

# **Secretary's Report**

## **to EC 06/03/2006 to be held at Tampa Meetinghouse**

**This report** describes activities that have taken place since YM2006. Please carefully read the attached 4-page *Overview of SEYM Secretarial Position* written to provide EC with my view of how the Secretary's job has evolved during the last five years.

### **YM2006:**

This year as last, the SEYM secretary was called upon to provide greater assistance to the YM Gathering Committee Clerk and Committee. From the point of view of the office, it would be great help to the Gathering Committee Clerk, and for that matter to all committee clerks, if committee members would step forward to volunteer for and fulfil obligations. This is the first year we instituted SEYM's new policy on Child Abuse Prevention and anticipate full compliance by YM2007. I am waiting to receive the final bill from LEC for food and lodging. Whereas in the past LEC has wanted to bill us for a block of rooms, the new administration is more understanding of the fact that Friends arrive 'for the event' throughout Yearly Meeting. However, the bill for YM2006 was based on their older style of billing so is being contested. I expect to hear from them and to have the books closed out before EC Meeting 06/03/2006.

### **Finances:**

Meetings and a several much appreciated individuals have donated regularly. It appears at this time that we will meet our budget. Applied to Florida Dept. of Revenue as required every five years for tax exemption and was requested to defend SEYM's 501(c)(3); have sent additional requested documentation. Also filed the required annual Florida Corporation Report.

### **Publishing:**

The *Faith and Practice* excerpt *Marriage and Commitment; Separation and Divorce* has been laid out and is presently being reviewed by Phoebe Andersen, Clerk of F&P. Phoebe will also be writing a Preface and I am working on the cover design. This booklet may or may not be available for purchase at EC Meeting but will certainly be available by mid-late summer.

*Michener and Walton Lectures* pamphlets/booklets:

While I have the 2006 Michener Lecture *Seeking Christ* by Frank Massey tape in hand, I have not yet audited it to compare to the manuscript. I have not received either tape or electronic version of Ernie & Vince Buscemi's Walton Lecture, *Here I am Lord* (I do have a hard copy printout). *Equality* by Deborah Ann Sanders is presently back-ordered to FGC Bookstore and waiting retyping with submission for corrections to Deborah. I anticipate having these three booklets to press before FIBM or at the latest by WIBM.

The summer issue newsletter submissions are coming in, but significant holes remain.

The SEYM ad hoc Committee (Nancy Fennell, Caroline Lanker and myself) will complete the update of the *SEYM Handbook/Job Descriptions* this summer.

### **Website:**

I am managing to keep the <[www.seym.org](http://www.seym.org)> website current with organizational details but only the F&P page has been totally reviewed, reformatted, and updated. A few meetings have availed themselves of the opportunity to design websites; those meetings presently with websites are reminded that they may choose to use the SEYM host without additional cost to themselves or to SEYM.

**New Office Concerns:** none.

Respectfully submitted by Lyn Cope, 06/03/2006