

# Southeastern Yearly Meeting

Quakers in Florida, southeast Georgia & coastal South Carolina

## Fall Executive Committee Meeting

October 6, 2017

### MINUTES

Friends gathered in silence; then introduced themselves around the room.

**17FEC01. Friends approved Bill Carlie serving as interim EC clerk.**

Clerk asked for Agenda items from the group.

**Nominating Committee report:** Elaine Martin reported that the committee will bring forward two nominations for approval at FIBM: Phoebe Andersen to fill the remainder of Lisa Stewart's term as EC/IBM Clerk, and Catherine Price to serve as FCNL Representative. Nominating committee is looking for a YM Recording Clerk, a Representative to the Peace Churches for North Florida, and Friends to fill vacancies on the Archives and Youth Committees.

**Secretary's Report:** Vicki Carlie read the Secretary's Report (attached). There was a brief discussion.

**17FEC02. The Secretary's Report was accepted.**

**Archives:** Phoebe Andersen reported on the work of the committee in organizing the Archives at the Smathers Library in Gainesville. Further discussion continued as Friends asked questions. Archives are now stored in CD format.

**Treasurer's Report:** Neil Andersen, who finished his last term as SEYM Treasurer at rise of last YM, reported that the FYE 2016-2017 books closed in good shape. However, there was a budget of deficit due to purchase of computer and software for the bookkeeper, and also to staff salary increases, which were greater than anticipated in the budget.

Joel Cook reported that he has just completed the 1st Quarter report for FY 2017-2018, which he will present tomorrow at FIBM. Six out of 16 Meetings have made contributions on apportionments, equal to 22% of budgeted income from Meetings.

**17FEC03. Friends accepted the FYE 2016-2017 and 1st Quarter FY2017-2018 Treasurer's reports.**

**17FEC04. Friends offered a special Thanks to Neil, Joel & Dianne for finishing the financial reports; working through the hurricane aftermath and other challenges and disruptions this summer.**

**Publications Cte:** Phoebe Andersen reported that the committee will be printing only 100 copies of the Walton & Michener lectures, transitioning to focus on offering lectures in eBooks formats.

**ProNica:** Bill Carlie introduced a report from ProNica (attached). ProNica is restructuring, closing the NGO in Nicaragua, and forming a partnership w/El Provenir, who will be taking over the administrative responsibilities and other burdens. El Centro will be sold to El Provenir. The ProNica books are in the process of being closed. Legal Issues with an employee have been resolved. ProNica will continue as a 501c3 in the US, raising funds for the Nicaraguan partners. Quaker House will still be called 'Quaker House,' and continue to be used by Managua Worship Group and be available for delegations. The Board will be working with an attorney to amend ProNica's bylaws to allow them to continue as an independent organization, without need for SEYM Board members.

**17FEC05. Friends offered heartfelt thanks to Bill Carlie for his assistance to ProNica in their transition and restructuring.**

**Youth Committee:** Cece Yocum reported on Kody Hersh's leading to serve as an SEYM Youth Worker, as an opportunity for both he and SEYM, though not as employee. He would be looking for housing, stipend, transportation in exchange for his volunteer work with the SEYM Youth and Youth Program.

The Worship & Ministry Committee will also need to be involved in discernment, to address Kody's request to be a Released Friend. The Finance Committee will also need to be involved.

It is not clear when the proposal will be out to the Meetings for review is not clear, but probably not before WIBM or even YM. It was noted that Kody's timeframe for discernment was 2-3 years.

**Earthcare Committee:** Brad Stocker reported that the committee is in discernment about what they need to do next. Two things are certain: first, they need to continue to raise funds for the Field Secretary for Earthcare position; second, a minute on Sustainability is out to Monthly Meetings for discernment. Meetings are asked to provide feedback on the minute.

**Trustees:** Neil Andersen reports that the remainder of the Trustees' grant for the Field Secretary for Earthcare (FSE) position has been transferred from Trustees accounts to Treasurer's accounts.

**St. Petersburg Meeting:** Dianne Langan announced that after a year hiatus, St. Petersburg Meeting has revived Circus McGurkis. It is now hosted at a Church, so SEYM sponsorship is no longer needed. This year it will be held on Nov. 11.

**FWCC Traveling Ministers Program:** Eduardo Diaz reports that he and Nancyrose Logan are on FWCC's Travelling Ministry Program Cte. Their next meeting will be in Cuba at the end of October. Travelling Ministers are available to visit any Meeting, with travel expenses paid for by FWCC. Eduardo notes that FWCC has a Strategic plan for 8 years, and encourages Friends to find out more on FWCC website.

**FGC:** Bill Carlie reported he had participated in an FGC conference call with YM Clerks.

**QEW:** Brad Stocker reported on the recent work of QEW, mentioning their meeting in Atlanta, their work at the UN, and their Children's curriculum for Earthcare. QEW is discerning their balance between contemplative and active witness.

**Concern was expressed for the Caribbean islands** devastated by Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Friends are asked to hold these communities in the Light, and to consider what we as a YM can do.

The Executive committee meeting closed with a time of silence, the following Friends having been present:

**EC members**

Phoebe Andersen  
Neil Andersen  
Bill Carlie  
Vicki Carlie (ex-officio)  
Nancy Corindia  
Joel Cook  
Clara Diaz  
Elaine Martin  
Brad Stocker  
Cece Yocum

**SEYM Friends**

Eduardo Diaz  
Willie Hager  
Dianne Langan  
Nancyrose Logan  
Jean Larson  
David Rakyta  
Beverly Ward  
Bonnie Zimmer