

Southeastern Yearly Meeting

Minutes of Winter Interim Business Meeting 01/13/2007

Winter Interim Business Meeting 2007 was held in the Orlando Friends Meetinghouse, Orlando FL. Committee meetings were held in the morning. These minutes record the Interim Business Meeting in the afternoon.

The meeting began with a few minutes of silent worship. The roll call of the meetings and worship groups followed. Interim Business Meeting Clerk, Nancy Fennell, requested that each meeting and worship group state the name or names of its representatives to the Yearly Meeting, in addition to identifying those in attendance and sharing milestones. The list of those present at the meeting is in Attachment 1 to these minutes.

Clearwater MM reported that they were to welcome a new member the next day.

Deland Preparative Meeting is in a process of self examination. They have a blog for members (www.delandquakers.blogspot.com) for discussion and to answer queries.

At the Ft. Lauderdale MM, Mary Jo Klingel is the new clerk. There is a new baby in the meeting: Tad, adopted from Ethiopia as a 1 year old.

Ft. Myers MM reported that Al and Marilyn Webber and Barbara Fry are the representatives to SEYM. Ft. Myers has two new members: Keith Wallace and Alan Ruppert. A long time mainstay of Ft. Myers MM, Ann De Nevers, moved back to Rhode Island, as she can no longer live on her own.

Gainesville MM celebrated the marriage of Heather Loring, a member of Clear Creek Meeting in Indiana, to Mike Fara on 10/7/06 on the beach of Anna Maria Island. Both are graduate students residing in Gainesville. The meeting held an open house for members of the community on 10/29/06. Gainesville also reported the death of Marilyn Frageley on 10/30. A memorial service was held in the meetinghouse on 12/16/06. Emily Rossiter, daughter of Christine Rossiter married Mr. Vey in a Catholic Church in Ocala, which Emily has now joined. Long time attender Claudia Davis passed away 11/22/06.

Miami reported the death and memorial service of John Dawson.

The Orlando MM representative to SEYM is Vicki Carlie.

Palm Beach MM reported two new members: John Buchholz and Anabeth Karson. Member Robert Lustbader died. The meeting dedicated its new addition to the meetinghouse in October.

Sarasota MM was saddened by the death of Dave Bechtel. They also reported that their meetinghouse is now paid for. Their clerk is Rolf Hanson.

Space Coast MM's representative to SEYM is Marie Marcinkowski. Space Coast is expecting to lose some of their number as some Friends are planning to move north.

St. Petersburg MM former clerk, Christine O'Brien, died and a memorial service was held in the meetinghouse. The meeting's current clerk is Carol Dameron. The meeting has welcomed four new members. They celebrated the 65th anniversary of their meetinghouse.

Tallahassee reported two new members: Hope Bastion and Virginia (Ginny) Coultas. Bob and Dana Reinhold transferred their memberships from Tallahassee MM to Central Philadelphia MM. Leslie Fowler and her two children transferred their memberships from Tallahassee MM to a meeting in California. There is a new baby in the meeting, Laura, daughter of the Bastions.

It was reported that Beverly Bird, of Halifax Friends Meeting, had died.

Tampa MM welcomed a new member, Francis Drake. Doug Brown transferred his membership to Bethesda Friends Meeting. Tampa was currently in the nominating process and was to name representatives to SEYM.

Winter Park MM is being reborn, with newly active Friends, after the loss of some members.

Mary Jo Klingel announced a concert by Joyce Rouse, an environmentalist musician, in the St. Petersburg meetinghouse the following Sunday.

Gainesville announced the sale of t-shirts to benefit their meetinghouse. The t-shirts present the SEYM testimonies plus a testimony that Gainesville Meeting favors: stewardship. Secretary Lyn Cope announced new SEYM pamphlets for sale and Karen Putney announced the availability of "War is not the Answer" yard signs.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Nancy Fennell presented the report of the **Executive Committee** meeting which had taken place the previous evening. The EC had approved publication of a new *SEYM Operational Handbook, Procedures and Job Descriptions*. It does not require approval by the whole Yearly Meeting, as it is a book of procedures, not Faith and Practice. The new handbook is to be provided to officers, committee clerks and committee members of the YM, YM representatives to organizations, and to each meeting and worship group. It will also be on sale at cost to anyone else who wants a copy.

The EC had considered a revision to the Representative Travel Guidelines in response to a concern brought by Tallahassee MM. The objective of the revision is to allow anyone who wants to serve as a representative of SEYM an opportunity to do so. An ad hoc committee had worked on the revised guidelines for representative travel and the EC approved bringing them to the Yearly Business Meeting at SEYM Gathering for discussion and approval.

