

Southeastern Yearly Meeting
Executive Committee
Minutes
First Month 17, 2020

The meeting began with worship at 7 pm.

Bill Carlie read from Faith & Practice from the silence.

The agenda was reviewed and adjusted, as the administrative secretary was stuck in traffic.

In the absence of an executive committee clerk, Friends approve Bill Carlie as the acting clerk for this meeting.

Mike Shell reported for Jacksonville Quaker Meeting. Jacksonville Friends are still active, but after threshing and discernment they are letting go of the structure of monthly meeting. They have been meeting on the second Sunday of the month at a member's home in Neptune Beach. Three members of Jacksonville Meeting are now members of Gainesville Friends Meeting. There are four other recorded members who haven't decided to move their memberships or not. The worship group is not currently under the care of a monthly meeting. This will be discussed by Worship & Ministry tomorrow. Phoebe Anderson reminded Friends that SEYM needs the minute books and important papers for the archives.

Ed Lesnick raised the question of Golden Isles Worship Group, which was under the care of Jacksonville Meeting. There are two attenders at this worship group, but the convener is very interested in continuing the group and growing it. This too will be discussed by Worship & Ministry tomorrow.

Susan Wade gave the secretary's report. She thanked Bill & Vicki Carlie for their continuing assistance. She asked for feedback from supervisors. Committee clerks expressed appreciation for Susan's work. The report was accepted with gratitude.

Vicki Carlie spoke to an issue with the Child Abuse Prevention Program (CAPP). SEYM needs to maintain its pool of registered youth workers, which is becoming an issue as there is not currently a CAPP coordinator.

20WEC01 In order that the Child Abuse Prevention Program (CAPP) may continue to operate in the absence of a CAPP Coordinator, until a new Coordinator is named and approved:

- a. **The registrations of SEYM Youth Workers that are expiring this month shall be extended until the end of the 2020 YM Gathering.**
- b. **Mira Tanna, as Youth Committee Clerk, and Kody Hersh, as Youth & Young Adult Coordinator, may schedule and oversee the training sessions as needed.**
- c. **The Secretary will accept and process applications in advance of scheduled trainings.**
- d. **EC appoints Vicki Carlie to serve on the CAPP Review Committee in absence of a Coordinator, until the new Coordinator is approved.**

APPROVED

Stephanie-Preston Hughes reported for the Youth and Young Adult Coordinator Support Committee. Executive Committee received a letter from the committee. Stephanie read the letter and asked Friends to listen from a place of open spirit. Stephanie clarified what the letter was not about: it is not an attempt to shame people; not an invitation to play detective; and not a time to become over allied by going up to Kody individually this weekend. It is an opportunity to learn and grow.

20WEC02 Because we firmly hold our belief that there is that of God in each of us, SEYM Executive Committee calls on Monthly Meetings to become more actively affirming communities for transgender and gender non-conforming people by building relevant knowledge and skills among Friends. Meetings are requested to report back by the Winter Interim Business Meeting 2021. APPROVED

20WEC03 Executive Committee agrees that the SEYM website will be used as a resource to share educational resources and will highlight new material in the e-news. APPROVED

Ed Lesnick reported for Nominating Committee. He highlighted the vacancies listed in the Documents in Advance. Brian Olsen will be recommended at Program Coordinator for the 2021 Gathering. In addition to those opportunities listed there is a need for addition people for Publications Committee. We are looking to appoint a person who will become clerk. Phoebe Andersen spoke to the gifts that are needed. Ed made some updates to the roster. Other Friends made corrections. The complete roster will be presented tomorrow.

20WEC04 Executive Committee approved adding a position of Food Coordinator to Half Yearly Meeting Committee which will be filled by HYM Committee. APPROVED

Friends accepted the report as presented.

Bill Carlie reported for the Earthcare Committee. He particularly highlighted the permit application from Nestle to bottle water from two wells very near springs. Bill has prepared a letter which will be presented tomorrow. Hollyn Green introduced issues with clear cutting in the Southeastern US.

Joel Cook presented the treasurer's report. Donations from meetings and individuals are behind. Some meeting donations have been delayed because they were sent to the old address. Individuals need to be invited to donate to the Yearly Meeting.

Andrea Hoskins brought a concern about searching for a new location for SEYM Gathering. It will be brought to interim meeting tomorrow.

Phoebe Andersen reported for Archives. Archives has organized the SEYM papers back to 1963. She is halfway through indexing the papers. Every meeting still needs to copy at minimum its minutes and send the copies to Phoebe or Bill Rapp.

Phoebe Andersen reported for Publications. She has a plan to reduce the inventory of older publications. The report was accepted.

Ed Lesnick reported as the Membership Recorder. The deadline for submission of meeting rosters is MONDAY. He urged meetings to submit materials in a timely manner.

The minutes were approved with a small correction.

The meeting closed with worship.

Present: Neil Andersen (Tallahassee), Phoebe Andersen (Tallahassee), Jack Bradin (Palm Beach) Eleanor Caldwell (Palm Beach), Bill Carlie, acting clerk (Orlando), Vicki Carlie (Orlando), Bethany Carvano (Tallahassee), Joel Cook, treasurer (Palm Beach/Treasure Coast WG), Clara Diaz (Miami), Liz Dykes, recording clerk (Gainesville), Gary Evans (Orlando), Richard Frechette (Fort Myers), Hollyn Green (Savannah), Kody Hersh (Orlando), Andrea Hoskins (Miami), Warren Hoskins (Miami), Jerry Knutson (Orlando), Dianne Langan, bookkeeper (St. Petersburg), Chris Laning (Orlando), Jean Larson (Gainesville), Ed Lesnick (Orlando), Kay Lesnick (Orlando), Stephanie Preston-Hughes (Orlando), Peter Schmidt (Tampa), Mike Shell (Jacksonville/Gainesville), Mainus Sultan (Savannah), Mira Tanna (Orlando), Susan Taylor (Tallahassee), Nancy Triscritti (Tampa), Susan Wade, Administrative Secretary (St. Petersburg), Cecilia Yocum (Tampa)

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Dykes, recording clerk