,132.62	871.06	261.56
Total 1370 · Payroll Liabilities	<u>1,881.63</u>	<u>1,469.51</u>	<u>412.12</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>1,881.63</u>	<u>1,846.98</u>	<u>34.65</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,881.63</u>	<u>1,846.98</u>	<u>34.65</u>
Total Liabilities	1,881.63	1,846.98	34.65
Equity			
1400 · Trustees Funds Equity	296,694.99	296,693.93	1.06
1500 · Operational Equity/ Net Assets			
1511 · General Fund Net Assets	29,324.36	29,324.36	0.00
1560 · Triennial Travel Net Assets	5,349.80	5,349.80	0.00
1580 · Publications Net Assets	14,341.85	14,341.85	0.00
Total 1500 · Operational Equity/ Net Assets	<u>49,016.01</u>	<u>49,016.01</u>	<u>0.00</u>
1700 · Retained Earnings	172,276.62	175,877.25	-3,600.63
Net Income	15,546.90	-3,600.63	19,147.53
Total Equity	<u>533,534.52</u>	<u>517,986.56</u>	<u>15,547.96</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>535,416.15</u></u>	<u><u>519,833.54</u></u>	<u><u>15,582.61</u></u>

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Income	Admin/General Fund	Gathering/Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publications	Secretary - Earthcare	Trustees' Funds	TOTAL
2000 - Income									
2001 - Donations									
2002 - Individual Donations-Classes	1,155.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,155.00
2003 - Meeting Donations	26,955.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,955.00
2060 - Donations - Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,700.00	0.00	2,700.00
Total 2001 - Donations	28,110.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,700.00	0.00	30,810.00
2200 - Investment Earnings									
2203 - Savings Account Interest	6.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.76
2205 - Dividends FFC Gathering Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,080.46	2,080.46
2210 - Dividends FFC Michener Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	435.89	435.89
2216 - Dividends FFC Bertsche OutTravel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	909.32	909.32
2220 - Dividends-FFC Sec. Salary Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,119.95	2,119.95
2230 - Dividends FFC Walton Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	805.69	805.69
2250 - Interest FGC Meetinghouse Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	337.50	337.50
2260 - Dividends FFC SEYM Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	270.39	0.00	0.00	270.39
2290 - Investment Capital Gains/Losses									
2206 - Capital Gain(Loss) Gath. Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,907.00	2,907.00
2211 - Capital Gain(Loss) Michener	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	609.05	609.05
2216 - Capital Gain(Loss) BertscheOTra	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,270.59	1,270.59
2221 - Capital Gain(Loss) Sec. \$Sal Fd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,962.18	2,962.18
2226 - Capital Gain(Loss) Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,978.39	1,978.39
2231 - Capital Gain(Loss) Walton	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,125.78	1,125.78
2256 - Capital Gain(Loss) Domini	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,674.32	1,674.32
2281 - Capital Gain(loss) SEYM Publish	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	411.10	0.00	0.00	411.10
Total 2250 - Investment Capital Gains/Losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	411.10	0.00	12,527.31	12,938.41
Total 2200 - Investment Earnings	6.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	681.48	0.00	19,216.12	19,904.37
2600 - Sales									
2680 - Publication Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,219.48	0.00	0.00	2,219.48
2681 - DeClutter, LittleQuaterBook of	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00	0.00	0.00	12.00
Total 2600 - Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,231.48	0.00	0.00	2,231.48
Total 2000 - Income	28,116.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,912.97	2,700.00	19,216.12	52,945.85
2700 - Transfer in FROM other classes	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
2752 - HYM to GF insurance									
2804 - from Trustee's Funds									
2805 - for Gathering Youth	0.00	2,080.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,080.46
2810 - for Michener Lecture	0.00	0.00	0.00	435.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	435.89
2815 - for BertscheOutreach Travel	909.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	909.32
2920 - for Staff Salary	2,119.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,119.95
2830 - for Walton Lecture/Gathering	0.00	805.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	805.69
Total 2804 - from Trustee's Funds	3,029.27	2,886.15	0.00	435.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,351.31
Total 2700 - Transfer in FROM other classes	3,479.27	2,886.15	0.00	435.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,801.31
Total Income	31,596.03	2,886.15	0.00	435.89	0.00	2,912.97	2,700.00	19,216.12	59,747.16

