

Southeastern Yearly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends

Specially Called Executive Committee Meeting 17 Fourth Month 2024

MINUTES

Friends gathered in worship at the appointed hour.

Bill Carlie opened from the silence with a reading from George Fox:

I was shown that my words should be few, savory, and seasoned with grace.

George Fox, from his journal, 1694

This Executive Committee meeting was called to determine our response to notice that SEYM (along with Gainesville Friends Meeting and Central Florida College) was named a beneficiary of the residual estate of Georgia Guin, a member of Gainesville Friends Meeting. The will has been challenged by members of the family. We have a limited time frame in which to respond. We must engage an attorney to respond to the challenge to invalidate the will.

Dan Vaughn summarized the actions taken to date. He attempted to contact several lawyers but didn't get a response. Lewis Kirvan contacted Nick Harvey, who is willing to represent SEYM and Gainesville Friends Meeting. He would require a refundable retainer of perhaps \$5000. A refundable retainer guarantees that the parties are serious and going to follow through on the case. The Central Florida College has hired counsel to defend their share in the case. We need to make an initial response by Friday.

Gainesville Friends Meeting (GFM), at its business meeting on First Day, 14 April 2024, minuted that it would initially put up \$1500 towards attorney's fees, and with having the Finance Committee with the meeting clerk making decisions going forward when time is of the essence.

24SpCEC01 SEYM Executive Committee agrees to engage Nick Harvey of Withers Harvey in Gainesville to represent SEYM and Gainesville Friends Meeting in answering the notice of the suit to dismiss the will of Georgia Guin, of which both SEYM & GFM are beneficiaries.

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24SpCEC02 Executive Committee appoints Finance Committee with the clerk of SEYM to work with the attorney and GFM on day-to-day parts of the case. For any substantive decisions the clerk will call an EC meeting.

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24SpCEC03 SEYM agrees to split the ongoing costs of legal counsel with GFM proportional to the residual estate percentages: one third coming from GFM and two thirds coming from SEYM.

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The meeting concluded with silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Dykes, Recording Clerk

Present:

DeLand Worship Group

Dan Vaughn (Orlando MM)

Fort Lauderdale Monthly Meeting

Brian Humphrey

Gainesville Monthly Meeting

Liz Dykes

Orlando Monthly Meeting

Ed Lesnick

St. Petersburg Monthly Meeting

Bill Carlie

Tallahassee Monthly Meeting

Neil Andersen

Phoebe Andersen

Warren Hoskins

Tampa Monthly Meeting

Jan Dahm

Lisa Erasmus

Treasure Island Worship Group

Joel Cook (Palm Beach MM)