

SUMMER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Southeastern Yearly Meeting

Sixth Month 14, 2014

The following people were present for the Summer EC Meeting: Ann Jerome, Executive Committee and IBM clerk (Orlando MM); Joel Cook, Assistant clerk (Palm Beach MM); Jan Dahm and Lisa Erasmus - SEYM co-recording clerks (Tampa MM); Vicki Carlie (Orlando MM); Bill Carlie (Orlando MM); Peter Crockett (St. Petersburg MM); Neil Andersen (Tallahassee MM); Phoebe Andersen (Tallahassee MM); Cecelia Yocum (Tampa MM); Dianne Langan (St. Petersburg MM); Peter Schmidt, (St. Petersburg MM); Davida Johns (St. Petersburg MM); Warren Hoskins (Miami MM); Andrea Hoskins (Miami MM); Nancy Fennell (Ft. Myers MM); Tom Fennell (Ft. Myers MM); Dustin Lemke (Tampa MM); Elaine Martin (Jacksonville MM); Caroline Lanker (Lake Wales WG); Karen Putney (Tampa MM); Gary Crosby (St. Petersburg MM); Sandy Lyon (Gainesville MM).

The following Friends expressed regrets that they would not be able to attend: Susan Taylor (Tallahassee MM); Nancy Triscritti (Tampa MM).

The meeting began with Open Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Tampa Meetinghouse, Tampa, Florida.

Ann Jerome, Executive Committee (EC) clerk, made opening remarks out of the silence.

Ann Jerome, EC clerk, went over the agenda. The agenda was approved with changes or corrections. An addition to the agenda is that EC as Personnel Committee will meet immediately following lunch. Other agenda items were revised.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Vicki Carlie (Orlando MM) reviewed highlights of the Secretary's Report (attached). It was noted that regarding dates for the calendar, there needs to be contact with committee clerks. There was a reminder of due dates for the State of the Meeting reports and other reports. There was a discussion of concerns with dates and a reminder that information regarding apportionments be distributed by 31 Fifth Month and this should be added to the calendar. Friends will review the calendar and send comments to Vicki Carlie by 31 Seventh Month. Friends discussed the idea of maintaining an online directory; several concerns were voiced as to the safety of such an enterprise. Clerk put forward the suggestion that this discussion be held over for final decision by the Yearly Meeting. Vicki will bring these concerns to the website committee for discernment and bringing information and options to the body at a future session. The Secretary proposed two issues needing discussion by EC: 1) Approval for the Secretary to proceed with engaging a host as approved by the Website Committee. 2) Approval for the Secretary to begin design of the website under the guidance of the Website Committee. Discussion included the recognition of the eventual closure of the old site and the migration of the information to the new site as well as financial considerations. This topic will be held over for further discussion at FIBM. The following minute was brought forward and approved by EC.

14SEC01 – Executive Committee of SEYM of the Religious Society of Friends approves the Secretary proceeding with the engagement of an additional host for the new website under the guidance and approval of the Website Committee.

The Secretary brought forward the proposal to hire a web design consultant to develop the new website. Concerns were voiced regarding the types of design, the migration of data, and budget concerns. The following minutes were brought forward and approved by EC.

14SEC02 – Executive Committee of SEYM of the Religious Society of Friends approves the Secretary to use a combination of a local design consultant (\$30-\$60/hour) and Amy Carlie (\$13/hour) to produce

the new website. The Secretary will find a local consultant for ongoing training and support who charges a lower hourly rate (\$15-\$30/hour). Since final costs are unknown until the project is completed, the Secretary will proceed using a budget based on a “not to exceed” number of \$3000.00 with the knowledge that if more funds were needed, the Secretary would bring it back to EC for further consideration.

GATHERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Peter Crockett, Gathering Committee Clerk (St. Petersburg MM) gave the Gathering Committee report. The 2015 Yearly Meeting Gathering will be 1-5 Fourth Month, 2015. The Walton Lecturer will be Nancy Irving – plenary speaker at FWCC.

CIRCUS MCGURKIS SPONSORSHIP

Phoebe Andersen (Tallahassee MM) gave a report on her research regarding the Circus McGurkis proposal to have SEYM carry the liability insurance. The City of St. Petersburg wanted SEYM to cover all city employees, maintenance, and police on site as well as on the day of the event. The insurance company used by SEYM (Guide 1) was uncomfortable with support of Circus due to its being a public event rather than a “church” event – thus creating an insurance cost of five times the amount previously paid. Phoebe brought forward the proposal that Circus McGurkis continue as it had last year, being sponsored by SEYM (a non-profit entity) while getting its own separate liability insurance policy. The following minute was brought forward and approved.