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	Admin/General Fund	Gathering/ Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publi- cations	Secretary- Earthcare	Trustees' Funds	TOTAL
Expense									
2999 Expenses									
3000 · Operating Costs	1,026.40	0.00	42.00	36.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,104.85
3080 · Duplication									
3100 · Insurance	1,368.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,368.36
3106 · Liability Insurance	1,368.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,368.36
Total 3100 · Insurance	1,368.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,368.36
3107 · Youth Worker CAP Certification	71.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.55
3200 · Office Supplies	281.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.81	0.00	0.00	291.40
3270 · Payroll Expenses	18,046.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,600.00	0.00	20,646.06
3272 · Employer Payroll Taxes	1,381.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	198.90	0.00	1,580.86
3380 · Postage/Shipping	335.18	0.00	31.55	25.10	0.00	16.38	0.00	0.00	408.21
3381 · Post Office Box rental	152.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	152.00
3400 · Office Equipment	1,417.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,417.42
3500 · Professional Fees									
3586 · E-pub Dist fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.00	0.00	0.00	29.00
Total 3500 · Professional Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.00	0.00	0.00	29.00
3640 · Rent warehouse/office									
3642 · Office Rent	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
3643 · Storage Unit	420.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	420.85
Total 3640 · Rent warehouse/office	720.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	720.85
3816 · Software	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	58.67	0.00	0.00	558.67
3840 · Telephone & Inet access	884.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	884.36
3880 · Travel/Administrative	581.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	581.44
3900 · Website									
3641 · Rent E=Data off-site storage	288.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	288.00
3900 · Website - Other	188.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	188.78
Total 3900 · Website	476.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	476.78
Total 3000 · Operating Costs	27,243.95	0.00	73.55	61.55	0.00	113.85	2,798.90	0.00	30,291.81
4000 · Committees Operating Expenses									
4429 · Earthcare	276.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	276.00
Total 4000 · Committees Operating Expenses	276.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	276.00
6000 · Production									
6080 · ISSN Printing, Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,685.58	0.00	0.00	1,685.58
6280 · Printing, Service Bureau	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	104.00	0.00	0.00	104.00
Total 6000 · Production	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,789.58	0.00	0.00	1,789.58

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	Admin/General Fund	Gathering/ Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	Publi- cations	Secretary- Earthcare	Trustees' Funds	TOTAL
7000 · Operating Costs Programs									
7500 · Site Fees	0.00	2,600.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,800.00
7533 · Site Deposits									
7575 · Site Fees - Lodging	266.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	266.56
7590 · Lodging - SEYM Staff	266.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	266.56
Total 7575 · Site Fees - Lodging	266.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	266.56
Total 7500 · Site Fees	266.56	2,600.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,066.56
7800 · Youth Program									
7804 · Youth Prg. Expenses/Fees/Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	580.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	580.00
Total 7800 · Youth Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	580.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	580.00
Total 7000 · Operating Costs Programs	266.56	2,600.00	1,200.00	0.00	580.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,646.56
8000 · Representative Travel									
8160 · Annual Representative	395.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	395.00
Total 8000 · Representative Travel	395.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	395.00
Total 2999 · Expenses	28,181.51	2,600.00	1,273.55	61.55	580.00	1,903.44	2,798.90	0.00	37,398.95
9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes									
9002 · to GF for insurance	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
9005 · for Gathering Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,080.46	2,080.46
9210 · for Michener Lecture	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	435.89	435.89
9215 · for Bertsche/Outreach/Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	909.32	909.32
9220 · for Staff Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,119.95	2,119.95
9230 · for Walton Lecture/Gathering	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	805.69	805.69
Total 9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,351.31	6,351.31
Total Expense	28,181.51	2,600.00	1,723.55	61.55	580.00	1,903.44	2,798.90	6,351.31	44,200.26
at Income	3,414.52	286.15	-1,723.55	374.34	-580.00	1,009.53	-98.90	12,864.81	15,546.90
at Income before Unrealized Capital Gains/Losses	3,414.52	286.15	-1,723.55	374.34	-580.00	598.45	-98.90	337.50	2,608.49

2016 Half-Yearly Meeting Report



The four-day gathering at Wekiwa Springs State Park from 24 - 27 November, 2015 was a notable success: an opportunity for quiet reflection, physical activity, learning, and political action. Programs were offered that had an emphasis on the environment, global warming, personal engagement and fun.

