

Southeastern Yearly Meeting  
of the Religious Society of Friends  
Winter Executive Committee Meeting  
24 First Month 2025

MINUTES

Southeastern Yearly Meeting's Winter Executive Committee Meeting opened from silent worship at 7:10 p.m. by Clerk William Carlie with the following quote:

The Quaker Meeting is meant to be a blessed community - a living testimony to a social order that embodies God's peace, justice, compassion, and joy, and is an example and an invitation to a better way of life. Like our other testimonies, community can be a prophetic call to the rest of society.

SEYM Faith and Practice, p. 76

**Clerk's Revised Call for Discernment**

The Clerk began with his Revised Call for Discernment (attached). He read the questions posed at the end of that document.

He suggested that those questions should be addressed before the new proposed minute submitted by the *ad hoc* Quaker Call Committee. Since the specific project outlined in the 24FIBM04 and 24FIBM05 was not going to proceed, he believed the project funds ought first to be returned to the funds managed by the Trustees. Only after that issue was resolved, the minute proposed by the *ad hoc* Quaker Call Committee could be considered.

The Clerk suggested that the Winter Executive Committee (WEC) should first recommend to Winter Interim Business Meeting (WIBM) that the two referenced minutes be laid down and that WEC should also recommend that WIBM lay down any further discernment on joining the proposed covenant between Fort Myers Monthly Meeting and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Myers. Phoebe spoke in support of that recommendation.

John Palozzi, Interim Clerk of the *ad hoc* Quaker Call Committee, expressed unity with laying down the referenced minutes and any further discernment on joining that proposed covenant. The *ad hoc* Quaker Committee agrees that it needs to change direction.

Mercedes Soca suggested that WIBM keep a place for donations should others wish to make donations to a Quaker School. The Clerk stated that Yearly Business Meeting (YBM) could set up a separate fund to receive donations for that purpose.

**25WEC01** Winter Executive Committee recommends that Winter Interim Business Meeting lay down Minutes 24FIBM04 and 24FIBM0 and any further discernment on the proposed covenant between Southeastern Yearly Meeting (SEYM), Fort Myers Monthly Meeting, and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Myers.

**Approved.**

John Palozzi, acting Clerk of The *ad hoc* Quaker Call Committee, agrees that its work is done and that it should be laid down. At WIBM that committee will propose the creation of a new standing committee with sufficient funds to hire a consultant to assist it in moving forward on a project to build a Quaker School in Florida. John Palozzi and Gail Stallings recommended keeping the *ad hoc* Quaker Committee active until YBM.

**25WEC02** Winter Executive Committee recommends that the issues brought forward by the *ad hoc* Quaker Call Committee be forwarded to Yearly Business Meeting.

**Approved**

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Brian Olson reported that they were looking for replacements for Yearly Meeting Recording Clerk, two vacancies on the Finance Committee, a Clerk in Training as well as additional volunteers for the Gathering Committee. They also need representatives for QUNO and QEW and, possibly, Quaker House.

Report accepted.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer referred attendees to his report in Document In Advance (attached).

### **Ad hoc Organizational Documents Committee**

Daniel Vaughn reported that the SEYM Committee on Organizational Documents had been working weekly on Zoom, for two hours each week. He asked those who had been sent drafts of the section pertaining to Officers in the Operations Handbook to review the drafts and respond to their request for comments and suggestions. Phoebe asked that responses to all drafts be provided as soon as possible after receipt, in order not to impede the work the Committee.

Report accepted.

### **Administrative Secretary's Report**

Susan Wade, YM Admin Secretary, reported that she and Ed Lesnick have been working on the Directory. That work is progressing. The deadline for submitting member and attender lists and meeting information corrections from the monthly meetings and worship groups to SEYM Membership Recorder, is January 31.

The information is required to keep the SEYM Directory accurate and to provide a basis for the Apportionments calculation. Please check the existing Directory and provide corrections immediately. She offered to re-send the requests for this information, if needed.

She reminded WEC that the Spiritual State of the Meeting Reports are due February 28.

She also requested that Friends contact Wendy Clarissa Geiger to let her know that we care about her. Jan Dahm, Co-Clerk of the Worship and Ministry Committee (W&M), reported that the W&M Committee have been sending cards and have spoken to Wendy by phone and asked that we keep her in our prayers.

Report accepted.

### **Gathering Committee Report**

Vicki Carlie reported that the 2025 Gathering page with information is up on [SEYMquakers.org](https://seymquakers.org).

Report accepted.

### **Field Secretary for Earthcare Report**

Beverly Ward referred to her [report](#) and said that she will shortly be sending out more information. President Trump's Executive Orders are generating lots of good work and good opportunities for creating "necessary trouble". Watch for further emails with additional requests.

Report accepted.

### **Trustees' Report**

Neil Andersen, Clerk of Trustees, said there was no report other than that, so far, our investments have not been negatively affected by the current political situation. There were no questions.

Report accepted.

### **Youth and Young Adult Coordinator's Report**

Rachel Dellinger reported that the YYAC Report was included in the DIAs (attached) and added that Gavin Shepard will represent SEYM at the Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas, meeting in Arizona.

Rachel also asked to be notified about any graduating seniors in SEYM, in order that they might be recognized at Yearly Meeting.

**Report accepted.**

### **Worship and Ministry Report**

Lisa Erasmus that the Worship and Ministry report was included in the DIAs (attached) and there were no further additions to the report.

**Report accepted.**

### **Committee on Ministry for Racism**

There was no report from the COMR. The clerk announced that the committee's request for a place on the agenda for the 2025 Gathering has been forwarded to the Gathering Committee.

**Report accepted.**

There were no Reports from any representatives to organizations.

### **Public Comments by the Yearly Meeting**

The Clerk anticipates that the Yearly Meeting from time to time may want to comment publicly on current events. According to SEYM Faith and Practice the Clerk is the Yearly Meeting's designated spokesperson when Yearly Business Meeting is not in session. The Clerk would like to minute a process by which any proposed comment could be forwarded to the Clerk who would then distribute the proposed comment to the Executive Committee. The EC would meet to discuss and discern an appropriate statement for publication.

**25WEC03** Winter Executive Committee recommends to Winter Interim Business Meeting that if a monthly meeting, worship group, or yearly meeting committee, wishes to draft a public statement on behalf of Southeastern Yearly Meeting, the monthly meeting, worship group, or YM committee, should send a well-seasoned draft of the proposed statement to the Yearly Meeting (YM) Clerk. The YM Clerk will then distribute that draft to the Executive Committee (EC) for discussion and discernment, calling a meeting of the EC if necessary, to reach unity on an appropriate statement for publication.

**Approved**

The meeting closed with silent worship at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Vaughn, Assistant Recording Clerk

# Yearly Meeting Clerk's Revised Call for Discernment

## SEYM Winter Interim Business Meeting

25 January 2025

On November 11, 2024, the Yearly Meeting (YM) clerk sent out a call for Discernment over entry into a covenant between Fort Myers Monthly Meeting, the Unitarian Universalist (UU) Congregation of Fort Myers and SEYM to open "Watershed Friends School" on the campus of the UU Congregation of Fort Myers near the site where the Meetinghouse of Fort Myers Monthly Meeting has been proposed to be constructed.

