

Southeastern Yearly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends

Special Called Executive Committee Meeting

12 Twelfth Month 2020

Twenty-six Friends attended this specially called executive committee meeting.

The meeting began with worship at 1 pm.

Friends were reminded to mute themselves unless they had been recognized by the clerk.

Phoebe opened with a quote relevant to Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business.

Meetings for business are meetings for worship. Both are conducted in the same openness to the leading of the Spirit. For our religious community to thrive, it is essential that we nurture our love for one another, maintain our spiritual unity, and live in harmony with the Spirit. Ideally, these beliefs underlie every attitude and practice in our meetings, including our meetings for business.

SEYM Faith and Practice, 4th edition 2013, p. 113

The agenda was reviewed and an item added from Friends General Conference's Long Range Conference Planning Committee (LRCP) about hosting the 2022 Gathering of Friends.

This meeting of the Executive Committee was scheduled because we believed we would have clarity about COVID at this time. We need to make decisions about whether Winter Interim Business Meeting (WIBM), the Michener Lecture, Yearly Meeting sessions, and maybe even Summer Executive Committee meeting, will be virtual or in person.

Orlando Meeting is not prepared to host an in-person WIBM. The Michener lecture is already planned to be virtual.

Friends expressed thoughts about holding yearly meeting sessions at the Life Enrichment Center. Friends are clear that in-person gathering is probably not realistic. There is concern about the deposit with LEC that was moved from 2020 to 2021.

20SpCEC01: Southeastern Yearly Meeting will hold the 2021 Winter Executive Committee meeting (WEC), Winter Interim Business Meeting (WIBM), and the Michener Lecture as virtual events. **APPROVED**

20SpCEC02: Southeastern Yearly Meeting will hold its annual sessions in 2021 as virtual events. We will contact the Life Enrichment Center about our deposit, hoping to move it to 2022. **APPROVED**

Andrea Hoskins, as Gathering clerk, spoke with the Life Enrichment Center in March. Phoebe will ask her to contact them again.

Andrea Hoskins, Vicki Carlie, Brian Olsen, and Susan Wade, along with the rest of the Gathering Committee will start work on the virtual gathering and bring more information at January Executive Committee.

Kody Hersh spoke about his perspective on when to restart the Youth and Young Adult Coordinator work. There is no more clarity now than there was in August when the work was suspended. Kody is financially and in other ways well. He is asking that Executive Committee and Youth Committee consider when is the best time for his last 18 months of work to commence. Friends brought up various things to consider. Youth Committee will make a report in January.

20SpCEC03: Southeastern Yearly Meeting agrees to continue the suspension of Kody Hersh's work as Youth and Young Adult Coordinator until the Annual Sessions Executive Committee Meeting when the decision will be reviewed again. **APPROVED**

Bill Carlie reported that Friends General Conference's Long Range Conference Planning Committee (LRCP) has requested that SEYM act as a host yearly meeting for the 2022 Gathering to be held in Radford, Virginia. They would want about 15 members from SEYM on the Gathering Committee (along with about 10 others from elsewhere). Friends shared their thoughts. More information is needed both from FGC and from SEYM Friends. There is a lot to explore. There is a need to see if there are Friends who would be interested in serving.

20SpCEC04: Southeastern Yearly Meeting is not ready to commit to hosting the 2022 Friends General Conference Gathering. An *ad hoc* committee of Bill Carlie, Liz Dykes, Susan Taylor, and Susan Wade will meet with Michelle Bellows, clerk of FGC LRCP as soon as possible and bring a report to Winter Executive Committee. **APPROVED.**

The numbered minutes were read back.

The meeting adjourned after a few moments of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Dykes, Recording Clerk

Participants:

Clearwater Monthly Meeting
Phil Stone

Fort Myers Monthly Meeting
Richard Frechette

Fort Lauderdale Monthly Meeting
Brian Humphrey

Gainesville Monthly Meeting
Shawna Doran
Liz Dykes

Miami Monthly Meeting

Andrea Hoskins
Brian Olson

Orlando Monthly Meeting

Kody Hersh
Jerry Knutston
Christine Laning
Ed Lesnick
Stephanie Preston-Hughes
Mira Tanna

Other Friends

Peter Schmidt

Palm Beach Monthly Meeting

Jack Bradin
Joel Cook (Treasure Coast WG)

Saint Petersburg Monthly Meeting

Bill Carlie
Vicki Carlie
Dianna Langan
Susan Wade

Tallahassee Monthly Meeting

Neil Andersen
Phoebe Andersen
Susan Taylor

Tampa Monthly Meeting

Nancy Triscritti
Beverly Ward (Deland WG)
Cece Yocum