In conjunction with the process of revising the guidelines, the EC brought forward two minutes for approval by the Interim Business Meeting. The first minute was approved.

Introduction to Minute 07IBM01

The YM budget includes financial assistance for official representative travel. No one who is led to be a representative to an organization should be deterred from doing so for financial reasons. However, it is not now possible to fully cover all representative travel. When travel money requests exceed the limit of our budget in any given year, the Assistant YM Clerk, the contact person for assistance with representative travel, may need to prioritize and pro-rate the disbursements according to guidelines approved by the YM.

Some representatives may wish to pay their own travel expenses. In some instances, monthly meetings may choose to assist the representative financially. All such contributions and gifts benefit YM and are greatly appreciated. It is recommended that receipts for all such donations be sent to the YM administrative secretary to document travel expenses for more accurate budget preparation.

Minute 07IBM01: It is recommended that, over time, the YM plan to increase money available for representative travel to approved organizations. Ultimately the YM wants to be able to compensate all requested travel expenses of official representatives. It is requested that the Finance Committee develop a plan of intention in this matter to bring forward for YM consideration.

There was some discussion about how representation to FGC traveling ministry committee or their consultations is determined. It was explained that SEYM does not have a permanent

representative to the FGC traveling ministry program. Representatives to FGC consultations are chosen on an ad hoc basis depending on the topics of the consultations. The second minute was approved.

Minute 07IBM02: It is recommended that the list of official representation for the YM be expanded to include sending:

- a. representation to Friends General Conference Consultations (by invitation, every two years)
- b. YM Clerk to FGC Central Committee and FGC YM clerk consultations
- c. YM and IBM clerks to a clerking workshop, as needed, when newly appointed.

An EC minute recommending the use of a naming committee to nominate members of the nominating committee was read and discussed.

[EC minute **07EC05:** EC recommends that the EC name a Naming Committee who will nominate members for the Nominating Committee. The Naming Committee reports to the Yearly Meeting.]

There were a number of questions and opinions expressed, including questions about how the naming committee would be named and its term of service. For comparison, someone related that at one of the national Friends organizations, the naming committee is appointed from the floor and only functions during the annual meeting, until a new nominating committee is approved. Some people thought that a SEYM naming committee should function year round, in order to consider vacancies during the year and also to be more able to get a broad representation on the Nominating Committee. One Friend preferred that the naming committee members be nominated from the floor, rather than by EC. Another Friend thought that having the EC name the naming committee would cut down on the load of business that had to be taken up in YM sessions. Another Friend said that the naming committee should have a minimum size.

The Clerk concluded that the meeting was not ready to approve a minute, but that a minute should be brought before the YM at a later date.

The **Worship and Ministry** report was presented by Wendy Geiger. She referred to the Worship and Ministry report in the WIBM DIA, which had provided the agenda for the committee meeting. Then she reported on the committee meeting that morning.

The committee had discussed the need for SEYM to be more welcoming of newcomers at Gathering and the question “How do we grow our meetings?” The committee holds Lisa Stewart in tenderness and wholeness as she attends the FUM meeting in Africa, and Kody Hersh, who will be speaking at FGC Gathering

The committee had not yet named the lecturer for the next Michener lecture [2008].

The Worship and Ministry Committee is responsible for Pendle Hill Sojourner scholarship. Wendy reported that no one has come forward to request the scholarship (for this term). She invited anyone interested to apply to the Worship and Ministry Committee and explained that members of meetings have first priority, then regular attenders. The clerk of the monthly meeting writes a letter of recommendation. Travel is not covered by the scholarship. It covers a weekend or week-long workshop.

Wendy asked Friends to sign “Missing you” cards for Friends who were absent, including Bill Greenleaf and Barbara French. Other names were suggested from the floor.

Phoebe Andersen gave the **Faith and Practice Committee** report.

The Faith and practice Committee has worked on the last section to be done by the committee for the Faith and Practice revision. Phoebe said that she had only heard back from two monthly meetings in response to the last mailing to the meetings. The sections of the Faith and Practice under review are on the SEYM website. There will be at least one threshing session for Faith and Practice at the Gathering. There will also be a workshop to talk about SEYM history. The Committee will include the history of the beginnings of the YM, up to 1963, in the Faith and Practice. Later, they plan to publish a full history of SEYM. They are looking for information on when meetings were established, the names of founding members, etc.

The Committee also will prepare a glossary, bibliography and index for the Faith and Practice..

The Committee will meet in May. They will accept all comments, including typos and other corrections. The committee is also accepting favorite quotes reflecting Friends' personal faiths.

