

## Secretary's Report to EC 03/19/2008 to be held at the Life Enrichment Center

**This report** describes activities that have taken place since WIBM-2008.

### General office activities following WIBM-2008:

Routine office work continues. Thank you to those of you who are using the 321.729.0078 line for voice during regular business hours. The 321.734.1162 line continues to provide both phone and fax but the new fax machine interferes with incoming calls. Currently there is no phone in the office receiving voice calls on that line. FYI, my cell phone is: 321.960.0319, but this is for-use at events only phone.

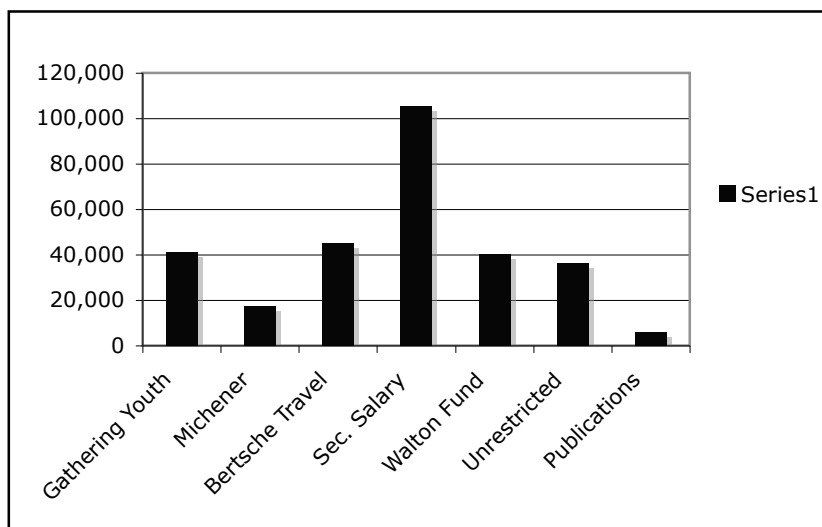
### Financial/Bookkeeping:

The books were closed Friday 03/14/2008 prior to YBM-Gathering to allow Financial Reports to be synchronized. Expenses, including donations to organizations, to date have been approximately \$59,300. Eight meetings have paid their apportionment donations for this fiscal year in full: thanks **Miami, Winter Park, Clearwater, Ft. Lauderdale, Sarasota, Lake Wales, Tallahassee, and Tampa**. Five meetings have contributed partial apportionment/donations: thanks **Orlando, Ft. Myers, Palm Beach, Space Coast, and St. Petersburg**. Meeting donations to date are \$42,576 (of the budgeted \$63,010 or nearly 68% near the end of the third fiscal quarter). Generous individual donations of \$2,885 (budgeted \$3,100) have been received. Gracious HYM donors gave much food and transferred \$261 in addition to the \$400 for event insurance to the GF. Dividend income for this fiscal year is \$7897 from the Secretary's Salary and Bertsche Outreach Travel Endowment Funds. The Clerk of Finance and Treasurer will go into greater detail.

The Michener Lecture showed a net income of \$638. Speaker Steve Smith, on principle, donated his \$500 honorarium and generous donors helped cover the cost of food. This money has been invested in the Michener Endowment Fund.

Publications are in the black. Since WIBM, an additional \$540 in sales bring the net profit to date to \$2005 for this fiscal year.

The trustees have transferred the Gathering Youth Endowment Fund dividend of \$1,027.92 to the Gathering Committee for youth meals and expenses. Thanks to all who donated to this fund *and who continue to donate*.



■ Funds invested in Friends Fiduciary Corporation as of 03/14/2008

## **Publications (Print and Electronic):**

Following WIBM, the YBM-DIA and the SEYM Spring Newsletter were bulk mailed. Due to increasing costs of bulk mail, the YBM-DIA was sent to approximately 300 recipients. The Newsletter was bulk mailed to all members and attenders as listed in the *Directory 2007-2008* and should be arriving in your mailboxes momentarily. Pamphlet/booklet sales continue to be brisk to FGC Books and to Pendle Hill. Due to such brisk sales, Niyonu Spann's 2007 Michener Lecture, *Letting Go of Illusion* will go to the printer for a second print-run on Monday prior to YBM-Gathering 2008!

By popular request, a selection of sizes and colors of Lion & Lamb logo sweatshirts were screen-printed prior to HYM. These will be available at YBM-Gathering should we happen to have cool weather or should you wish to be prepared the next time we do! SEYM Publications is also accepting Special Screen Printing Orders. If you wish to have a particular style (sleeveless, T-shirt, or Sweatshirt), size, or color, please jot your request down and slip it into the Publications cash box.

- Please review the YBM-DIA, pages 22-24, with the content additions/corrections as requested by EC for the proposal for *Publishing Consultants and Guidelines*. A minute of request for approval is also included for your consideration. Note that three qualified persons, as specified in this proposal, have agreed to have their names brought forward to the Nominating Committee.

## **Website:**

The <www.seym.org> website is current with organizational details. Michael Shell continues to do an outstanding job keeping current peace and social concerns web pages. Ft Myers and Ft. Lauderdale (?) are designing new web pages to be hosted free on the SEYMmeetings.org site. Those meetings that do not yet have a web presence are reminded that the SEYMmeetings.org site-hosting is one of the benefits SEYM offers.

## **New Concerns:**

- With renewed chatter regarding building community, following HYM and my trip to Pendle Hill, and with recommendation from Pendle Hill, I talked with Ken and Katharine Jacobson, formerly of Pendle Hill and Olney Friends School. They graciously conferred with me via phone regarding feasibility of this project and the appropriate process. They recommended that a clearness committee of 6-7 be named for this concern/leading. I emailed the nineteen people who have expressed an ongoing interest. As of Friday, March 14, 2008, three people have stepped forward to be on the Clearness Committee. FYI: if you are interested in learning more about a planned community, in addition to the letter to the Editor, article, and websites listed in the SEYM Spring Newsletter, *The Cohousing Handbook, Revised Edition, Building A Place for Community* by Chris Scotthanson & Kelly Scotthanson is highly recommended. If a sufficient number do not step forward for the Clearness Committee, this concern/leading will be laid down.
- No other new concerns other than those expressed at the WIBM EC committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Lyn Cope, 03/19/2008