At Fall Interim Business Meeting (FIBM), the following Minutes were approved related to this proposal:

**24FIBM04** Friends authorize the creation of a new accounting fund for the purpose of supporting the establishment of an independent Quaker School at Fort Myers, Florida, as described in the Covenant between Fort Myers Monthly Meeting and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Myers. The fund is authorized to receive donations from Southeastern Yearly Meeting, individuals, monthly meetings, and/or outside organizations. Distribution of those funds will be made upon approval of, and direction by, the SEYM Executive Committee, or its designees.

**APPROVED**

**24FIBM05** Friends authorize the Trustees to transfer to the new accounting fund the amount of \$15,000 from the unrestricted funds managed by the Trustees. **APPROVED**

In response to a proposed contract forwarded by the *ad hoc* Quaker Call Committee, a called Executive Committee Meeting was convened on November 24, 2024, to discern way forward with this proposed contract. During the course of that discernment, it was reported by representatives of Fort Myers Monthly Meeting that the "Watershed Friends School" proposed in the covenant will not proceed as the facilities on the UU campus are no longer available to the project.

In that the accounting fund and the \$15,000.00 to be transferred into that fund were specifically premised to be in support of the "Watershed Friends School" project to be established on the UU Congregation of Fort Myers Campus as detailed in the proposed Covenant, and with the news that this school will no longer be opened, the clerk laid the matter aside, and with the approval of Friends closed the Called Executive Committee Meeting (Minutes Attached).

The *ad hoc* Quaker Call Committee, through its clerk, has requested further discernment on this matter and the proposed contract and Covenant.

As YM clerk, I feel that the questions for discernment have changed in light of recent events. I would offer a few observations and revised queries:

Observations from FIBM and Fall Executive Committee (FEC) Meetings

- The sense of both FEC and the body gathered at FIBM was clear that Friends support and hold in high regard Friends Schools and their mission.
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- There was no unity at either FIBM or FEC on SEYM committing as a partner in the formation of a Friends School.
- There is no current viable proposal to open a Friends School in SEYM from any constituent Monthly Meeting and no such proposal is expected at this time.
- The proposed consulting contract brought to Executive Committee was to assist the *ad hoc* Quaker Call Committee (QCC) to develop the plans, corporate structure, and promotional materials for a hypothetical Friends School that may or may not be opened at some future date at no named location.
- The proposed consulting contract had included fees of \$15,000.00.
- The QCC has no budget to fund the proposed consulting contract. At the called Executive Committee Meeting, the QCC was apparently proposing to repurpose the donation from SEYM Trustees made for the specific support of the once proposed “Watershed Friends School” to fund this more generic purpose.
- This proposed repurposing of the accounting fund and donated funds was inconsistent with the Sense of the Meeting that approved the Minutes of FIBM to set up this funding. Given the lack of clarity over the appropriate use of these funds in the absence of a viable proposal to open the “Watershed Friends School”, and that there being no pressing need to meet the academic calendar to open this school, the Queries
- Should SEYM promote and seek to actively partner with a Monthly Meeting or other similar partnership to open a Friends School that would be in some manner under the care of SEYM?
- Should SEYM maintain its role as described in Faith and Practice of offering Spiritual and occasional financial support to its constituent Monthly Meetings when requests for such support are received and Friends are in unity?
- Should Minutes 24FIBM04 and 24FIBM05 be laid down and any funds transferred under 24FIBM05 be transferred back to the Trustees for management given the new understanding that the proposed Friends School described in the covenant will not proceed?
- Entry into the proposed Covenant between Fort Myers Monthly Meeting, the UU Congregation of Fort Myers and SEYM was distributed for Meeting discernment. In that we now understand that Fort Myers Monthly Meeting and the UU Congregation of Fort Myers are no longer working to open the proposed Friends School, should all further discernment on this Covenant be laid down?

#### Scheduling:

Under the normal order of business, a budget request by any Yearly Meeting Committee for this size of expenditure should be brought to Winter Interim Business Meeting, before the body, for discernment. If

approved, it may then be forwarded to the Finance Committee for their use in preparing the budget for 25/26. This will allow the proposal to be reviewed by the Yearly Business Meeting in context with the other Yearly Meeting programs. Faith and Practice specifically reserves approval of the budget to Yearly Business Meeting.

Discernment of the proposed covenant, if not laid down at WIBM, would be a decision that could have implications on future budgets and Yearly Meeting programs or resources for years to come. Consistent with Faith and Practice, decisions of this magnitude are reserved to Yearly Business Meeting.

Winter Interim Business Meeting will be held on January 25, 2025.

Yearly Meeting will be held April 16-20, 2025

Faithfully submitted for your discernment,  
William Carlie, clerk

# Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

## Specially Called Executive Committee Meeting 24 Eleventh Month 2024

### MINUTES

Interim Business Meeting clerk, Bil Carlie, welcomed Friends and opened the meeting from the silence with the following quote:

For Friends the most important consideration is not the right action, but a right inward state out of which right action will arise. Given the right inward state, right action is inevitable. Inward state and outward action are parts of a single whole.

Howard Brinton 1943

The only item on the agenda tonight is from the *ad hoc* Quaker Call Committee for approval of a contract with SEYM for a start up coordinator.

Bill summarized the actions to date. At the Fall Interim Business Meeting, we approved providing an accounting fund to accept donations for and an SEYM donation of seed money to a proposal from Fort Myers Monthly Meeting and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Fort Myers to establish an independent Friends school in Fort Myers (Watershed Friends School).

We are now requested by the Ad-Hoc Quaker Call Committee to approve a contract with Benjamin Collins, a start up coordinator, to study the feasibility of the school and create organizational structures to support it. The contract and other documents were circulated. Questions were asked about the scope of the contract and the reasoning for SEYM being the contracting entity.

Dan Vaughn explained that the funds that were approved at FIBM would be used for this consultant. Friends had other questions about the relationship between SEYM and the school project, as well questions about scope of work of the consultant.

Friends raised questions about process. SEYM at Fall Interim Business Meeting did not agree to enter into the covenant for the project. The yearly meeting clerk did send materials to all monthly meeting clerks for discussion in monthly meetings but only two weeks ago. It was clear from FIBM that there is a lot of interest in the idea of a Friends School. The question remained over what role SEYM should adopt in such a project.

The proposed consulting contract would put no further obligation on SEYM. The *ad hoc* Quaker Call Committee is not a legal entity. Fort Myers Monthly Meeting (FMMM) could legally sign the contract and SEYM can simply transfer the funds to FMMM. Joel Cook, treasurer, said that we can sign the contract as the financial supporter, but we are not the entity with which the consultant should contract.

We are still in discernment. We are still gathering information. Tonight, we are determining a path forward that doesn't outrun our process.

Over an hour into the meeting, a Friend reported that the dream of the Watershed Friends School in Fort Myers seems to have run into some stops and that it is not moving forward at this time. It was reported that the space for the proposed school on the Fort Myers UU campus has been leased to another school. However, some Friends still a desire to research the possibility of Friends education in Florida. The clerk of the Quaker Call Committee reports that the covenant between Fort Myers Monthly Meeting and the UU Congregation of Fort Myers is still in place.