There was a question of whether there would be any illustrations in the Faith and Practice. Phoebe said that if anyone proposes any the Committee will consider them. There was a question of when the current Faith and Practice revision was started and the answer was that the Committee reconstituted in January 1996. Committee clerks have been Lyn Cope, Gay Howard and Phoebe.

Phoebe read a Minute of Appreciation and Memorial for Beverly Bird, written by the Faith and Practice Committee in appreciation for the work that Beverly Bird did on the committee and for her life. The minute is in Attachment 2 to these minutes.

Phoebe also spoke as **Membership Recorder**, asking meetings to send their updates of membership and meeting information. She cited the need for accurate email addresses and reported that when an email with a proposal for intervisitation had been send out, many messages were sent back because of incorrect addresses.

The meeting paused for a short break.

Neil Andersen gave the **Treasurer's** report. He provided printed copies of an Income and Expenses, Actual vs. Budget report for SEYM General Fund, for the period June 1, 2006 to January 9, 2007. This report is provided in Attachment 8 to these minutes. Neil pointed out that the meeting contributions were slightly below the pro-rated budget for that point in the year and the individual donations were above the pro-rated budget.

Neil also reported that Half Yearly Meeting income had covered its expenses plus all but about \$85 of the site deposit for the next year. He also noted that there is an error in the report provided: the \$216 expense for site deposits is a Gathering expense and should not have been shown on the General Fund report.

Caroline Lanker gave the **Finance Committee** report. She distributed a written report that included the proposed General Fund budget for the next fiscal year. She also made a verbal correction to the printed report. The complete report, as corrected, is shown in Attachment 3. She asked those present to take back to their meetings the proposed budget and the explanation for the changes which were given in the report.

The **Trustees'** report was given by Cathy Gaskill. She reported that the Trustees' investments have done well. This year, the Trustees will pay for one half the cost of children's meals at the SEYM Gathering. It was also reported that Gainesville Monthly Meeting has repaid the loan from the Trustees which helped finance the construction of their new meetinghouse.

Steve Kinney reported for **Gathering Committee**. The theme for this year's Gathering is Quaker leadership, with Art Larrabee giving the Walton Lecture. He said there was an urgent need for registered youth workers for the Gathering Youth Program. The Gathering registrar needs some

assistance at the registrar's table and will give a training session on Wednesday night for volunteers.

This year there is a deadline of March 1 to register to stay at the Gathering site and/or eat in the dining room. Anyone who registers after that will have to stay off site. It was suggested from the floor that the Gathering Committee provide information on off-site accommodations.

A Friend said that people have asked why SEYM does not move to another site and the reasons for using the Methodist Life Enrichment Center (LEC) were discussed. Among other items, it was announced that the LEC is now using fair trade coffee, in the dining room and offering vegetarian, vegan and gluten free meals to those who request them. It was also noted that Friends can eat in the pavilion, for a \$5 per day usage fee, if not staying on campus. The limitations of that space were explained. It was also noted that full time youth workers' expenses at Gathering are covered.

The **Peace and Social Concerns Committee** report was given by Jack Bradin. He reported that committee clerk Cecilia Yocum was currently in Africa with the African Great Lakes Initiative of the Friends Peace Teams. The Committee requests all monthly meetings send their action items to be posted on the SEYM Peace web site.

Some of the actions and projects of SEYM monthly meetings were noted, including Miami civilian oversight of police, Ft Myers "Wage Peace", counter recruiting program. Palm Beach has information about the requirement to allow people to come into the schools for counter recruitment.

There had been a request from last Gathering to see whether we can raise the temperature in the Life Enrichment Center auditorium, in order to save energy. However, it was reported that the LEC raises the temperature for SEYM, but cannot raise it more without having mold problems. It was also suggested that attendees at Gathering turn off air conditioning and lights, if they can, whenever they are not being used.

Jack Bradin reported that he had been asked by Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) to prepare a fifteen minute presentation associated with the Minute of Grave Concern which had been written by the Palm Beach MM Peace and Social Concerns Committee. Jack will speak at meetings in the Philadelphia and Ohio Valley Yearly Meetings.

It was suggested that Jack be given time at the SEYM Gathering 2007 to present the talk.

Palm Beach MM had given Jack a traveling minute to take with him as he presented the Minute of Grave Concern to Friends Meetings. The text of the traveling minute is in Attachment 5 to these minutes. The IBM was asked to endorse the traveling minute from Palm Beach and approved the following minute.

07IBM03: Winter Interim Business Meeting of Southeastern Yearly Meeting supports the traveling minute from Palm Beach Monthly Meeting written for Jack Bradin as he travels among Friends carrying a "Minute of Grave Concern" relative to civil liberties.