14SEC03 – Executive Committee of SEYM of the Religious Society of Friends approves the SEYM sponsorship of Circus McGurkis for 2014 with the understanding that Circus McGurkis will purchase an insurance policy naming SEYM as the principal insured.

QUAKER HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE

EC Clerk brought forward the request from YM business sessions to approve a representative from SEYM to Quaker House.

14SEC04 – Executive Committee of SEYM of the Religious Society of Friends approves the establishment of the position of an SEYM representative to Quaker House. Nominating Committee is requested to discern and bring forward a nominee for this position.

HAVANA WORSHIP GROUP

EC clerk brought forward the proposal from SEYM Worship and Ministry clerk, Nancy Triscritti, regarding the status of the Havana Worship Group. The body discerned that further movement on this concern needs to be held over until such time as more information is obtained and way forward opens.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

EC Clerk gave the Nominating Committee report (attached). The following minute was brought forward and approved by EC.

14SEC05 – Executive Committee of SEYM of the Religious Society of Friends approves the nomination of Bill Carlie (Orlando MM) for a three-year term as SEYM Membership Recorder in order that he may begin to serve in this position at the rise of Sixth Month EC meeting. His term will end in 2017. Final approval will be at FIBM, Tenth Month, 2014.

Concerns regarding a support committee will be held over for further discussion at FIBM based on needs discerned and request by Bill Carlie.

The meeting closed for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

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The Executive Committee as Personnel Committee convened at 1:15 p.m. for a brief meeting (minutes in separate document).

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The Executive Committee re-convened at 2:00 p.m.

Karen Putney (Tampa MM) made two announcements: 1) Tampa Monthly Meeting is very close to commencing work on the building of a new worship space. Letters will be sent to Monthly Meetings requesting financial help from Friends. Friends are also asked to hold Tampa MM in the Light. 2) A request was made to support FCNL in repealing the Authorization of Military Force (AUMF) Bill by making phone calls to representatives before 4th Day of next week when the bill is being voted on once again.

NAMING COMMITTEE

Clerk brought forward the need for Executive Committee to appoint a Naming Committee to nominate a Friend to fill the position on the Nominating Committee that is being left open when the present clerk, Susan Taylor, completes her term. Peter Schmidt (St. Petersburg MM) and Joel Cook (Palm Beach MM) volunteered to serve in this capacity with the remainder of the Naming Committee to be discerned in the fall.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Neil Anderson, Treasurer (Tallahassee MM) gave a general Treasurer's report (notes attached). Final totals are not yet available as some checks are still being processed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Clerk brought forward the question from YBM regarding the donations review process. Past practice has included open Finance Committee meetings with concerns and questions being brought forward from non-Finance Committee members; SEYM representatives to organizations were also sought out for information as regards the condition of the organization and sense of needs. Tallahassee MM charges Peace and Social Concerns Committee with the research of donations to organizations. Finance Committee provides the lump sum amount from the budget, Peace and Social Concerns Committee discerns the division of donations and tells Finance Committee for their dispersal of funds. Orlando MM coordinates with committees and the sense of the Meeting regarding donations. A concern was raised of using this process on the Yearly Meeting level and to instead have a stronger structure in relationship with SEYM representatives to organizations and their involvement. The proposal was brought forward to have a committee appointed that would meet once a year (ie. WIBM) to discern the Yearly Meeting's donations. Another proposal brought forward was to have better communication with SEYM representatives to organizations and the Finance Committee as regards budgetary needs. Peter Schmidt, Finance Committee clerk, will work with Vicki Carlie, Secretary, to communicate with SEYM representatives regarding donations.

PEACE & SOCIAL CONCERNS

Warren Hoskins, Peace and Social Concerns Committee clerk, gave the Peace and Social Concerns Committee Report. Friends were urged to address the growing expression of the U.S. to get involved militarily in Iraq. Information was brought forward regarding the global climate impact gathering in New York during Ninth Month 2014. Friends are asked to consider actions of involvement as they are led. The concern was raised regarding two people scheduled to be executed in the State of Florida. Another concern was brought forward regarding divesting

from companies that are involved in human rights issues against Palestinian people. The report was also given from the Historic Peace Churches meeting (attached).