After further discussion, the clerk suggested that we lay this matter aside for this evening. In that the actions taken at FIBM were in support of a specific proposed project that will not proceed at this time. Further the called EC meeting was premised on the need for immediate action to move forward with this specific project that apparently will no longer proceed. Given this understanding, there is no reason that this matter cannot return to the normal order of business at this time. This return to normal order will allow time for a more fulsome discernment and presentation of matters at Yearly Business Meeting. The *ad hoc* Quaker Call Committee can bring forward a request for a budget to fund consultation, or other business, to Winter Interim Business Meeting. Under the normal order of business, matters related to the budget are prepared at Winter Interim Business Meeting for inclusion in the Documents in Advance for Yearly Business Meeting where all matters of the budget are discerned. Friends agreed to lay this matter aside.

Friends closed with silent worship and in gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Dykes, Recording Clerk

Participants:

<b>Clearwater Monthly Meeting</b> Eileen Zingaro	<b>Gainesville Monthly Meeting</b> Liz Dykes Jean Larson	<b>Palm Beach Monthly Meeting</b> John Palozzi
<b>Deland Friends Meeting</b> Ed Chew Cheryl Demers-Holton Carl Hersh Dan Vaughen Beverly Ward	<b>Quaker Meeting of Melbourne</b> Hope Ascher	<b>Saint Petersburg Quakers</b> Bill Carlie Susan Wade
<b>Fort Lauderdale Monthly Meeting</b> Brian Humphrey	<b>Miami Monthly Meeting</b> Brian Olson Brad Stocker	<b>Sarasota Monthly Meeting</b> Eva Hersh
<b>Fort Myers Monthly Meeting</b> Suzanne Frechette	<b>Orlando Monthly Meeting</b> Rachel Dellinger Ed Lesnick	<b>Tallahassee Monthly Meeting</b> Neil Andersen Phoebe Andersen
<b>Jacksonville Worship Group</b> Dan McLoughlin	<b>Others in attendance:</b> Marcia Carlson Benjamin Collins (Consultant) Bill Petrarca (UU Church of Fort Myers)	<b>Tampa Monthly Meeting</b> Jan Dahm Lisa Erazmus
		<b>Treasure Coast Worship Group</b> Joel Cook (Palm Beach MM) Amy Richards



Dear SEYM Friends:

A proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 is attached. Each line compares both the current and the proposed budgets. This is being provided to monthly meetings and worship groups in order to allow all interested parties to review, comment, and make suggestions before the budget is presented for approval at the 2025 Annual Gathering.

The Finance Committee requests specific consideration and comments regarding Category 5000 - Donations to Organizations. These amounts have largely been carried forward without change for several years.

SEYM wishes to express its alignment with and support of the objectives of each of the organizations to which donations have historically been made. The amounts allocated, however, may add little to the work of the organization.

The total of-donations is about 5.5% of the SEYM budget. Increases or decreases in that amount would result in a proportional increase or decrease in the apportionments.

Another duty assigned to the Finance Committee is to present the: “overall financial health of the YM and projections for the future.” Accordingly, between now and the 2025 Annual Gathering, the Finance Committee is asking monthly meetings and worship groups, -SEYM officers and clerks of committees, to aid us by sharing their own assessment of SEYM’s financial health and projections for the future.

Review the proposed budgeted amounts for each committee. Does your committee need more resources? What resources would be most helpful to make your committee its most effective? Let your committee be bold and creative in its discernment of how it might increase projects and programs, and more effectively reach out to the world, which desperately needs Quakers today. (For suggestions, see the January issue of Friends Journal <https://www.friendsjournal.org>)

When we receive specific estimates of funding needs, we can make specific recommendations to SEYM about how best to meet those needs as it considers its 2025-2026 Annual Budget.

We are hoping for a continuing dialog between the SEYM Finance Committee and all interested parties, between now and the Annual Gathering, in order that we may address as many issues and ideas as possible before the YBM plenary sessions. Please contact any member of the Committee to participate. The Committee members are:

Neil Andersen, Clerk of Trustees

Joel Cook, SEYM Treasurer

Shawna Doran, Gainesville MM

Amanda Farrar, St. Augustine WG

Carl Hersh, DeLand Quaker Meeting

Lewis Kirvan, Gainesville MM

Dianna Langan, St. Petersburg MM/St. Augustine WG

Daniel Vaughen, Clerk, Finance Committee. DeLand QM.

Southeastern Yearly Meeting  
Proposed Budget for  
Fiscal Year 2025 to 2026  
June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026

12/20/2024

Cash Basis

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Budget</u>
	<u>FY 2024-2025</u>	<u>FY 2025-2026</u>
Income		
2000 · Income		
2001 · Donations		
2002 · Indivd.Donations-Classes	4,000.00	4,000.00
2003 · Meeting Donations - Apportionements	104,150.00	108,052.00
Total 2001 · Donations	108,150.00	112,052.00
2200 · Investment Earnings		
2203 · Savings Account Interest	5.00	3.00
Total 2000 · Income	108,155.00	112,055.00
2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes		
2712 · Michener Lect. to GF/insurance	210.00	210.00
2732 · Gath/Walton to GF/insurance	1,200.00	1,200.00
2752 · HYM to GF/insurance	590.00	590.00
2815 · for Bertsche Outreach Travel	2,500.00	2,500.00
2820 · for Staff Salary	5,500.00	5,500.00
Total 2804 · from Trustee's Funds	8,000.00	8,000.00
Total 2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total Income	118,155.00	122,055.00
Expense		
3000 · Operating Costs		
3001 · Bank Service Charges	360.00	0.00
3002 · PayPal service fee	100.00	75.00
3080 · Duplication	1,500.00	1,000.00
3106 · Liability Insurance	2,000.00	2,000.00
3107 · Youth Worker CAP Certification	200.00	200.00
3146 · Non-Profit Corporation Fee	65.00	65.00
3200 · Office Supplies	800.00	600.00
3270 · Payroll Expenses	73,500.00	75,705.00
3272 · Employer Payroll Taxes	4,800.00	7,500.00
3380 · Postage/Shipping	400.00	300.00
3381 · Post Office Box rental	300.00	350.00
3400 · Office Equipment	400.00	200.00
Total 3500 · Professional Fees	740.00	1,400.00
Total 3640 · Rent warehouse/office	2,480.00	3,140.00
3700 · Repairs		
3740 · Computer Repairs	250.00	200.00
3816 · Software	2,600.00	2,000.00
3840 · Telephone & Inet access	1,600.00	1,600.00
3860 · Travel Administrative	1,000.00	2,000.00
Total 3900 · Website	560.00	700.00
Total 3000 · Operating Costs	93,655.00	99,035.00