[The full text of the Minute of Grave Concern is available on the FCNL website, www.fcnl.org. The minute and related material can be found by searching for "Grave Concern" and "Privacy Issues" on the FCNL website.]

Barbara Letsch presented two minutes proposed by the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. The wording of the second was reordered and both were approved.

07IBM04: SEYM Interim Business Meeting urges SEYM to ask monthly meeting members to use the FCNL website as a simple and effective means to contact our

legislators on specific issues of concern to Friends. This is especially critical as FCNL has increased access to the 110th Congress.

07IBM05: SEYM Interim Business Meeting encourages the monthly meetings to have a member or attender as contact for Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW) and to provide them with financial support.

A report on **ProNica** was given by Davida Johns, ProNica stateside coordinator. ProNica had approved about \$18,000 in grants to projects in Nicaragua, primarily clinics and libraries. The Mama Licha Clinic is a new project. All the other grants were to long time project partners.

The Martin Luther King School and Los Quinchos did not get satisfactory proposals to ProNica in time to be included in the latest grants.

Davida also reported that when she was in Managua in November, 2006 the Managua Worship Group meeting for worship at Quaker House had a “patio full”, many of whom were on the Friends Witness trip. She also reported that ProNica is receiving more college delegations. One from Washburn College had just ended.

Due to the recent elections in Nicaragua, Daniel Ortega is back in power. ProNica staff is hopeful that their project partners will get help and less harassment from the Nicaraguan government and that more attention will be paid to social services.

Davida invited interested Friends to serve on the ProNica committee. Pam Haigh and Barbara Mahal are co-clerks of the committee. She said that Barbara is now in a nursing facility. Managua coordinator, Lillian Hall, will come to the SEYM Gathering and will also be on the St. Petersburg radio station, WMNF, to talk about changes in Nicaragua with the new government.

Andrea Walsh reported that **Half Yearly Meeting** went well. The HYM Committee is already starting to plan for next year and is hoping to build attendance in the future.

The clerk asked for reports from SEYM representatives to organizations and thanked those representatives who had their reports printed in the DIA.

Kody Hersh reported on the **Friends General Conference (FGC) Central Committee** meeting in October. Kody is on the Youth ministries committee. He reported that it was an exciting meeting, blessed with spiritual plenty and a sense that FGC is prospering. They decided to start a fund raising campaign to expand the work of FGC. It is not widely known, but FGC includes pastoral meetings and has a lot of meetings with dual membership [FGC and FUM].

FGC has appointed an ad hoc committee to consider the Quaker sweat lodge controversy. Youth Quake was laid down because of a lack of participation with other branches of Quakerism.

Lisa Stewart, representative to **Friends United Meeting (FUM)** reported that FUM did respond to the SEYM letter of concern [approved at the SEYM Gathering]. At its last meeting, the FUM board agreed to place a discussion of the personnel policy on sexual ethics high on its agenda. Lisa reported that there had been an opening at that meeting. Phoebe agreed and said that there is hope if we continue to be faithful in our discernment with them and open our hearts to the Holy Spirit. [She had written queries which were sent to the meetings prior to the WIBM.] She said her queries are about getting us to think about what it will take to continue this work with FUM.

YM Clerk Susan Taylor asked the meetings to respond to her letter about Phoebe’s queries about the relationship with FUM.

It was reported that this year is the 20th anniversary of **Quaker Earthcare Witness**. They will have their annual meeting in November in Vermont.

Mary Jo Klingel reported that she had gone to a **Friends General Conference (FGC)** consultation on Naming and Nurturing the Gifts of Ministry in Monthly Meetings. She found it exciting to think about a much slower process to name and nurture the gift of ministry.

Dan Vaughen gave the **Nominating Committee** report. He said they need assistance in naming and nurturing gifts. They are interested in broadening the pool of spiritual gifts. He noted that the SEYM Directory lists committee members and the expiration dates of their service. Those with 2007 dates are expiring this year. The following committees will have vacancies, which the nominating committee is trying to fill: Archive Committee, Faith and Practice Committee, Membership Recorder, Youth Committee, Gathering Committee. Representatives to several organizations are needed, also. Dan urged Friends not to let the cost of travel be an impediment. Some of the representatives which are needed are for American Friends Service Committee national office and Southeast Regional Office, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Friends General Conference, Friends World Committee for Consultation, Florida Council of Churches, a Florida Impact contact person, and Friends United Meeting triennial.

The subject of meeting representatives to SEYM was raised by clerk Nancy Fennell. There was a discussion of the role of representatives. It was suggested that there be a minute written requesting that meetings name representatives to SEYM. Someone else questioned whether a minute was needed for something already in practice. A Friend commented that it appeared that most meetings do not have representatives to SEYM.