PUBLICATIONS

Clerk brought forward the concern from the EC as Personnel Committee that a Publications Committee would need to be created again and with a wider charge. This will be further discerned at FIBM 2014. The former committee had determined the need to continue publishing the Michener and Walton lectures. Something for Friends to consider is: Does SEYM want general publishing or do they want to limit publications to the Michener and Walton lectures?

YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

The Youth Committee gave their report. Included in this report was information regarding representatives from the Youth Committee travelling to West Virginia for an immersion visit on Mountaintop Removal. There is also a trip planned to participate in 2014 FGC Gathering workshops. Members involved in some or all of these actions are: Kate Sundberg and Lis Sundberg (Sarasota MM), Addie Guenther (Jacksonville MM), Jocelyn Benton (Tampa MM), and others – 6 total youth and other adults. Financial help for these trips comes from SEYM and donations from individuals and Monthly Meetings. The proposal was brought forward regarding the need for the Youth Program to have a paid staff person. Youth Committee members and youth are open to this proposal “if they like the person.” This question will be held over for discussion at FIBM 2014 based on the creation of an ad hoc committee to develop a proposal to clarify needs and requirements for a paid youth staff person. Cece Yocum will be the convener of this ad hoc committee working with Karen Putney and youth committee representatives to be identified.

14SEC06 – Executive Committee of SEYM of the Religious Society of Friends appoints an ad hoc committee to investigate possible staffing needs for the Youth Program. Cece Yocum will convene this committee which will consist of Karen Putney and youth committee representatives to be identified. The committee will report to EC at FIBM 2014 or WIBM 2015.

THANKS

The following minute of appreciation was brought forward and approved by the Executive Committee:

14SEC07 - Executive Committee of SEYM of the Religious Society of Friends expresses heartfelt gratitude for the warm hospitality and generosity of spirit of Tampa Monthly Meeting.



Friends gathered in small groups to share on the following queries based on our 2014 Walton Lecturer, Brent Bill's, exercises, discussions, and queries around our vision of our future:

What is our vision for our Yearly Meeting? If it is a conduit for Love, how and where does it flow? How and where do we envision it flowing in the future? If it is a vessel to carry us forward together, where are its sturdiest parts? Where are the cracks that need our attention? As we look ahead, where are we called to go?

Friends brought their thoughts back to share in the large group.

The meeting closed after a period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Erazmus and Jan Dahm
SEYM Recording co-clerks

Secretary's Report ♦ June EC Meeting ♦ 6-14-14

Since I have now been on the job for a full year, I thought I would summarize the 'Highlights' of the past year, and look at what is on my plate for the coming year.

I also have some issues that require the discernment of the Executive Committee:

CALENDAR: Attached is a calendar for 2014/15. I ask for EC's review & discussion before I post it on the website.

WEBSITE: Attached is my report on the proposed new SEYM website.

- **I will be seeking further discernment from the Website Cte. on the details in the report.** It is presented here to show where I'm at, discern some issues, and **get approval for the Secretary to move forward on the design over the summer.**
- A goal is to present a complete design by September, gathering input from Website Cte. & EC along the way. It would be great to be able to launch the site right after FIBM in order to carry the HYM & Michener Lecture information, or to launch in time to carry & promote Gathering. The Secretary can continue to use the existing site for up to another year, so we shouldn't stress over it. The issue for me is that I have the most 'free' time over the summer to attend to the design and learn to use the new program. Other times of the year, I have no spare time at all.
- **ISSUES NEEDING EC DECISION ARE:**
 1. **Directory: whether to proceed at this time with putting the Directory online, or do more discernment on this issue, seeking agreement in YM as a whole.**
 2. **Approval for Secretary to proceed with engaging a host as approved by Website Cte.**
 3. **Approval for Secretary to begin design of the website, under guidance of Website Cte.**

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SECRETARY'S WORK

This Last Year:

- **Transition: big learning curve, some new systems.**
- **Setting up online registration system, forms.**

Looking forward to coming year:

- **New website: a tool for growing our communications & outreach both within & beyond SEYM. Developing communication lines for bringing more content to the website.**
- **Publications: finding ways to promote use & sales of our Faith & Practice and pamphlets.**
- **Improving the online registration forms to simplify data collection.**
- **Continue to try to organize the Secretary work to be do-able as a half-time position.**