4000 · Committees Operating Expenses		
4309 · Archives	100.00	50.00
4329 · EC and IBM	100.00	50.00
4339 · Faith and Practice	25.00	10.00
4349 · Finance	25.00	50.00
4359 · Nominating	25.00	10.00
4369 · Peace and Social Concerns	450.00	50.00
4389 · Youth Committee	25.00	10.00
4399 · Worship and Ministry	2,300.00	2,300.00
4429 · Earthcare	25.00	10.00
4449 · Publications	25.00	10.00
4469 · Racism, Ministry on	25.00	10.00
4479 · SEYM Retirement Committee	0.00	0.00
4489 · Young Adult Quakers	25.00	10.00
Total 4000 · Committees Operating Expenses	<u>3,150.00</u>	<u>2,570.00</u>
5000 · Donations to Organizations		
5007 · AFSC	200.00	200.00
5018 · Earlham School of Religion	100.00	100.00
5027 · FCNL	1,000.00	1,000.00
5028 · QEW (FCUN)	200.00	200.00
5030 · FLGBTQC	100.00	100.00
5037 · FGC	1,200.00	1,200.00
5038 · FLCoalition for Peace & Justice	100.00	100.00
5047 · Florida Council of Churches	200.00	200.00
5048 · Florida Impact	300.00	300.00
5057 · Friends Journal	100.00	100.00
5061 · Friends Peace Teams	500.00	500.00
5067 · FUM	500.00	500.00
5068 · FWCC	1,450.00	1,450.00
5077 · Pendle Hill	100.00	100.00
5085 · Quaker House of Fayetteville NC	200.00	200.00
5087 · Quaker Life	100.00	100.00
5089 · QUNO	100.00	100.00
5090 · NNABSHC	300.00	300.00
5097 · Friends House	100.00	100.00
Total 5000 · Donations to Organizations	<u>6,850.00</u>	<u>6,850.00</u>
8000 · Travel & Financial Aid		
8160 · Annual Representative	4,000.00	3,000.00
8360 · Attend SEYM-approved Activities	1,500.00	2,500.00
8460 · Travel Support to SEYM Business	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total 8000 · Travel & Financial Aid	<u>6,500.00</u>	<u>6,500.00</u>
Total 8500 · Contingency	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total 2999 · Expenses	112,155.00	116,955.00
9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes		
9004 · for Youth Programs	2,500.00	2,500.00
9005 · for Gathering Youth	2,000.00	2,000.00
9060 · for Quaker Int'l Meeting Travel	500.00	100.00
9062 · Intl WG Support	1,000.00	500.00
Total 9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>5,100.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>118,155.00</u>	<u>122,055.00</u>
Net Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

SEYM Apportionments FY2025-2026 Worksheet

Proposed Budget: \$ 122,055.00

Preliminary Apportionments: \$ 108,052.00

Membership Statistics as of 3/1/2024

Meeting Name	Attenders	Members	Units	Meeting
Charleston MM	6	7	10	\$ 2,262.87
Clearwater MM	15	15	23	\$ 5,091.46
Deland WG	9	0	5	\$ 1,018.29
Fort Lauderdale MM	5	2	5	\$ 1,018.29
Fort Myers MM	31	28	44	\$ 9,843.48
Gainesville MM	21	49	60	\$ 13,464.07
Halifax UMM	11	0	0	\$ -
Havana UWG	9	0	0	\$ -
Jacksonville WG	17	0	9	\$ 1,923.44
Key West WG	12	0	0	\$ -
Lake Wales WG	2	0	1	\$ 226.29
Managua WG	6	0	0	\$ -
Melbourne, Q M of	5	18	21	\$ 4,638.88
Miami MM	8	49	53	\$ 11,993.21
Orlando MM	42	54	75	\$ 16,971.52
Palm Beach MM	12	18	24	\$ 5,430.89
St. Augustine WG	27	0	14	\$ 3,054.87
St. Petersburg MM	16	26	34	\$ 7,693.75
Sarasota MM	6	17	20	\$ 4,525.74
Savannah MM	7	7	11	\$ 2,376.01
Tallahassee MM	13	41	48	\$ 10,748.63
Tampa MM	9	17	22	\$ 4,865.17
Treasure Coast WG (Included w/ PBMM)	0	0	0	\$ -
Winter Park MM	4	2	4	\$ 905.15
<b>Totals</b>	275	340	478	\$ 108,052.01

Preliminary Apportionments: \$ 108,052.00

Apportionment Per Unit: \$ 226.29

# Southeastern Yearly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends

## Treasurer Report for 2025 Winter Interim Business Meeting

### Report for end of First Half of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (June 1 thru November 30, 2024)

All values are rounded to the nearest dollar.

### SEYM Total Cash Flow not including Trustees

The overall cash flow of the Yearly Meeting (excluding the Trustees' accounts) for this period yielded a net loss of \$8,985. This resulted from an SEYM total real income of \$65,094 against total expenses of \$74,079.

### SEYM General Fund for Administration - Cash Flow and Budget Performance

At the end of this period, the General Fund (the operations fund for which we approved a balanced budget of \$118,155 in our 2024 Yearly Meeting sessions) showed a net loss of \$14,079. This resulted from General Fund total income of \$43,390 (37% of budget) against expenses of \$57,469 (49% of budget).

### Budget Support Apportionments & Contributions Received

During this period, in response to the annual request for support of the approved General Fund Budget (the Apportionments), contributions received from the Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups totaled \$29,766, or 29% of the year's budgeted request of \$104,150.

Fifteen Monthly Meetings and four Worship Groups\* were included in the Apportionment request this fiscal year. As of 11/30/2024 three have contributed one-half to three-quarters, three have contributed quarter to half, three have contributed up to one-quarter, and ten have not contributed anything.

The unrestricted individual donations received toward the Budget during this period totaled \$795, approximately 20% of the \$4,000 budgeted amount.

\*Deland was a Worship Group at the time the budget and apportionments were approved.

### Cash Flow Results for Programs

The annual programs for this fiscal year are in progress; cash flow is incomplete.

The Publications program during this period had a net real income of \$572, excluding unrealized capital gains of \$1,211 on investments for the program.

The SEYM Youth & Young Adult Coordinator program during this period received \$256 in individual donations, \$10,000 from Trustees Unrestricted Funds and had expenses of \$8,951, yielding a net income of \$1,314.

### Net Worth

The Net Worth of the combined Yearly Meeting and its Trustees at the end of this period was \$655,257, an increase of \$12,094 including \$37,161 in unrealized capital gains since the beginning of the fiscal year. During this period \$17,000 was withdrawn from the Unrestricted Fund to support the Field Secretary for Earthcare and the Youth and Young Adult Coordinator positions.