At the beginning of HYM, many Friends said they had especially looked forward to our Thanksgiving gathering this year, after the political upheaval nationally. There was comfort and soul soothing sitting in the rocking chairs on the porch and Friends kept them in motion as we shared our fears and frustrations from anticipated rollbacks to progress made in the environmental and social justice arenas. The comfort of being among Friends with time to talk was palpable.

Beverly Ward, the SEYM Field Secretary for Earthcare gave a presentation on the Florida Sabal Trail pipeline and Mary Jo Klingel led a worship-sharing on the environment. Kody Hersh reported on his visit to the Standing Rock protest in North Dakota and a follow-up "cell phone action" coordinated calls to public officials involved in putting down the Standing Rock protest.

Three extended canoe/kayak river trips were offered on Wednesday, Thursday (Thanksgiving) and Saturday down the Wekiwa River. Jerry Knutson coordinated. He reports the group saw a manatee as well as a bittern, in-flight. Next year will be the last year for the three days of options for boat owners. However, the rental/shuttle on Saturday will continue into 2018. The Wekiwa Springs always has canoe rentals for shorter trips.

The fire risk this year eliminated bonfires, but evening activities continued and presentations and informal games and discussions.

The now mandatory “Untalent Show” on Saturday night reached new levels this year. Presentations ranged from a violin solo to singing to poetry to a Kabuki-ish dance. The weekend ended in worship and centered thankfulness for our Quaker community.

Our bodies were well nurtured as well as our spirits. Our Thanksgiving feast was just that, with tables filled with turkey and potluck delights. Kathy Hersh coordinated the meals. She has created menus for all our meals to help plan food purchases and arrange volunteer coordinators for each meal. Two 16 pound birds weren't quite enough for our weekend needs for left-overs for the next day's sandwich and soup-making. A pizza meal on Friday prepared by the young people is becoming a tradition as well as a special finale dinner on Saturday.

The relaxed nature of the HYM gathering is reflected in our registration with people not registering until late, or just showing up for the day. This was an on-going problem for the Registrar.

We counted 39 for dinner on Thanksgiving with about 55 people each day during the weekend. The total number of people that came to HYM 2016 is 72.



Saturday's special dinner prepared by Peter Schmidt, Tampa MM, assisted by Emily Wilson, St. Pete MM.

The Clerk, Carl Hersh, and Registrar, Beeg Camarota, will continue in these positions through the 2017 HYM gathering. Jerry Knudson will be Assistant Clerk in 2017, after which he will move into the role of Clerk in 2018. April Merleaux will work with Beeg during the 2017 gathering and take over as Registrar for HYM 2018.

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Southeastern Yearly Meeting (SEYM) on Field Secretary for Earthcare (FSE) Report

Winter Interim Business Meeting 2017

Overview

This is a snapshot of the activities I've undertaken as the SEYM Field Secretary from 1 Tenth Month through 30 Eleventh Month 2017. It also includes a number of planned activities. There have been a number of events that have moved what I felt to be urgent, our care for the Earth, to immediate. The most striking has been the results of the 2016 U.S. presidential election. I have been encouraged by the many collaborations, coalitions, and other actions taking place around the State, the country, and globally, including the support I have received from this Yearly Meeting. Your suggestions, thoughts, and concerns are welcome.

Communication with the Anchoring Committee

Communication with the Anchoring Committee has included email contact, efforts to schedule a telephone conference call, and individual contacts with Bill Carlie and Nancy Triscritti. Individual telephone calls will be scheduled during committee members during Twelfth Month.

Developing a Schedule for Meeting with Monthly Meetings (MMs), Worship Groups (WGs), and Others

The suggested visitation request process: "Meetings can issue invitations to the [SEYM] administrative secretary, FSE, or the Anchor Committee. We will all conference over the invitation and subsequent planning" (P. Andersen, 3 Tenth Month).

