

# Southeastern Yearly Meeting

*of the Religious Society of Friends*

## Summer Executive Committee Meeting

31 Eighth Month 2024

### MINUTES

Clerk Bill Carlie opened the meeting from the silence at the appointed hour with the following quote:

Community is a place where the connections felt in the heart make themselves known in the bonds between people, and where the tuggings and pullings of those bonds keep opening our hearts.

*Parker Palmer 1977*  
*SEYM Faith and Practice, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed., p 82*

Bill reminded Friends that the singular purpose of today's meeting was to consider the request of DeLand Worship Group to become a monthly meeting affiliated with Southeastern Yearly Meeting. Prior to the meeting, both the request and a letter support the worship group from Orlando Friends Meeting, its caring meeting, were circulated.

Friends heartily approved the request, noting with joy the seasoned Friends who were and are a part of DeLand Worship Group, as well as the spirit led work of the group.

**24SpCYM 01** Southeastern Yearly Meeting Friends, in consideration of the number of Seasoned Friends in DeLand Worship Group who contribute their time and leadership skills to the life of our community, and in recognition of the vital work DeLand Worship Group has taken on that Testifies to Quaker values within their community and more broadly, SEYM Friends unite to recognize and warmly welcome Friends worshipping as DeLand Worship Group as a Monthly Meeting affiliated with Southeastern Yearly Meeting.

**APPROVED**

Following approval, Friends introduced themselves and welcomed DeLand Friends as SEYM's newest monthly meeting with much joy and excitement.

Friends closed with worship.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Dykes  
Recording Clerk