Vicki Carlie, Secretary SEYM
6/13/14

SEYM ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR 2014/2015

Action/event *generic date* 2014/2015 DATE
EVENTS & DEADLINES uppercase bold;
Secretary work indented

JUNE

YM Fiscal Year begins June 1
YM SITE RESERVATION CONTRACT SIGNED AND 1ST PAYMENT DUE *upon receipt from Camp*
Reports for EC due in office & e-mailed out *before EC*..... June 7
Plan SEYM Calendar for the year ahead for EC approval
SUMMER EC MEETING *Saturday, mid-June*..... June 14
Summer EC minutes posted on website, mailed to MMs, WGs, Ctes. *Asap after EC*
Contact FIBM host Meeting

JULY

Reminder to HYM Cte. to begin work on HYM program & registration July 1
Call for FIBM DIAs sent out *6 weeks before deadline*..... July 14

AUGUST

FIBM DIAS DUE IN OFFICE *3 weeks prior to Sept. MMfB*..... Aug. 25
FIBM invitation/publicity flyer information finalized
FY 1st quarter ends Aug. 31

SEPTEMBER

HYM REGISTRATION FORM & FLYER INFORMATION DUE IN OFFICE..... Sep. 8
Formatting HYM online reg. form & flyer
FIBM DIAs sent out *1 week prior to Sept. MMfB*..... Sept. 8
HYM flyers mailed out Sep. 31

OCTOBER

Contact WIBM/ML Host Meeting Oct. 1
Guide One Insurance: look for policy, get check out *Payment due Nov. 1* October
EC MEETING Oct. 3
FALL INTERIM BUSINESS MEETING *1st Saturday in October* Oct. 4
HYM REGISTRATION BEGINS *7 weeks prior to HYM* October 9

NOVEMBER

Guide One Insurance policy renewal deadline..... Nov. 1
Reminders: YBM DIAs, State of Meeting reports, Mem. lists deadline Nov. 1
Reminder to Gathering Cte. of Registration & flyer information deadline..... Nov. 1
Budget requests due in to Finance Cte. Clerk per handbook..... Nov. 1
Call for WIBM DIAs *6 weeks prior to deadline*..... Nov. 10
Michener Lecture brochure information from W&M/speaker & OMM due..... Nov. 1
brochure & WIBM flyer formatted, take to printer Nov. 15
Snail mail packets to MMs/WGs *2 months before event* Nov. 18
HALF-YEARLY MEETING *Thanksgiving weekend Thur-Sun.* **Nov. 27-30**
FY 2nd quarter ends Nov. 30

DECEMBER

HYM payments to camp week after HYM, upon receipt of invoice.....Dec. 8
WIBM DIAs deadline 2 weeks before mailing.....Dec. 22
YM Gathering final flyer information due in to Secretary: 3 weeks before print dateDec. 15

JANUARY

YM WIBM DIAs mailed out to reach MMs for one MMfB prior to WIBM.Jan. 5
YM flyers to printerJan.5
YM Registration & Program information posted on websiteJan. 11

Reminder #2 re: State of Meeting reports due date: prior to Jan. MMFBs.....

Reports for EC due in & e-mailed out: 1 week before EC.....

YM Gathering Program & flyers to printer:Jan. 12

EC MeetingJan. 16

WIBM Saturday of MLK Holiday weekend (3rd Monday in Jan.)Jan. 17

State of Meeting Reports deadline WIBM
Membership lists deadline WIBM
YBM DIAs deadline WIBM
YM Flyers handed out

Michener Lecture & Seminars: Sunday of MLK weekendJan. 18

YM Gathering program & flyers mailed out: to be received 2 months before YM.....Jan. 21

YM GATHERING REGISTRATION BEGINS: at least 2 months before YM **Jan. 28**

FEBRUARY

YM DIAs sent out to reach MMs 2 MMFBs before YM Feb. 4
Meeting statistics due in to Finance Cte. (from Membership Recorder) per minute..... Feb. 28
FY 3rd quarter ends..... Feb. 28

MARCH

Directory completed Mar. 11
YM GATHERING REGISTRATION DEADLINE 3 weeks before Gathering **Mar. 11**
YM Gathering Registration data due in to Camp 2 weeks before YM, per LEC contract Mar. 18
Directory to printer 2 weeks before YM..... Mar. 18

APRIL

Remind Treasurer or Registered Agent of Corporate report filing deadline..... Apr. 1