A Google calendar showing requests for visitation and FSE has been created and shared with the Anchoring Committee and the Co-Clerks of the Earthcare Committee. Upcoming visits are shown below. Several members of MMs and WGs have expressed interest in visits. To aid in scheduling, I will follow up with the MM/WG clerks and clerks of Peace and Social Concerns Committees of the MMs and WGs suggesting possible dates.

Half Yearly Meeting, 2016

I attended and participated Half Yearly Meeting, including a giving a talk on my vision as FSE and an excerpt from the SEYM vulnerability and risk white paper I am developing. This excerpt focused on the Sabal Trail Transmission pipeline, which is currently under construction. I also participated in the No-Talent Show with the Faith and No Practice Chorus.

Miami Monthly Meeting, Firstday, 4 Twelfth Month 2016

Consideration was given to a community-wide meeting coordinated with faith-based and other environmental groups in the area either on Sixthday or Seventhday, 2 or 3 Twelfth Month. Also, I suggested consideration of meeting with the offices of congressional representatives, to the extent feasible on Secondday, 5 Twelfth Month.

Unitarian-Universalists of Clearwater Open Issues Forum, Scheduled 11 Twelfth Month 2016

Clearwater Monthly Meeting, Scheduled 29 First Month 2017

Sarasota Monthly Meeting, Scheduled 26 Third Month 2017

Follow with St. Petersburg MM will continue after the Playback Theatre event, 16 First Month 2017. (See Living Mirror Playback Theatre below.)

Yearly Meeting Planning

I'm planning to provide a workshop session at Yearly Meeting. This will be in addition to planning an event with the Youth Coordinator(s). I also plan to contact Peterson Toscano during First Month 2017 to see if we can coordinate schedules to travel with Peter "...connecting with Friends in SEYM, both before and after the 2017 Gathering, to talk about how we can work together for climate justice."

Contact Information

- The SEYM Administrative Secretary established an email account: fsEarthcare@seymquaker.org.
- A free conference calling number has been established, 1-712-770-8055. The conference code is 662814.
- I Skype as phdant.
- I Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/7545638812>.
- My telephone number is 813.928.8823.
- Snailmail: 13705 Lazy Oak Drive, Tampa, FL, 33613.4923.

Interactions or Collaborations between and among other SEYM committees

- The Ministry on Racism: Shared information on Florida Council of Churches (FCC) Reform Justice Campaign;
- Earthcare: continue to maintain telephone and email contact with the co-clerks and other committee members;
- FCC: See the FCC Report for Winter Interim Business Meeting 2017
- Peace and Social Concerns: Email and face-to-face contact with members of SEYM Peace and Social Concerns Committee.
- ProNica: no report to date.
- Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW): Working with Jack Braden on the United Nations Working Group (UNWG) on the International Decade for People of African Descent. (More details below.)
- Quaker United Nations Office: Working with Warren Hoskins to build links.
- Right Sharing of World Resources: Working with Nilufer Wilkins to build links, including QEW UNWG.
- Youth Committee: Talk at HYM and planning with Youth Coordinator(s) for Yearly Meeting.

The Wider Quaker World, Interfaith Groups, Other Environmental Organizations

In the wider Quaker World, interfaith groups, and other environmental organizations, I have listed existing memberships, partnerships, or collaborations that may be part of an outreach effort. These include, but are not limited to:

- Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP), Tampa Bay: AVP Basic Workshop facilitation 21 through 23 Tenth Month. Planning for a Gainesville workshop has been postponed. We are looking to provide another workshop in Jacksonville for the same period, 3 through 5 Third Month 2017.
- The Bridge of Tampa: Invited by The Bridge to participate as a panelist in a daylong community exploration, "The Heart of Activism." Tampa MM is a co-sponsor of the event.