Joel D. Cook, Treasurer - SEYM 1/22/2025

Southeastern Yearly Meeting  
 Budget vs. Actual  
 June through November 2024

01/18/2025

Cash Basis

	<u>Jun - Nov 24</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income				
2000 · Income				
2001 · Donations				
2002 · Indiv. Donations-Classes	795	4,000	-3,205	20%
2003 · Meeting Donations	29,766	104,150	-74,384	29%
Total 2001 · Donations	<u>30,561</u>	<u>108,150</u>	<u>-77,589</u>	<u>28%</u>
2200 · Investment Earnings				
2203 · Savings Account Interest	1	5	-4	20%
Total 2200 · Investment Earnings	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>-4</u>	<u>20%</u>
Total 2000 · Income	<u>30,562</u>	<u>108,155</u>	<u>-77,593</u>	<u>28%</u>
2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes				
2712 · Michener Lect. to GF/insurance	210	210	0	100%
2732 · Gath/Walton to GF/insurance	1,200	1,200	0	100%
2752 · HYM to GF/insurance	590	590	0	100%
2815 · for BertscheOutreach Travel	1,141	2,500	-1,359	46%
2820 · for Staff Salary	2,686	5,500	-2,814	49%
2804 · from Trustee's Funds - Other	7,000			
Total 2804 · from Trustee's Funds	<u>10,827</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>2,827</u>	<u>135%</u>
Total 2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes	<u>12,827</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>2,827</u>	<u>128%</u>
Total Income	<u>43,389</u>	<u>118,155</u>	<u>-74,766</u>	<u>37%</u>
Expense				
2999 · Expenses				
3000 · Operating Costs				
3001 · Bank Service Charges	150	360	-210	42%
3002 · PayPal service fee	2	100	-98	2%
3080 · Duplication	603	1,500	-897	40%
Total 3100 · Insurance	1,983	2,000	-17	99%
3107 · Youth Worker CAP Certification	60	200	-140	30%
3146 · Non-Profit Corporation Fee	0	65	-65	0%
3200 · Office Supplies	247	800	-553	31%
3270 · Payroll Expenses	35,501	73,500	-37,999	48%
3272 · Employer Payroll Taxes	4,247	4,800	-553	88%
3380 · Postage/Shipping	170	400	-230	43%
3381 · Post Office Box rental	299	300	-1	100%
3400 · Office Equipment	0	400	-400	0%
Total 3500 · Professional Fees	270	740	-470	36%
Total 3640 · Rent warehouse/office	2,719	2,480	239	110%
Total 3700 · Repairs	0	250	-250	0%
3816 · Software	798	2,600	-1,802	31%
3840 · Telephone & Inet access	768	1,600	-832	48%
3860 · Travel Administrative	451	1,000	-549	45%
Total 3900 · Website	<u>175</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>-385</u>	<u>31%</u>
Total 3000 · Operating Costs	<u>48,443</u>	<u>93,655</u>	<u>-45,212</u>	<u>52%</u>
4000 · Committees Operating Expenses				
4309 · Archives	0	100	-100	0%
4329 · EC and IBM	0	100	-100	0%
4339 · Faith and Practice	0	25	-25	0%
4349 · Finance	0	25	-25	0%
4359 · Nominating	0	25	-25	0%
4369 · Peace and Social Concerns	0	450	-450	0%
4389 · Youth Committee	0	25	-25	0%
4399 · Worship and Ministry	1,200	2,300	-1,100	52%
4429 · Earthcare	0	25	-25	0%
4449 · Publications	0	25	-25	0%

	<u>Jun - Nov 24</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
4469 · Racism, Ministry on	0	25	-25	0%
4479 · SEYM Retirement Committee	0	0	0	0%
4489 · Young Adult Quakers	0	25	-25	0%
Total 4000 · Committees Operating Expenses	<u>1,200</u>	<u>3,150</u>	<u>-1,950</u>	<u>38%</u>
5000 · Donations to Organizations				
5007 · AFSC	0	200	-200	0%
5018 · Earlham School of Religion	0	100	-100	0%
5027 · FCNL	0	1,000	-1,000	0%
5028 · QEW (FCUN)	0	200	-200	0%
5030 · FLGBTQC	0	100	-100	0%
5037 · FGC	0	1,200	-1,200	0%
5038 · FLCoalition for Peace & Justice	0	100	-100	0%
5047 · Florida Council of Churches	0	200	-200	0%
5048 · Florida Impact	0	300	-300	0%
5057 · Friends Journal	0	100	-100	0%
5061 · Friends Peace Teams	0	500	-500	0%
5067 · FUM	0	500	-500	0%
5068 · FWCC	0	1,450	-1,450	0%
5077 · Pendle Hill	0	100	-100	0%
5085 · Quaker House of Fayetteville NC	0	200	-200	0%
5087 · Quaker Life	0	100	-100	0%
5089 · QUNO	0	100	-100	0%
5090 · NNABSHC	0	300	-300	0%
5097 · Friends House	0	100	-100	0%
Total 5000 · Donations to Organizations	<u>0</u>	<u>6,850</u>	<u>-6,850</u>	<u>0%</u>
8000 · Travel & Financial Aid				
8160 · Annual Representative	0	4,000	-4,000	0%
8360 · Attend SEYM-approved Activities	1,013	1,500	-487	68%
8460 · Travel Support to SEYM Business	813	1,000	-187	81%
Total 8000 · Travel & Financial Aid	<u>1,826</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>-4,674</u>	<u>28%</u>
Total 8500 · Contingency	<u>0</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>-2,000</u>	<u>0%</u>
Total 2999 · Expenses	<u>51,469</u>	<u>112,155</u>	<u>-60,686</u>	<u>46%</u>
9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes				
9004 · for Youth Programs	2,500	2,500	0	100%
9005 · for Gathering Youth	2,000	2,000	0	100%
9060 · for Quaker Int'l Meeting Travel	500	500	0	100%
9062 · Intl WG Support	1,000	1,000	0	100%
Total 9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100%</u>
Total Expense	<u>57,469</u>	<u>118,155</u>	<u>-60,686</u>	<u>49%</u>
Net Income	<u>-14,080</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-14,080</u>	<u>100%</u>



Southeastern Yearly Meeting  
Income & Expense by Class

June through November 2024

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Income	Admin / General Fund	Gathering / Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Int'l WG Support	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	YYAC	Publications	Quaker Int'l Meeting Travel	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL
2000 · Income											
2001 · Donations											
2002 · Indivl Donations-Classes	795.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	795.00
2003 · Meeting Donations	29,766.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29,766.22
Total 2001 · Donations	30,561.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,561.22
2040 · Restricted Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	259.00	264.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	623.00
2200 · Investment Earnings											
2203 · Savings Account Interest	0.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.84
2205 · Dividends FFC Gathering Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,611.19	2,611.19
2210 · Dividends FFC Michener Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	547.08	547.08
2215 · Dividends FFC Bertsche OutTravel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,141.28	1,141.28
2220 · Dividends-FFC Staff Salary Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,686.28	2,686.28
2225 · Dividends FFC Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,200.83	2,200.83
2230 · Dividends FFC Walton Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,011.22	1,011.22
2280 · Dividends FFC SEYM Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	339.36	0.00	0.00	339.36
2290 · Investment Capital Gains/Losses											
2206 · Capital Gain(Loss) Gath. Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,298.38	9,298.38
2211 · Capital Gain(Loss) Michener	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,948.14	1,948.14
2216 · Capital Gain(Loss) BertscheOTra	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,064.12	4,064.12
2221 · Capital Gain(Loss) Staff Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,565.79	9,565.79
2226 · Capital Gain(Loss) Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,970.63	7,970.63
2231 · Capital Gain(Loss) Walton	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,600.95	3,600.95
2232 · Capital Gain (Loss) Meetinghouse	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	713.25	713.25
2281 · Capital Gain(loss) SEYM Publish	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,211.22	0.00	0.00	1,211.22
Total 2290 · Investment Capital Gains/Losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,211.22	0.00	37,161.26	38,372.48
Total 2200 · Investment Earnings	0.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,550.58	0.00	47,359.14	48,910.56
2306 · Miscellaneous Income											
2302 · Pay Pal fees paid	1.01	0.00	1.49	0.00	0.00	2.49	1.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.47
Total 2306 · Miscellaneous Income	1.01	0.00	1.49	0.00	0.00	2.49	1.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.47
2400 · Program Registrations											
2430 · Registration Fee	0.00	0.00	197.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	197.00
Total 2400 · Program Registrations	0.00	0.00	197.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	197.00
2600 · Publications Donations											
2680 · Publication Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	369.21	0.00	0.00	369.21
Total 2600 · Publications Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	369.21	0.00	0.00	369.21
Total 2000 · Income	30,563.07	0.00	198.49	100.00	0.00	261.49	265.48	1,919.79	0.00	47,359.14	80,667.46
2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes											
2712 · Michener Lect. to GF/insurance	210.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	210.00
2732 · Gath/Walton to GF/insurance	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00