YEARLY MEETING Wed. – Easter Sunday **Apr. 1-5**

After Yearly Meeting, as soon as possible:
YMB Minutes, news & photos posted to website; eNews
YMB Minutes & Directories mailed
Epistles sent out to other YMs & organizations

MAY

Corporation annual report to State of Florida due with revised officers, payment May 1

FY end of 4th quarter & Fiscal Year **May 31**

SEYM WEBSITE Report to EC 6/14/14

Note: Secretary seeking further discernment from Website Committee

A. ISSUES

Content Management System (CMS) SELECTION

Secretary recommends using a Wordpress CMS, rather than Drupal, for these reasons:

- **Larger community (much larger):** means more designers, developers, software, training, tutorials, local user groups. Larger community means greater support for the cms going into the future.
- **More user-friendly:** while both Drupal & Wordpress are user-friendly, Wordpress is more so in allowing non-technically skilled users to modify designs and generally do more. Wordpress was originally designed specifically for user-friendliness. Drupal was originally designed for use by technically skilled people.
- **Lower design & support costs:** All articles that Secretary has found that objectively compare the two say that Drupal will cost more for design and maintenance---up to twice as much.

BUDGET *estimates*

Start-up costs (design & training): *based on using Wordpress*

Basic Design w/10 pages (highest estimate)	\$ 1,200.00
Training (est. 4 hrs. @ \$60.00)	240.00
17 Additional pages @ \$15-30 per page	510.00
modifications	???
software allowance	100.00
total	2,050.00 → 2,500???

How it could cost more: lots of modifications at higher hourly rate.

How it could cost less: Less expensive Design Consultant for basic design. Amy Carlie has offered to do the additional pages, modifications work, migration of content work, archiving of existing site, and help train Secretary, at a rate of \$10/hr. A training goal is that Secretary becomes fully capable not only of editing content, but also of creating new pages, making design modifications. (Note: Amy knows Wordpress design, html coding, css. She has been our website editor for a year, editing in html code, knows where things are in the code of website.)

Proposal: Secretary will use a combination of a local design consultant (\$30 to \$60/hour) and Amy Carlie (\$10/hour) to produce website. Secretary will find a local consultant for ongoing training & support who charges a lower hourly rate (\$15-\$30/hr.).

Proposal: Since final costs are unknown until the project is completed, Secretary requests approval to proceed using a budget based on a 'not to exceed' number of

\$2,000.00. If additional funds are needed, Secretary will need to come back for further approval.

TIMELINE

1. Estimated costs, initial and ongoing; sources of funding
2. Budget & funding approval from YM
3. Program, Requirements checklist,; Approval to proceed
4. sketch of home page & types of pages
5. Engage Designer
6. Set up hosting account (Host approved by Website Committee)
7. Security protocol document
8. Preliminary Design
9. Administrator(s) and editors learn to use system
10. Review & feedback Process
11. Modifications, Final Design
12. Approval by Website Committee, EC
13. Security protocol testing
14. Domain migration
15. Public Launch

Other issues requiring decision

Online Directory: *Do we need to have the Directory pdf on the website?* How much do we use it? Sec'y. has received only 2-4 requests for the password this year. Steve Kinney writes: *"Password protection can keep the content of the YM Directory out of search engines and beyond the reach of spiders that harvest e-mail addresses for resale. But a password shared among several hundred users can be expected to leak, and the risk of unauthorized access by hostile actors may be unacceptable to some Friends....I would not do it without seeking unity in YM as a whole."*

Requirements checklist (see below)

Program (see below)

B. SEYM WEBSITE *Requirements checklist*

6/14/14

This list is still under discernment of the Website Committee.

Host: *host selection to approved by website committee*

General

- Not a re-seller
- Customer Service 24/7 via phone & live chat
- Mailboxes
- unlimited domains
- Good reputation, stability going into future
- Reasonable pricing---+/- \$300/year
- CMS installation & support
- Domain name registration service
- Green energy

Security

- Substantial track record
- 24/7 onsite technical staff
- Regular updates of security software
- Regular back-up of website, 24/7 service to restore website from back-up if hacked.
- SSL (encryption, "HTTPS protocol"-- Prevents passwords from being intercepted; also adequate protection for making online payments
- Unix-based OS, which includes Linux & Free BSD
- SFTP (secure file transfer protocol for uploading content, included by default in professional hosting services)