- Clark Atlanta University, Department of Political Science: Asked to be a member of the team for an Environmental Protection Agency Small grant as part of People Against D.O.T. Discrimination (PADD); see below.
- Florida Interfaith Climate Action Network (FL-ICAN): Third Annual FL-ICAN Assembly will convene 23 through 25 Second Month 2017 in Orlando. I am member of the Assembly Design Team. And, also have created an SEYM subcircle through the online platform, Qigochat, <http://seymquakers.qigochat.com/>.
- Friends Committee on National Legislation, Energy and Environment: Have email and other contacts established with several FCNL staff including and beyond the Energy and Environment Section. Have meeting scheduled with several FCNL staff members on 10 First Month 2017.
- Friends Peace Teams (FPT): Face-to-face and email contact with FPT. Will seek to link FPT to QEW UN Working Group. (See below.)
- The Initiative on Coastal Adaptation and Resilience (ICAR): Working with ICAR through the Florida Council of Churches.
- Living Mirror Playback Theatre, Tampa: No report other than performances to date. Will participate in the annual St. Petersburg MM Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. event, 16 First Month 2017 as a member of the troupe.
- National Academies of Sciences, Transportation Research Board (TRB), Environmental Justice Issues in Transportation (The FSE is the Research Coordinator for this committee.): Have been asked to provide a presentation on the Tampa Bay Express and environmental justice issues at the annual meeting of the committee. This presentation will be the basis for a “blog” First Month 2017.
- Organize NOW/F.I.R.E., Climate Justice Committee: Working with FCC, Sierra Club and others on planning climate justice survey.
- The Pachamama Alliance: several email contacts with local members of the Alliance.
- People Against D.O.T. Discrimination (PADD), Tampa: continue to work with group on identifying potentially adverse impacts and finding ways to avoid, mitigate, or minimize the same.
- QEW United Nations Working Group (UNWG) member – International Decade for People of African Descent: Continue to assist in planning for 2017 activities. Linking the Working Group with wider Quaker Community and other groups. Added to the QEW Steering Committee as a Member-at-Large.
- Sierra Club, Tampa Bay: Remain in contact via email, snailmail, etc. Added to the Sierra Club Speakers’ Bureau. Planned presentation at Hillsborough County Community College, Science Seminar, 31 First Month 2017.
- Society for Applied Anthropology, Risk and Disasters Topical Interest Group (TIG): No report to date. Seeking to link TIG to QEW UN Working Group.
- Sunshine Citizens, Tampa: part of the outreach effort with P.A.D.D.
- University of South Florida, Institute on Black Life (IBL), Advisory Committee: Continue to participate in activities for 30th Anniversary, 9 Second Month 2017, including submitting an abstract for a paper on food sovereignty and people of African Descent by 15 Twelfth Month 2016. The paper will build on the framework proposed by QEW UNWG regarding the 2017 focus for UN activities.
- University of South Florida, Patel College of Global Sustainability (PCGS): The proposed lecture “Urban Displacement in Major Public Works Projects”, has been postponed until Fall 2017. Continue to have contact with PCGS staff.

Social Media

Submitted two blogs, fsEarthcare Processing, for the SEYM website. The SEYM Administrative Secretary also has created a webpage, <http://seymquakers.org/faith-in-action/field-secretary-for-earthcare/>. Currently, the page contains the blog, the job description, and other links. I am in contact with the secretary on how best to populate this page, e.g., calendars, social media, etc. I tweet @fsesecretary; FB, <fb.me/FsEarthcare>. These links are included the signature of my emails.

Qiqochat

The Qiqochat subcircle for SEYM, <http://seymquakers.qiqochat.com/>. In addition to a communication platform, this site also can be a repository of documents, e.g., white papers, presentations, etc. I am in the process of populating the circle.

Other Issues

I am working on white paper regarding vulnerable populations paper and the potential impacts of climate change for the counties and other areas of the Monthly Meetings, Worship Groups, etc., of SEYM, including Managua and Havana, where data is available. The focus has been intensified with consideration of the impacts of the Sabal Trail Pipeline Transmission. In addition to the Sabal Trail Pipeline, the potential impacts of the Florida Southeast Connection Pipeline, <http://www.floridasoutheastconnection.com/>, will be added.

Ongoing contact regarding the pipelines and related concerns has been maintained with Peter Ackerman, Lake Worth Monthly Meeting, and Panagioti Tsolkas who co-led sessions at the 2016 Yearly Meeting. Both Pete and Panagioti have been actively in actions regarding the Sabal Trail Pipeline.

Summary

Friends, I mentioned in the overview, I continue to be encouraged. The support I have received from so many of you is greatly appreciated. Continue to share your ideas, concerns, contacts, etc. But, most of all, continue to hold me in the Light!