The suggestion was made that the Clerk of Interim Business Meeting write a letter to the meetings asking them to name a representative. After some more discussion of the role of representatives, the following minute was approved.

07IBM06: Southeastern Yearly Meeting Interim Business Meeting asks that all affiliated monthly and preparative meetings and worship groups name at least one representative to SEYM Yearly Meeting and Interim Business Meeting sessions to bring reports from meetings to and take reports back to meetings from SEYM Yearly Meeting and Interim Business Meeting sessions. Members and attenders other than representatives are also urged to attend Yearly Meeting and Interim Business Meeting Sessions.

A minute of appreciation for the hospitality of Orlando and Winter Park Friends, written by Sybil Brannan, was approved.

07IBM07: Generous hospitality is almost palpable here in Orlando! The Orlando Meeting House had lights on indoors as the first people arrived in time for the EC meeting at 7 P.M. on Friday evening. As we approached the building, the huge lights were on the field across the street, the crowds were yelling a welcome and the loud p.a. system was deafening. Of course, when we settled into worship, our cars were tucked into the ample parking spaces, munchable goodies were joined by fresh apples, and we actually managed, despite the concerning absence of Ed Lesnick, our recorder, to settle into deep "active silence." We wish Ed well.

The Saturday morning greeting involved a Winter Park Friend, who seemed to personally welcome each and every one of us, and we appreciated the fond "hello" from Bill as he continued to help us enjoy moving the furniture within his Meeting House. Breakfast, lunch and snacks were simply delicious!

We cannot express the thank yous to everyone involved in the food preparation, arrival and clean-up, but we can say thank you for the spaces for the committee meetings and thank you for the friendly hospitality given to us as individuals and as a group.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

Attachment 1. Attendees

Clearwater

Peter Day
Sue Day
Eileen Zingaro

Deland

Cathy Gaskill
Dan Vaughen

Ft. Lauderdale

Dawn Howard
Mary Jo Klingel

Ft. Myers

Nancy Fennell
Tom Fennell
Barb Frey
Nancy Howell
Al Webber
Marilyn Webber

Gainesville

Sybil Brennan
Connie Ray
Laura Winefordner

Jacksonville

Al Geiger
Wendy Geiger

Lake Wales

Caroline Lanker

Miami

Eduardo Diaz
Kody Hersh

Orlando

Bill Carlie
Joan Faulkner
Judy Schmalstig

Palm Beach

Serrin Anderson
Jack Bradin
Ellie Caldwell
Barbara Letsch
Lisa Stewart

Sarasota

Fern Mayo

Space Coast

Lyn Cope

St. Petersburg

David Johns

Tallahassee

Neil Andersen
Phoebe Andersen
Hanah Manuel
Susan Taylor

Tampa

Karen Putney
Andrea Walsh
Barbara Wolfe

Winter Park

Vivian Bird

Attachment 2: Minute for Beverly Bird

Minute of Appreciation and Memorial for Beverly Bird

The Faith and Practice Committee wishes to commemorate the faithful and loving service of Beverly Bird of Halifax Friends Meeting for four-plus years on the committee.

The Faith and Practice Committee meets three or four times a year, and we work to build a community of trust and friendship amongst each other as we strive to discern how SEYM's Faith and Practice should reflect our lives as Quakers. Beverly was faithful in attendance at our committee meetings even during her chemotherapy. She often commented that she didn't want to miss a meeting of her second Quaker family of Friends. And, of course, her first family was her beloved Halifax Meeting.

Beverly always had a great sense of humor and she loved a good laugh. She knew how to add a moment of loving levity to the Committee when we were taking ourselves much too seriously!

Beverly loved to listen and to share as we all shared our spiritual journeys and histories. In turn, we learned a lot about her early years as an activist mother and about her beloved son David and his partner Lloyd. A large part of the fun, for her, of attending Faith and Practice Committee meetings in Orlando was spending the evenings with her son and his partner.

The Committee is indebted to Beverly for her gift of discerning the "perfect" word when we were stuck in our process. It didn't matter what the subject was, she would quietly listen to all of the different words proposed and think about their connotations. Then, after we all ran out of suggestions, she would propose the very wording that we had all been struggling so hard to find. Many times she enabled us to move forward in unity, and we are deeply grateful for this gift of hers to the Committee.

Yesterday, during our committee meeting, when we were all feeling a hole in the fabric of our discernment, a Friend shared a vision regarding Beverly. She was looking in on us as we struggled over a particularly difficult passage. She was chuckling because, after all, Faith and Practice is pretty simple; it is just Love God and Love One Another.

Beverly, we love and miss you. And Thank You for your oversight of our Committee!!