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	Admin / General Fund	Gathering / Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Int'l WG Support	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	YYAC	Publications	Quaker Int'l Meeting Travel	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL
2752 · HYM to GF/insurance	590.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	590.00
2784 · from GF for YouthProgramsClass	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
2801 · transfer from General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	1,500.00
2802 · from GF for Gathering Youth	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
2804 · from Trustee's Funds	0.00	2,611.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,611.19
2805 · for Gathering Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	547.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	547.08
2810 · for Michener Lecture	1,141.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,141.28
2815 · for BertscheOutreach Travel	2,686.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,686.28
2820 · for Staff Salary	0.00	1,011.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,011.22
2830 · for Walton Lecture/Gathering	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,000.00
2804 · from Trustee's Funds - Other	10,827.56	3,622.41	0.00	0.00	547.08	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,997.05
Total 2804 · from Trustee's Funds	12,827.56	5,622.41	0.00	1,000.00	547.08	2,500.00	10,000.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	32,997.05
Total 2700 · Transfer in FROM other classes	43,390.63	5,622.41	198.49	1,100.00	547.08	2,761.49	10,265.48	1,919.79	500.00	47,359.14	113,664.51
Total Income											
Expense											
2999 · Expenses											
3000 · Operating Costs											
3001 · Bank Service Charges	149.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	149.75
3002 · PayPal service fee	1.70	0.00	6.31	0.00	0.00	2.77	6.75	4.65	0.00	0.00	22.18
3080 · Duplication	602.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	602.88
3100 · Insurance											
3106 · Liability Insurance	1,982.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,982.71
Total 3100 · Insurance	1,982.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,982.71
3107 · Youth Worker CAP Certification	60.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.48
3200 · Office Supplies	247.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	247.20
3270 · Payroll Expenses	35,501.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,333.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	43,834.71
3272 · Employer Payroll Taxes	4,247.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	610.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,857.96
3380 · Postage/Shipping	170.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.01	0.00	0.00	186.42
3381 · Post Office Box rental	299.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	299.35
3500 · Professional Fees											
3526 · Accounting	270.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	270.00
Total 3500 · Professional Fees	270.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	270.00
3640 · Rent warehouse/office											
3642 · Office Rent	420.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	420.00
3643 · Storage Unit	2,298.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,298.96
Total 3640 · Rent warehouse/office	2,718.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,718.96
3816 · Software	797.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	797.89
3840 · Telephone & Inet access	768.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	768.31
3860 · Travel Administrative	450.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.88
3900 · Website	175.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	175.36
Total 3000 · Operating Costs	48,444.30	0.00	6.31	0.00	0.00	2.77	8,951.00	20.66	0.00	0.00	57,425.04
4000 · Committees Operating Expenses											
4399 · Worship and Ministry	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00

	Admin / General Fund	Gathering / Walton Lecture	Half Yearly Meeting (HYM)	Int'l WG Support	Michener Lecture	Programs for Youth	YYAC	Publications	Quaker Int'l Meeting Travel	Trustee's Funds	TOTAL
Total 4000 · Committees Operating Expenses	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
5000 · Donations to Organizations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5048 · Florida Impact	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 5000 · Donations to Organizations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6000 · Production	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	104.00	0.00	0.00	104.00
6080 · ISSN Printing, Publications	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00	0.00	0.00	12.00
6380 · ISBN production	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	116.00	0.00	0.00	116.00
Total 6000 · Production	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	116.00	0.00	0.00	116.00
7000 · Operating Costs Programs	0.00	5,511.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,511.95
7500 · Site Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7800 · Youth Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7804 · Youth Prg. Expenses/Fees/Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 7800 · Youth Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 7000 · Operating Costs Programs	0.00	5,511.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,511.95
8000 · Travel & Financial Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8160 · Annual Representative	1,013.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,013.00
8360 · Attend SEYM-approved Activities	813.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	813.39
8460 · Travel Support to SEYM Business	1,826.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,826.39
Total 8000 · Travel & Financial Aid	51,470.69	5,511.95	6.31	0.00	0.00	2.77	8,951.00	136.66	0.00	0.00	66,079.38
Total 2999 · Expenses	0.00	1,200.00	590.00	0.00	210.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
9002 · to GF for insurance	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
9004 · for Youth Programs	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
9005 · for Gathering Youth	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
9060 · for Quaker Int'l Meeting Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9062 · Int'l WG Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9210 · for Michener Lecture	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	547.08	547.08
9215 · for Bertsche/Outreach/Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,141.28	1,141.28
9220 · for Staff Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,686.28	2,686.28
9230 · for Walton Lecture/Gathering	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,011.22	1,011.22
9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,000.00	17,000.00
Total 9000 · Transfer OUT TO other classes	6,000.00	1,200.00	590.00	0.00	210.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,997.05	32,997.05
Total Expense	57,470.69	6,711.95	596.31	0.00	210.00	2.77	8,951.00	136.66	0.00	24,997.05	99,076.43
Income	-14,080.06	-1,089.54	-397.82	1,100.00	337.08	2,758.72	1,314.48	1,783.13	500.00	22,362.09	14,588.08
Total 2290 · Investment Capital Gains/Losses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,211.22	0.00	37,161.26	38,372.48
Total w/o Capital Gains/Losses	-14,080.06	-1,089.54	-397.82	1,100.00	337.08	2,758.72	1,314.48	571.91	500.00	-14,799.17	-23,794.40
Total w/o Capital Gains/Losses & w/o Trustee's Funds	-14,080.06	-1,089.54	-397.82	1,100.00	337.08	2,758.72	1,314.48	571.91	500.00	-8,985.23	-8,985.23
Income w/o Capital Gains/Losses	43,390.63	5,622.41	198.49	1,100.00	547.08	2,761.49	10,265.48	708.57	500.00	65,094.15	65,094.15
Expenses w/o Trustees	57,470.69	6,711.95	596.31	0.00	210.00	2.77	8,951.00	136.66	0.00	74,079.38	74,079.38

Southeastern Yearly Meeting  
**Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison**  
 As of November 30, 2024