Design Consultant

- Professional expertise in CMS, security issues
- Strong portfolio, aesthetic compatible with Quaker website
- Avoid larger firms and those whose main interest is marketing, branding, etc.
- Small 'entrepreneur' firm or freelancer whose primary interest is website design
- Located in Orlando area
- Offers training, continuing support, yearly maintenance (updates)
- Interview for sensitivity to our needs, communication skills
- Reasonable price

Design

- Open Source CMS platform: Wordpress is favored by Sec'y. : ease of use; greater popularity means more software, local user groups, designers, continuance into future. Reputed to be less expensive in terms of design and hosting costs.
- Simplicity, aesthetic that fits SEYM

- Features of theme/template: Mobile friendly, columns, side bars, 'lightbox' gallery, slideshow & photogallery, calendar, contact form, 3 basic page types w/ flexibility for customizing pages, Archive system.
- Plug-ins/widgets: Google search, Google interactive maps, paypal, formstack, others...

Security

- Use templates, themes, plug-ins, widgets, etc. that have been checked for security 'holes' in their code
- Use themes/templates that are versatile enough to withstand updates, from a company that maintains & updates their themes. (avoid custom themes).
- Limit use of plug-ins, widgets, etc. to only those necessary.
- Security plug-ins
- Captchas or other spam-blocking tools for online forms that send messages to Administrator or others. (Contact forms, e.g.)
- Simple security process document outlining practices to be followed: *Avoiding redundant work, worry & expense is an important part of addressing security issues.*

Launch

General

- After approval of design by Website Cte., EC.

Security

- Before public launch, restore the whole installation from a current backup to test and document the backup/restore process

Usage

Security

- Limit number of users to one administrator & a few editors: (user = those who can post, upload, or edit content)
- No blogs
- Strong passwords. Use password generator, Diceware or equal.
- Passwords created & given by Administrator, delivered to users via phone or snail mail. Never re-use a password. Administrator must use different login passwords for hosting account, web server, and administrator roles.
- Administrator keeps log of all passwords
- Credit card information never stored on the site.
- Regular manual back-ups by Administrator
- Be vigilant in checking reports of software security breaches via Bugtraq or other system. Install patches immediately.
- Follow security document protocols
- Yearly Maintenance: professional update of versions of software & security audits

C. SEYM WEBSITE ♦ DESIGN PROGRAM

preliminary, sent to Website Cte. for discernment

Pages *(combine pages where possible)*

Home

Homepage

- Slideshow: 4 slides, changes monthly or quarterly, highlighting things like: Gathering, HYM, Queries, Find a Meeting, Faith in Action, Youth, etc.
- Latest News: headlines w/ blurbs & read more>>>
- Sidebar for quick navigation buttons to: Find a Meeting, Sign up for eNews, Donate, Publications, Calendar, etc.
- Bottom bar: Contact, log-in, Submissions, quick links, etc.

About Us

About SEYM

About Quakers, text with links to other Q. sites

Our Meetings & Worship Groups: interactive map, listings with links to websites & webpages

News & Events

News

Calendar of events, Events of the year briefly described

Gathering, w/photo gallery

HYM, w/photo gallery

Faith in Action

Peace & Social Concerns *(for now, will link to existing P&SC page on existing site)*

Earthcare

Quaker Peace Center(?)

(Other Committees as way opens)

Youth

News, photo gallery

About program, calendar of events, consent forms download,

CAPP

Organization

Personnel (plus Directory log-in if we have Directory online)

Business Documents Library; w/ Administrative calendar (scrolling type), Handbook, Manuals, Policies
(links to download pdfs)

Finance

Resources

Publications

Faith & Practice online

Workshops, Visitation

Other Resources for Meetings ???

Contact

Office; Contact forms to committees

Meeting & Worship Group Pages

All Meetings & Worship Groups would be invited to have a sub-domain/page on our new website. The design of the page could be customized. They could post content themselves (having editor permission for that page) or just send in content to the Secretary.

Alternately, a Meeting could have it's own domain & site on our host account---though it would have to be Wordpress. The cost of domain name would be paid by the Meeting.

The FGC Quaker Cloud hosts Meeting sites on a Drupal platform for minimal cost. (Ft. Myers, Tampa & Melbourne are on Quaker Cloud.)