Attachment 3: Finance Committee Report

Current Status:

As of 1/11/07, we are a little over seven months into the fiscal year. In the General Fund, there is a net income of over \$8200. However, in the next three months, the annual donations to organizations will be paid - a budgeted expense of \$9215.

Two monthly meetings have contributed all of their apportionment for the fiscal year; six additional monthly meetings have contributed half or more, three have contributed something less than half, and four monthly meetings have not contributed. None of the preparative meetings and worship groups has contributed. Monthly meetings with worship groups under their care are reminded that they need to attend to the financial responsibilities of their worship groups, as well as their own.

Individuals have contributed \$2620 toward the individual donation budget of \$2825.

Budgeting for 2007-2008

The proposed General Fund budget, which was published in the WBIM DIA, has been updated slightly. The new proposed budget is attached.

Proposed changes from the previous year's budget are:

- A 3% cost of living increase for the YM secretary
- Providing or at least subsidizing health insurance for the YM secretary, who is now a full time employee of SEYM
- Increasing the donation to Friends World Committee for Consultation, which continues to be in financial straits.
- Making a donation to the Quaker United Nations Office. SEYM has a representative to QUNO, but we have not been making a financial contribution. See the report from our QUNO representatives in the WIBM DIA.
- Increasing the representative travel budgets
- An increase in the cost of liability insurance. We have no choice in this – the cost is going up. We are also proposing that some of the increase be borne by the events (Gathering, Half Yearly Meeting and the Michener Lecture)
- Increase the Secretary's travel budget to cover the Secretary's attendance at the Gathering (i.e. registration fee, lodging and meals). Currently, the Secretary's costs at the Gathering are covered by the Gathering. However, the Secretary is supporting the whole YM while at the Gathering.
- An increase in the expected income from the Trustees' Secretary's Salary Fund and Bertsche Outreach Travel Fund, which have both increased in value.

The net result of these changes would be an increase of 10.2% in the total General Fund budget and an increase of 10.1% in the meeting donations budget. This would result in an *average* increase in meeting apportionments of 10.1%. The per unit increase might be more or less than that, depending on whether our YM population declines or grows over the year.

Attachment 4: SEYM Gathering Committee Report

Winter Interim Business Meeting 1/13/2007

Gathering Committee met to identify opportunities and deficiencies in preparations and scheduling of events for the 2007 Yearly Gathering. Committee members Steve Kinney (Gathering Clerk), Ellie Caldwell, Eileen Zingaro, Andrea Walsh, Judy Schmalstig, and Alan Schmalstig were present, along with our YM Clerk Susan Taylor, Executive Secretary Lyn Cope, and Friend Serrin Anderson.

Our Gathering theme and Walton Lecture for 2007 is "Quaker Leadership", featuring Arthur Larrabee, a Friend with vast working experience in Friends' process and operational methods, and in conveying these skills to others via interactive workshop programs.

The most urgent need identified by the committee is for registered Youth Workers. Our SEYM Child Abuse Prevention Program requires formal registration, including an FDLE background check. This process is not difficult but must be completed, along with a simple training process, before Youth Worker tasks can be assigned. We must find and register at least three youth workers as soon as possible, to be able to carry out scheduled Youth programs at the 2007 Gathering. Program registration costs for Youth Workers, including food and lodging, are paid by SEYM. An appeal is being sent to all our Monthly Meetings. Prospective Youth Workers should contact Kathy Hersh, Youth Coordinator, at 305-667-6779.

Our Registrar also needs a few volunteer workers to help out at the registration table. To cover changes in the Life Enrichment Center accommodations and meal program, Andrea will conduct a brief training session on Wednesday April 4, 8:00 at the registration table. Friends who wish to assist at the registration table, should indicate this as they fill out their registration forms.

New this year, our registration deadline is March 1st. Any meals at the LEC cafeteria must be registered for in advance, as part of the accommodations package and/or in addition to registration for camping. The Simple Meals program will not be available at the 2007 Gathering, due to changes in LEC contract requirements. A list of nearby hotels and campgrounds will be available at the registration desk, for any who miss the March 1 registration deadline.

Looking ahead to 2008, our Yearly Gathering theme is tentatively set as "Walking Cheerfully Over the Earth: Who We Are as Quakers", with Steve Angell as our leading candidate for Walton Lecture presenter.

Attachment 5: Palm Beach Monthly Meeting Travel Letter for Jack Bradin

[The following is the text of the travel minute carried by Jack Bradin.]