01/18/2025  
**Cash Basis**

	Nov 30, 24	May 30, 24	\$ Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
0501 · Checking Account BOA			
511 · Checking - Gen'l Fund - General	11,631.58	16,748.97	-5,117.39
560 · Checking-GF-Quaker Int'l Travel	16,795.31	16,295.31	500.00
566 · Checking-GF-Sufferings	170.00	170.00	0.00
610 · Checking-SA-Michener	826.34	1,846.89	-1,020.55
630 · Checking-SA-YBM Gathering	2,150.01	-1,846.02	3,996.03
640 · Checking-SA-Programs for Youth	7,699.72	4,541.00	3,158.72
645 · Checking - YYAC	258.73	0.00	258.73
650 · Checking-SA-HYM	-397.82	1,539.92	-1,937.74
680 · Checking-SA-Publications	-3,601.96	-4,182.00	580.04
690 · Checking - 690 Covid Relief	500.00	500.00	0.00
695 · Checking - Int'l WG Support	1,326.46	-231.04	1,557.50
700 · Checking-Trustees			
705 · Checking - Gathering Youth Fund	3,391.74	3,391.74	0.00
710 · Checking - Michener Fund	65.00	65.00	0.00
715 · Checking - Bertsche Travel Fund	15.00	15.00	0.00
720 · Checking - Staff Salary	840.00	840.00	0.00
725 · Checking - Unrestricted Fund	-3,655.00	-3,655.00	0.00
730 · Checking - Walton Fund	15.00	15.00	0.00
740 · Checking - Meetinghouse Support	303.49	303.49	0.00
Total 700 · Checking-Trustees	<u>975.23</u>	<u>975.23</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 0501 · Checking Account BOA	<u>38,333.60</u>	<u>36,358.26</u>	<u>1,975.34</u>
830 · Checking - BofA Payroll	4,592.04	8,635.29	-4,043.25
903 · Savings BOA	16,930.86	16,929.88	0.98
Total Checking/Savings	<u>59,856.50</u>	<u>61,923.43</u>	<u>-2,066.93</u>
Accounts Receivable			
1100 · Accounts Receivable	-215.65	-215.65	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>-215.65</u>	<u>-215.65</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Other Current Assets			
1180 · FFC SOYM1 Publications Investme	18,739.43	17,837.22	902.21
1200 · Trustee Investments			
1205 · FFC SOYMT6 GatheringYouth Fund	144,167.37	137,246.66	6,920.71
1210 · FFC SOYMT3 Michener	30,205.13	28,755.14	1,449.99
1215 · FFC SOYMT2 BertscheTravel Fd	63,012.41	59,987.51	3,024.90
1220 · FFC SOYMT5 Staff Salary Fund	148,313.37	141,193.63	7,119.74
1225 · FFC SOYMT4 Unrestricted	106,947.72	115,782.08	-8,834.36
1230 · FFC SOYMT1 Walton Fund	55,831.12	53,114.96	2,716.16
1240 · FFC SOYMT7 Meetinghouse Support	28,399.51	27,538.09	861.42

	<u>Nov 30, 24</u>	<u>May 30, 24</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
Total 1200 · Trustee Investments	576,876.63	563,618.07	13,258.56
Total Other Current Assets	595,616.06	581,455.29	14,160.77
Total Current Assets	655,256.91	643,163.07	12,093.84
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>655,256.91</u>	<u>643,163.07</u>	<u>12,093.84</u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
Equity			
1400 · Trustees Funds Equity	296,694.99	296,694.99	0.00
1500 · Operational Equity/ Net Assets			
1511 · General Fund Net Assets	29,324.36	29,324.36	0.00
1560 · Quaker Int'l Travel Net Assets	5,349.80	5,349.80	0.00
1580 · Publications Net Assets	14,341.85	14,341.85	0.00
Total 1500 · Operational Equity/ Net Assets	49,016.01	49,016.01	0.00
1700 · Retained Earnings	294,957.83	238,927.22	56,030.61
Net Income	14,588.08	58,524.85	-43,936.77
Total Equity	655,256.91	643,163.07	12,093.84
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>655,256.91</u>	<u>643,163.07</u>	<u>12,093.84</u>

Field Secretary for Earthcare Report  
Winter Interim Business Meeting  
25 First Month 2025

The report from Beverly Ward, Field Secretary for Earthcare, can be found [here](#).

# Youth and Young Adult Coordinator Report

## SEYM Winter Interim Business Meeting, Jan 2025

### 25 First Month 2025

Youth and young adults made up over half the attenders of Half-Yearly Meeting. This group was faithful to the traditions handed down to them from older SEYM adults: kayaks in the spring, s'mores around a fire, hikes in the forest, and long conversations over meals. Youth contributions to Saturday night's talent show included a charismatic MC (Nova), a song sung completely in Russian (Jason), and a poem about the meaning behind a name (Kasper).

Young adults at OMM are currently led to explore their spiritual gifts and use them for the betterment of the wider community. One member recently attended a spiritual gifts workshop at Pendle Hill, where he was given a questionnaire as a guide to discerning one's gifts. Several young adults at HYM completed this questionnaire, and the youth were given a simplified version in FDS. They look forward to hearing our Michener lecturer speak on spiritual gifts in January. Other leadings of our young adults include participating in local mutual aid groups and helping the homeless. To this end, we have begun exploring partnerships with Central Florida Mutual Aid, the Christian Service Center, and Hope Community Center's new Hope CommUniversity.

The youth at OMM have continued in their curriculum of Bible literacy and studied the history and traditions of Christmas and the winter solstice. They have a deep need for a spiritual home where they feel accepted just as they are. A youth serves as clerk of the hospitality committee, and two of the other four members of hospitality are also under 16 years old.

It was my great pleasure to worship with the St. Augustine, Gainesville, and Jacksonville meetings. As of the reading of this report, I also will have visited the meeting in Savannah, Georgia. The St. Augustine and Jacksonville meetings are small but mighty, and both are eager to welcome young people into their fellowships. The Gainesville meeting is blessed with several young children and a dedicated First Day School teacher. On the day I visited, a group of college students were greeted with joy as they experienced their first Quaker meeting. Spirit is clearly at work in Gainesville.

We celebrated Kira, Daniil, and Cassie's birthdays. Please send names and birthdays of your meeting's youth and young adults to [yyacoordinator@seymquakers.org](mailto:yyacoordinator@seymquakers.org) so we can celebrate with them, as well.

The first YYA project of the new year will be the launching of two book clubs. Young adults will read a novel by our upcoming Yearly Meeting speaker, Rashid Darden. Youth will read *The Sapling Cage* by Margaret Killjoy. (The youth program was pleased to receive 12 free copies of this new release from Firestorm Books in Asheville, NC, an ally in SEYM's work against book banning.)

Also in 2025, the youth program looks forward to sending a representative to the Friends World Committee for Consultation Section of the Americas Section Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. Youth also will be traveling to the Friends General Conference YAY Gathering, attending a youth and families retreat, and strengthening friendships at Yearly Meeting.

In gratitude for the privilege of serving SEYM and the next generation of Quakers,  
Rachel Dellinger  
Youth and Young Adult Coordinator December 14, 2024

# Worship and Ministry Committee Report

## SEYM Winter Interim Business Meeting

### 25 First Month 2025

The SEYM Worship and Ministry Committee continues to do God's work of bringing Spirit to any and all in the SEYM community and beyond. In our committee meetings and in other venues in which committee members participate, we have tried to be a listening ear and spiritual presence, especially during these uncertain times.

Joel Cook's workshop, *The Friends We Are Becoming: Stories of Transformation* was enjoyed by those who attended in November. He had initially postponed his workshop and offered an informal session of sharing among SEYM Friends regarding the hurricanes.

Cheryl Demers-Holton continues to hold the bi-weekly Seekers Book Club where discussions on the current book are lively, deep, and always grounded in Spirit. Seekers of all experience are welcome to share in a time both thoughtful and joyful.

Queries for the Journey are still offered weekly, providing spiritual consideration in the manner of Friends for individuals, small groups, and Meetings/Worship Groups.

We held our quarterly Extended Worship on 14 Twelfth Month 2024 and it was attended by several Friends who brought their hearts to worship over a three-hour period. Some Friends took advantage of the idea of hubs set up so Friends who wished to have the "face-to-face" experience, could gather with other Friends at their meetinghouse or elsewhere and still be a part of the online worship.