Beverly Ward

Committee for Ministry on Racism Report: Jan. 14, 2017, WIBM

Neither of the Committee Co-clerks, Ellie Caldwell nor Wendy Clarissa Geiger, could be present.

Present: Lisa Stewart (Palm Beach), Minerva Glidden (Orlando), Susan Taylor, convener, (Tallahassee), Katie Green (Worcester, MA MM, NEYM - snowbirding at Clearwater MM), Shawna Doran (Gainesville), Beverly Ward (Tampa, FSEC)

We welcomed Field Secretary for Earthcare, Beverly Ward, in her quick and helpful visit to our committee. Effects of climate change disproportionately affect the most vulnerable people, which includes people of color.

We also welcomed Katie Green and Shawna Doran.

We discussed the minute from our Committee on removal of the exception clause of the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that had been sent to monthly meetings for seasoning prior to bringing it forward for approval @ SEYM annual sessions. We made changes in the minute today and will send it out again to monthly meetings for comments prior to bringing the minute forward for approval, as possibly amended, at Yearly Meeting. Please see attached minute.

Friends were asked to view the Netflix movie, Thirteenth Amendment. The official trailer for the movie is <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V66F3WU2CKk>.

We discussed the FGC Central Committee's planned Institutional Assessment for finding and removing structural racism within the FGC organization and whether we might suggest joining other FGC affiliated Yearly Meetings and Monthly Meetings in providing some financial assistance for this effort. Ed Lesnick's report on the Assessment is in WIBM's DIA. Please see our attached discernment.

We gratefully learned from Katie Green that she will be giving a workshop at the Gathering entitled "Pink Spit." She has a background in giving workshops on racism. Some of the workshop will include participants' exposure to racism at a young age. Susan Taylor will be her elder. We shared information that might be helpful to include in racism workshops and are wide open to learning more.

Shawna Doran shared exciting activity AVP is doing with police and the sheriff's office in Gainesville and carries a concern to spread the word about AVP among Friends and to involve Friends in AVP work in prisons.

Susan Taylor, convener

Many blessings to all,
Susan
Susan Taylor
Committee for Ministry on Racism
Committee Meeting convener, WIBM, 2017

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**END SLAVERY FOR ALL
Second Draft**

**Action Request on the Thirteenth Amendment, for Further Seasoning for
Suggested Approval at SEYM Yearly Meeting Sessions, 2017**

The SEYM Committee for Ministry on Racism asks Worship Groups, Monthly and Yearly Meetings to affirm, and publicize the need for:

1. The removal of the exception clause of the 13th Amendment to the US Constitution which otherwise abolishes slavery. Exception clause has been put in bold below.
2. Knowledge that the purpose of prisons should be to protect members of society and to prepare those imprisoned to return as productive members of their community through provision of comprehensive education and training.
3. Persons formerly in prison to have full restoration of constitutional rights, including access to housing and jobs.

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The 13th Amendment reads:

Section 1. Neither slavery or involuntary servitude, **except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted**, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Section 2. Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

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We seek this in the light of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) testimony on equality and our history of seeking to honor that of God in everyone through justice that restores. Currently, persons in prisons are coerced into working in what amounts to slavery. They leave prison with severely restrictive conditions of freedom that shackle their efforts for normalcy, often for the rest of their lives.

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**Discernment on Suggesting Funding from SEYM for the Friends General
Conference (FGC) Institutional Assessment of Structural Racism**

The Committee for Ministry on Racism is supportive of the planned Institutional Assessment that Friends General Conference (FGC) Central Committee has approved for the FGC organization itself, not to include affiliated yearly and monthly meetings. The Assessment will seek to find structural racism within FGC and recommend steps to remove it. FGC Central Committee approved calling the action “Institutional Assessment” rather than “Institutional Audit.”

The SEYM Committee for Ministry on Racism will recommend financial support of the Assessment from SEYM once we have heard from the FGC General Secretary, Barry Crossno, that findings and recommendations from that Assessment will be sent to all affiliated Yearly Meetings and Monthly Meetings and that FGC commits itself to following the recommendations that come from its own review.

Susan Taylor, for the Committee