**Palm Beach Monthly Meeting
of the
Religious Society of Friends**

823 North A Street, Lake Wales, Florida 33460; Phone (407) 585-8060

Sixth Month, 2006

Travel Minute for John (Jack) Bradin

Friends,

Palm Beach Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends asks that you welcome Jack Bradin, a member of our Meeting, to your Meeting for Worship. Jack will be traveling across the country bringing with him our love and fellowship. He is carrying a "Minute of Grave Concern" written by our Peace and Social Concerns Committee after a long and intense struggle with a spiritual and moral dilemma. We have been deeply troubled by the events that led us to this Minute. As he joins you in worship, we ask that you welcome him into dialogue about this Minute and, if possible, provide hospitality. Thank you.

With light, love and peace,

(signed)

Joan Carney

Clerk

Attachment 6: Treasurer's Report - Actual vs Budget

Southeastern Yearly Meeting
 Income/Expense -- Actual vs. Budget
 June 1, 2006 through January 9, 2007

01/09/07

GENERAL FUND	Actual \$ Jun 1, '06 - Jan 9, '07	Proportional Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget	Annual Budget FY07
Income					
2000 -- Income					
2001 -- Donations					
2002 -- Individual Donations	\$ 2,620.00	\$ 1,716.25	\$ 903.75	152.7%	\$ 2,825.00
2003 -- Meeting Donations	\$ 29,891.50	\$ 34,760.88	\$ (4,869.38)	86.0%	\$ 57,217.00
Total 2001 -- Donations	\$ 32,511.50	\$ 36,477.13	\$ (3,965.63)	89.1%	\$ 60,042.00
2200 -- Investment Earnings					
2203 -- Savings Account Interest	\$ 83.62	\$ 72.90	\$ 10.72	114.7%	\$ 120.00
Total 2200 -- Investment Earnings	\$ 83.62	\$ 72.90	\$ 10.72	114.7%	\$ 120.00
2306 -- Miscellaneous Income	\$ 146.13				\$ -
2380 -- Postage/shipping reimbursement	\$ 12.70				
2600 -- Sales					
2680 -- Publication Sales	\$ 14.00				
Total 2600 -- Sales	\$ 14.00				\$ -
Total 2000 -- Income	\$ 32,767.95	\$ 36,550.03	\$ (3,782.08)	89.7%	\$ 60,162.00
2700 -- Transfer in FROM other classes					
2712 -- Michener Lect. to GF/insurance	\$ -	\$ 29.03	\$ (29.03)	0.0%	\$ 100.00
2732 -- Gath/Walton to GF/insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 700.00
2752 -- HYM to GF/insurance	\$ 365.00	\$ 105.97	\$ 259.03	344.4%	\$ 365.00
2804 -- from Trustee's Funds					
2815 -- for Outreach Travel	\$ 2,032.16	\$ 1,277.42	\$ 754.74	159.1%	\$ 1,980.00
2820 -- for Secretary's Salary	\$ 5,213.74	\$ 3,477.42	\$ 1,736.32	149.9%	\$ 5,390.00
Total 2804 -- from Trustee's Funds	\$ 7,245.90	\$ 4,754.84	\$ 2,491.06	152.4%	\$ 7,370.00
Total 2700 -- Transfer in FROM other classes	\$ 7,610.90	\$ 4,889.84	\$ 2,721.06	155.6%	\$ 8,535.00
Total Income	\$ 40,378.85	\$ 41,439.87	\$ (1,061.02)	97.4%	\$ 68,697.00