Meetings currently on existing website would be allowed to stay there. However, since the existing site takes web design technical skills to edit, and Amy Carlie's availability will probably be limited to one more year, this will become problematic for Meetings that need Secretary's assistance to update. **I propose that if a Meeting needs the Secretary to tend to their page, they need to move to the new site; this is a free service, and Secretary has limitations.)**

Meetings on existing site:

- Lake Wales
- Palm Beach
- Melbourne
- St. Petersburg
- Tallahassee
- Treasure Coast
- Winter Park
- Quaker Peace Center

Submitted by
Vicki Carlie, Secretary
6-14-14

SEYM NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SIXTH MONTH 14, 2014

Susan Taylor, Committee Clerk, for the Committee

The SEYM Nominating Committee met by teleconference, sixth month 4, opening with worship. Committee Clerk, Susan Taylor (Tallahassee) welcomed all three new members: Cheryl Demers-Holton (Gainesville), Eduardo Diaz (Miami) and Andrea Hoskins (Miami).

Andrea Hoskins will represent the Nominating Committee at the sixth month EC meeting.

Our first priority was to fill the position of Membership Recorder. Part of our discernment included recognizing that there were several inaccuracies in the 2013-2014 **SEYM Directory**. We are aware that there could be many reasons for this, but it caused us to wonder if the Membership Recorder might need support in collecting all the necessary information. Would it help to have one or a few Friends (a committee?) that could assist in gathering information, including making phone calls to Meetings and Worship Groups as necessary. We bring our concern for the possible need for assistance for the Membership Recorder to the Executive Committee for further discernment.

The Committee united in asking Bill Carlie (Orlando) to be Membership Recorder for a three-year term, ending in 2017. Bill felt led to have his name brought forward for approval. Andrea Hoskins has offered to help him contact Friends as needed.

Because of the time sensitive nature for filling the position of Membership Recorder, the Nominating Committee recommends that Bill Carlie be approved as Membership Recorder for a three-year term ending in 2017, at the sixth month meeting of Executive Committee. Final approval will be at Fall Interim Business Meeting.

Suggested minute:

The Executive Committee approves the nomination of Bill Carlie (Orlando) for a three-year term as Southeastern Yearly Meeting Membership Recorder in order that he may begin to serve in this position at the rise of the sixth month Executive Committee meeting. His term will end in 2017. Final approval will be at Fall Interim Business Meeting, tenth month, 2014.

The Committee affirmed that though our priorities are to find Friends to fill terms that expire in 2015, we hold a broad view in our support for the future of SEYM and are also looking ahead for Friends to serve in positions that will become open at later dates.

We are seeking a Friend, or Friends, to be mentored this year by the current Gathering Co-Clerks in order that they will be able to step into the position of Gathering Clerk or Co-Clerks in 2015.

We continued our discernment on both the Treasurer's position and the one position open on Trustees.

We closed our meeting with worship, looking forward to meeting in person at Fall Interim Business Meeting.

Southeastern Yearly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends

Treasurer's Year-end Report for Fiscal Year 2013-14

for Executive Committee Meeting - June 14, 2014

The end-of-year review and verification of the accounts for SEYM and for the Trustees of SEYM is still underway at this time for the fiscal year which ended on May 31, 2014. Some income and expense items are still being received relevant to the Annual Sessions and Walton Lecture, as are some last-minute payments for the FY2013-14 Apportionment Requests.

The complete detailed report for the end of the Fiscal Year 2013-14, including the Balance Sheet and comparisons with the previous period, will be given at the 2014 Fall Interim Business Meeting.

To provide a "flavor-taste" of the expected year-end Net Income results, the following information is given:

- The General Fund will probably show a positive net income of approximately \$7,500 against the Approved Budget of zero net income. Some income and expense transactions are still pending.
- The Annual Gathering and Walton Lecture will probably show a positive net income of approximately \$3,500 against an expected net income of zero. Some income and expense transactions are still pending.
- The Michener Lecture will probably show a positive net income of approximately \$1,100 against an expected net income of zero. One expense transaction is still pending.
- The Half Yearly Meeting showed a positive net income of \$152.60 against an expected net income of zero. The accounts for the 2013 HYM are closed.
- The Publications Program will probably show a negative net income (i.e., a net expense) of approximately \$1,500, excluding the effect of unrealized capital gains/losses on the investment account. Some income and expense transactions are still pending. This is an improvement over the status at the end of the last Fiscal Quarter, which showed a net expense of \$3,045.
- The Programs for Youth will probably show a positive net income of approximately \$1,000. Some expense transactions are still pending.
- The Trustees of SEYM will probably show a positive net income of approximately \$1,800, excluding the effect of unrealized capital gains/losses on the investments held by Trustees. Some transactions are pending additional input and verification.
- The total net income of the Yearly Meeting and its Trustees will probably be approximately \$15,000, yielding a comparable increase in the combined Net Worth.