We welcome Adria (Gulizia) DiCapua as our 2025 Michener Lecturer for the WIBM and Michener Lecture weekend. Adria is a member of Chatham Monthly Meeting (NYYM) and is a lawyer, mediator, teacher, and mother. She carries a concern for how Friends' traditional faith and practice translates into an increasingly unstable, atomized, and uncertain world. Her topic is *As the Good Shepherd: Leading and Being Led as Friends*. More information is available on the SEYM website.

Overall, the Worship and Ministry Committee continues to seek new opportunities for Spirit to engage with Friends and bring peace and nurture to all. We hold the spiritual deepening of all SEYM Friends as our concern and keep an understanding in our hearts that the transition into the new year may be unsettling for so many. We ask that all be tender with one another and find strength by listening deeply in the spaces provided.

Jan Dahm, Lisa Erazmus, Richelle Ogle,  
Co-clerks of SEYM Worship and Ministry Committee



# Ad hoc Quaker Call Committee Report

SEYM Winter Interim Business Meeting

25 First Month 2025

The Ad Hoc SEYM Call Committee meets faithfully and in search of Spirit as it responds to the charge from SEYM which was given to us in October 2023 at Fall Interim Business Meeting. The charge reads as follows:

The SEYM *ad hoc* Quaker Call Committee is charged with discerning whether, and if so, how SEYM might now be called to encourage and empower SEYM Monthly Meetings to actively, but non-violently, resist political pressures emanating from governmental entities in Florida intended to counter the principles and values of the Religious Society of Friends. In their discernment, consideration may be given to establish one or more Quaker Schools, Interfaith Conference Centers, or other multiple-Meeting sponsored educational projects likely to benefit the wider community.

The Call Committee, after much time in discernment and extensive research, recognizes a special leading which is to establish a Quaker School or schools in Florida. We all agree on the importance, if not absolute necessity, of bringing educational opportunities founded in Quaker principles and values to our communities. During our discernment we keep the Executive Director of the Friends Council on Education informed of our various activities and remain encouraged by the Quaker support.

When presented to Friends and non-Friends, we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of the idea of making available any and all such programs and varying genres possibly available for both children and adult education. Our research and minutes are recorded and can be used readily. We believe this information provides an excellent foundation for continuing the formation of Quaker educational programs.

We remain excited that many Friends although not on this Committee have a strong desire for continuance as we foresee the creation of one or more Quaker Schools in Florida. This vision is foremost in our hearts as we present to Executive Committee a suggested minute(s) for approval by SEYM.

We are proposing SEYM draft minutes to include:

- SEYM will lay down the *ad hoc* Quaker Call Committee effective immediately and seek the establishment of a SEYM standing committee that will be charged to report in greater detail the establishment of a Quaker school or schools in Florida.
- The \$15,000 seed money from unrestricted funds, which was originally directed during the Fall Interim Business Meeting 2024 to be used for a Quaker School in Fort Myers, be directed to support the activity of the standing “school/education committee”.\*
- SEYM will hire a coordinator to provide SEYM with recommended options offering educational programs to the general public that promote the principles and value of the Religious Society of Friends.

*\*Minute: The Southeastern Yearly Meeting Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is amended by the addition of a new Line 9000 Expense, “Out To Other Classes,” in the amount of \$15,000, for the purpose of starting an Independent Quaker School in Fort Myers, Florida. That amount shall be initially funded by the Trustees. It shall be disbursed or increased by donations from monthly meetings, other public and private entities, and individuals, upon the approval, and at the direction, of the Executive Committee, or its designees.”*

Any standing committee should recognize that these programs may require establishing corporations and naming a Board which should include, at minimum, one member from a Florida Monthly Meeting as recommended by the Friends Council on Education. The standing committee should be aware that most educational programs require charging for services while making available scholarship or low-cost programs. The schools may choose to accept available State or Federal funding and outside donations in order to remain financially stable.

It is the request of the *ad hoc* Quaker Call Committee to lay down our Committee as it believes it has fulfilled its original charge and discerned the path to which it has been lead as well as providing a strong foundation for Friends to continue this mission aimed at academic freedom in the State of Florida. This Quaker Call Committee has made many Friends and friends who are encouraged by the vision of having a Quaker School in Florida and hope Friends will reach out to all who offer to participate in the effort to open one or more Quaker Schools in Florida.

# Friends Committee on National Legislation Representative's Report

## SEYM Winter Interim Business Meeting

### 25 First Month 2025

Annual Meeting and Quaker Public Policy Institute, 13-17 Eleventh Month 2024  
"ADVOCACY THAT NEVER GIVES UP"

As only one of the three Representatives from SEYM to Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), I along with my husband, George, flew to Washington to participate in this very meaningful time for Friends, hosted by FCNL's incredible, energetic, and dedicated staff. This report is focused on the Public Policy Institute portion of the Annual Meeting which occurred over the first day and a half period.

Through the Quaker Public Policy Institute hundreds of advocates lobby their federal officials to advance just public policies. On November 14th representatives from FCNL collectively visited over 100 offices of their Congressmen. The participants from Florida to the Quaker Public Policy Institute included Aurelio Anderson, Tallahassee MM; Youme Nguyen Ly, Miami MM; Eileen and George Zingaro, Clearwater MM; and one other Friend (un-named). We spent a couple hours over lunch laying out our visit before going to the congressional offices.

Every year, FCNL determines the "ASK" they hope we will make on our visits. This year, we asked the Senator to "Co-sponsor and vote in favor of Joint Resolutions of Disapproval to block the sale of offensive weapons to Israel". In Representative Gus Bilirakis' (12<sup>th</sup> District) office we asked him to "make a public statement that opposes more offensive weapons for Israel". (Only Senators could co-sponsor this resolution.)

We were scheduled for two Lobby visits on 11/14: the first one in Senator Marco Rubio's office to meet with Will Green, Legal Assistant, and Cole Ireland, Legal Correspondent; the second in Representative Bilirakis's office to meet with Nathan Stamps, Legal Assistant. Although it is not often that we are able to meet directly with our senators or congressmen we were kindly received. Nevertheless, as we were leaving we met Rep. Bilirakis in the hallway who remembered me from our many visits over the years and we, of course, made our "ask" again. It is a tough "ASK", as we all knew, but the impact of these visits does not fall on deaf ears. In our Florida meetings we included emphatically the need to allow aid into Gaza which received agreement in both offices.

Each year FCNL presents two awards during the Annual Meeting and Quaker Public Policy Institute (QPPI). Each goes to an outstanding member of Congress who has displayed leadership in advancing legislative priorities consistent with those advocated by FCNL. The Snyder Peace Award was given to Senator Rand Paul (KY) and the Justice Award to Senator Cory Booker (NJ). Neither could accept in person, but each recorded a video accepting the award and giving a message.

At the end of the plenary, we received a very special surprise when Representative Barbara Lee from California spoke to us about her history as a Congresswoman. She is retiring at the end of this term and has truly been an inspiration to not only her constituents but to all Americans.

FCNL Annual Gathering is always wonderful, and I encourage Friends to make it part of their future plans.

Eileen Zingaro,  
SEYM FCNL Representative