

Southeastern Yearly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends

Yearly Business Meeting 2024

27 to 31 Third Month 2024

NUMBERED MINUTES

- 24YBM01** Funds in the amount of \$700.00 can be transferred from the Contingency Fund to the International Worship Group Support Fund.
Approved.
- 24YBM02** The 2023-2024 Executive Committee and Interim Business Meeting Minutes were approved as published in the Documents in Advance.
Approved.
- 24YBM03** Yearly Meeting adopts the Statement on Conflict in Israel-Palestine, submitted by Tallahassee Monthly Meeting, and the Minute on Reproductive Rights, submitted by Saint Petersburg Monthly Meeting, and directs that the statements be incorporated in the Minutes, and be published as widely as possible.
Approved.
- 24YBM04** Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves a \$500.00 donation to the *California Heritage: Indigenous Research Program (CHIRP)*, the nonprofit raising funds to purchase the Sierra Friends Center in order to return to the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe, their ancestral land, Yulica. We encourage individual Friends, Meetings, and Worship Groups to donate also as led. We are grateful to the Santa Cruz Friends Meeting for alerting Quakers to this opportunity to help redress inhumane wrongs done to the Tribe by the state and federal governments from which Quakers were among the beneficiaries. We will inform the clerks of Santa Cruz Friends Meeting, Hans Brinker and Nancy Wood, of our donation.
Approved.
- 24YBM05** Southeastern Yearly Meeting will employ a Youth and Young Adult Coordinator under the terms outlined in the committee's amended report.
Approved.
- 24YBM06** To support the efforts of New England Yearly Meeting and Southeastern Yearly Meeting, SEYM approves a donation of \$1,000.00 to Friends Peace Teams, Peacebuilding *en Las Americas* to bring Alternatives to Violence Project training to Friends in Cuba. The funds should be sent immediately, without waiting for supporting contributions.
Approved.

- 24YBM07** Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, deeply appreciates the faithful, Spirit-led ministry of Lisa Erasmus and Jan Dahm in crafting the Quotes and Queries for the worship sharing sessions during our Gathering.
- For many of us, the opportunity each morning to gather and share from the Spirit is an elemental part of our yearly meeting gathering experience. The inspirational readings and queries provided by Lisa and Jan help us center in that experience.
- Approved.**
- 24YBM08** SEYM expresses deep gratitude for the 27 years of faithful service given by Karen Putney in her work as our Representative to Friends Committee on National Legislation. Over the years, she brought us pertinent information, engaged young Friends in lobbying, and helped meetings learn how to speak with legislators. Most of all, she consistently modeled a steadfast presence as a Friend in a public witness for peace.
- Approved.**
- 24YBM09** SEYM expresses its deep gratitude to Ed Lesnick for his long, faithful, and diligent service as clerk of the Nominating Committee.
- Approved.**
- 24YBM10** Southeastern Yearly Meeting is grateful for the hospitality and care shown by Dayspring Conference Center during our 2024 gathering. The peaceful outdoor setting was very welcoming, and indoor spaces allowed for enjoyable learning, worship, and fun. The guest services staff were of outstanding help in their technical support. The housekeeping and food staff also contributed greatly to our experience at this Gathering.
- Approved.**
- 24YBM11** Kathy Hersh expressed gratitude to the Yearly Meeting for their attendance and support for the recent wedding of her son, Kody, at Wekiva State Park. Kody is a “son” of this Yearly Meeting.
- Approved.**
- 24YBM12** Southeastern Yearly Meeting appreciates the extra effort given by Susan Wade to ensure so much of what Friends need for our gathering is organized and clearly communicated, especially with the shorter time frame this year. The thoughtfulness she shares so freely is a huge gift.
- Approved.**
- 24YBM13** Southeastern Yearly Meeting is deeply grateful for the work of Vicki Carlie and Liz Dykes, co-clerks, and all the Gathering Committee in preparing our 2024

Gathering. Coordinating all things spiritual, business, and fun, for a variety of ages can be exhausting and daunting, and it is a true blessing to experience what they have created. We also appreciate the work of Andrea Hoskins, our long-time Registrar, who always makes sure everyone has a safe place to land.

Approved