

*Southeastern Yearly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends*

Yearly Executive Committee Meeting
27 Fourth Month 2026

MINUTES

Clerk opened the meeting at about 7:05 PM from silence worship with the following quote:

And as many candles lighted, and put in one place, do greatly augment the light and make it more to shine forth so when many are gathered together into the same life, there is more of the glory of God, and his power appears, to the refreshment of each individual, for that he partakes not only of the light and life raised in himself, but in all the rest.

Robert Barclay, 1678

Secretary's Report

Susan Wade reported as the Administrative Secretary. She volunteered to act in the Membership Recorder's place and create the 2025-2026. She has been in contact with

She requested that the Yearly Business Meeting minutes omit the committee reports and that the Meeting information be placed with the membership lists.

Decisions regarding what's included in the directory will be made at yearly business meeting.

Friends accepted the report.

Nominating Committee

Brian Olson reported that the committee has been looking but has not had much luck. Savannah Meeting member, Hollyn Green, has agreed to become SEYM's representative to Quaker Earthcare Witness.

Friends accepted the report.

Treasurer's Report

The group discussed funding for Cuba. Joel confirmed SEYM has established a way to send supplies and funds to the country using the SEYM debit card. Susan added that there had been a \$500 donation to the fund. Amy expressed concern about the situation in Cuba based on her family's intuitive sense about global crises, while St and Joel provided historical context about the US embargo on Cuba, which has been in place since the 1960s.

Susan related that she had received a check from Quakers of Melbourne for the meeting's assessment contribution, but it was payable to Joel Cook instead of SEYM. Joel authorized Susan to sign the check on his behalf.

Joel Cook requested that the Clerk approve spending fund from the International Worship Group Support Fund to support Cuba. **The Clerk approves this expenditure.**
Friends accepted the report.

Earthcare Committee

Brian Olson reported that he gathered a few people. No one volunteered to be clerk of the committee. An update was given on the Miccosukee lawsuit. Hollyn Green from Savannah Meeting volunteered to be the SEYM representative to Quaker Earthcare Witness.

Friends accepted the report.

Fort Lauderdale Meeting

There was a discussion of the regarding the Fort Lauderdale Meeting. Brian Humphrey, clerk of the Meeting, has had health challenges for the past few years and has not been able to tend to the Meeting.

Friends accepted the report.

The meeting closed with silent worship at 7:58 PM.

Participants:

Miami Meeting

Brian Olson

Palm Beach Meeting

Amy Richards

Saint Petersburg Meeting

Bill Carlie

Susan Wade

Treasure Coast Worship Group

Joel Cook