Neil H. Andersen, Treasurer

June 19, 2014 (from verbal report given at meeting on June 14, 2014)

UPDATE on HISTORIC PEACE CHURCHES for the SEYM EC meeting 6/14/2014 in Tampa
From Warren Hoskins, SEYM representative to the Historic Peace Churches

Tom Guelcher has stepped in to chair the HPC coordinating committee, with Phil Lersch continuing to offer strong support and outreach. Tom has sent the coordinating committee several proposals for the Historic Peace Churches in Florida to work on.

Meanwhile we use e-mail and social media to keep in touch and to bring concerns to the wider HPC contacts. Phil Lersch e-mailed the following to our contacts last month:

TO: Historic Peace Churches in Florida (Quakers, Mennonites, Church of the Brethren)
ABOUT: Climate Change being a pro-life issue.

INTRODUCTION:

Warren Hoskins, active member of the Historic Peace Churches COORDINATING COMMITTEE here in Florida, has provided information about a Climate Change issue -- as described below. **Tom Guelcher**, current Chair of the Coordinating Committee, agrees that it is a issue that deserves our attention -- which has led to providing you with the following information, and the encouragement to contact Governor Scott's office in Tallahassee.

After reading the introductory information below, please click on the lengthy website address given. Once you do that, you are encouraged to overlook the large volume of extraneous information there and focus on the article about Governor Scott being "lobbied by Evangelical Christians to accept Climate Change as a pro-life issue" -- deserving of our action. **Be sure to click on the words "petition link here" -- and follow through with the action suggested!** Thank you very much. (Phil Lersch)

"Rev. Mitch Hescox, president of the Evangelical Environmental Network (EEN), is leading the group's campaign for Governor Scott to recognize climate change as a major threat in Florida. EEN is collecting signatures for a petition asking Gov. Scott to create a plan for climate change, one which so far has garnered about 12,000 signatures. Hescox told ThinkProgress that EEN chose to focus on Florida because of its vulnerability to climate change — Floridians, especially in the Southeast region of the state, are already struggling to adapt to rising seas that lead to sunny-day flooding and stronger storm surges."

"We wanted to help the evangelical church understand in Florida that climate change is not a liberal issue or any issue other than a people issue," he said.

For more information, and to take action, click on this website:

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2014/05/21/1300884/--FL-Gov-Scott-lobbied-by-Evangelical-Christians-to-accept-climate-change-as-pro-life-issue>

Thank you very much!
Warren Hoskins

This month 6/2014, Phil circulated this also:

TO: HISTORIC PEACE CHURCHES in Florida

HELLO -- Quakers/Friends, Mennonites, and Church of the Brethren

I think you Historic Peace Churches people "in Florida" will find this "saga" interesting and rewarding. For example, I read the report below by Samantha Carwile in our **Church of the Brethren** "Messenger" magazine for April, 2014. She (as you will learn below) was writing about her two years of service as a BVS (Brethren Volunteer Service) worker at a family center in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Then recently I received a copy of this article below via an email from **KAREN PUTNEY**, a **Quaker** who lives in Tampa (and has served several years as the Chair of our Witnessing To Lawmakers Subgroup). She saw the story when it was reprinted in a **Mennonite Church** publication. And, lo and behold, it all took place at the **Quaker Cottage**, a ministry of that group in Ireland. "Small world, as the saying goes!"

Let's be thankful for the Quaker Cottage ministry and for Samantha's willingness to serve the Lord at that location as a BVSer -- and for Karen's part in pulling this report all together for us. (Phil Lersch)

Article in a **Mennonite** publication about a **Brethren** volunteer in service at **Quaker** Cottage in Belfast.

<http://www.thirdway.com/peace/?Page=7986|Peace+lessons+through+service>

An HPC coordinating committee meeting is being scheduled for 8th Month 2014, in Fort Myers, FL, which I expect to attend. The next Florida gathering of the Historic Peace Churches will be planned for 1st Month 2015.

--Warren Hoskins