Expense

2999 -- Expenses

3000 -- Administrative

3001 -- Bank Service Charges	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	40.00
3002 -- PayPal service fee	\$	-	\$	6.09	\$	(6.09)	0.0%	\$	10.00
3080 -- Duplication	\$	2,093.70	\$	3,200.00	\$	(1,106.30)	65.4%	\$	4,600.00
3100 -- Insurance									
3106 -- Liability Insurance	\$	859.10	\$	887.50	\$	(28.40)	96.8%	\$	1,550.00
Total 3100 -- Insurance	\$	859.10	\$	887.50	\$	(28.40)	96.8%	\$	1,550.00
3146 -- Non-Profit Corporation Fee	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	62.00
3200 -- Office Supplies	\$	61.22	\$	309.84	\$	(248.62)	19.8%	\$	510.00
3270 -- Payroll Expenses	\$	22,872.15	\$	23,820.51	\$	(948.36)	96.0%	\$	39,210.00
3380 -- Postage/Shipping	\$	723.60	\$	972.06	\$	(248.46)	74.4%	\$	1,600.00
3381 -- Post Office Box rental	\$	50.00	\$	50.00	\$	-	100.0%	\$	50.00
3400 -- Office Equipment	\$	452.67	\$	243.03	\$	209.64	186.3%	\$	400.00
3500 -- Professional Fees									
3526 -- Accounting	\$	50.00							
3500 -- Professional Fees - Other	\$	-	\$	439.52	\$	(439.52)	0.0%	\$	500.00
Total 3500 -- Professional Fees	\$	50.00	\$	439.52	\$	(389.52)	11.4%	\$	500.00
3640 -- Rent, Office	\$	800.00	\$	729.03	\$	70.97	109.7%	\$	1,200.00
3700 -- Repairs									
3740 -- Computer Repairs	\$	317.98							
3700 -- Repairs - Other	\$	-	\$	250.00	\$	(250.00)	0.0%	\$	250.00
Total 3700 -- Repairs	\$	317.98	\$	250.00	\$	67.98	127.2%	\$	250.00
3816 -- Software	\$	-	\$	500.00	\$	(500.00)	0.0%	\$	500.00
3840 -- Telephone & Inet access	\$	750.30	\$	668.26	\$	82.04	112.3%	\$	1,100.00
3860 -- Travel Administrative	\$	703.46	\$	694.35	\$	9.11	101.3%	\$	1,050.00
3900 -- Website	\$	-	\$	300.00	\$	(300.00)	0.0%	\$	300.00
Total 3000 -- Administrative	\$	29,734.18	\$	33,070.19	\$	(3,336.01)	89.9%	\$	52,932.00
4000 -- Committee Operating Expenses									
4309 -- Archives	\$	-	\$	30.36	\$	(30.36)	0.0%	\$	50.00
4329 -- Executive	\$	-	\$	60.77	\$	(60.77)	0.0%	\$	100.00
4339 -- Faith and Practice	\$	-	\$	182.26	\$	(182.26)	0.0%	\$	300.00
4349 -- Finance	\$	-	\$	60.77	\$	(60.77)	0.0%	\$	100.00
4359 -- Nominating	\$	-	\$	30.36	\$	(30.36)	0.0%	\$	50.00
4369 -- Peace and Social Concerns	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	150.00
4389 -- Youth Committee	\$	-	\$	50.00	\$	(50.00)	0.0%	\$	50.00

4399 -- Worship and Ministry	\$	-	\$	23.23	\$	(23.23)	0.0%	\$	100.00
Total 4000 -- Committee Operating Expenses	\$	-	\$	437.75	\$	(437.75)	0.0%	\$	900.00
5000 -- Donations to Organizations									
5007 -- AFSC	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	100.00
5008 -- AFSC-SERO	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	100.00
5017 -- Cuba YM-Havana Peace Coord.	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	-
5018 -- Earlham School of Religion	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	100.00
5027 -- FCNL	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	300.00
5028 -- QEW (FCUN)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	125.00
5037 -- FGC	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	1,200.00
5038 -- FLCoalition for Peace & Justice	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	60.00
5047 -- Florida Council of Churches	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	200.00
5048 -- Florida Impact	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	300.00
5057 -- Friends Journal	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	100.00
5058 -- Friends Peace Teams	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	250.00
5067 -- FUM	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	1,200.00
5068 -- FWCC	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	1,380.00
5077 -- Pendle Hill	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	100.00
5078 -- ProNica	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	4,000.00
5087 -- Quaker Life	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	100.00
5097 -- Wm Penn House	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	100.00
Total 5000 -- Donations to Organizations	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	9,715.00
7000 -- Program Expense									
7500 -- Site Fees (Food & Lodging)									
7533 -- Site Deposits	\$	216.00							
Total 7500 -- Site Fees (Food & Lodging)	\$	216.00							
Total 7000 -- Program Expense	\$	216.00						\$	-
8000 -- Representative Travel									
8160 -- Annual Representative	\$	1,357.00	\$	1,275.81	\$	81.19	106.4%	\$	2,100.00
Total 8000 -- Representative Travel	\$	1,357.00	\$	1,275.81	\$	81.19	106.4%	\$	2,100.00
8500 -- Contingency	\$	-	\$	607.54	\$	(607.54)	0.0%	\$	1,000.00
Total 2999 -- Expenses	\$	31,307.18	\$	35,391.29	\$	(4,084.11)	88.5%	\$	66,647.00
9000 -- Transfer OUT TO other classes									
9005 -- for Gathering Youth	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	1,000.00
9060 -- for Triennial Travel	\$	1,050.00	\$	1,050.00	\$	-	100.0%	\$	1,050.00

Total 9000 -- Transfer OUT TO other classes	\$	1,050.00	\$	1,050.00	\$	-	100.0%	\$	2,050.00
Total Expense	\$	32,357.18	\$	36,441.29	\$	(4,084.11)	88.8%	\$	68,697.00
Net Income	\$	8,021.67	\$	4,998.58	\$	3,023.09	160.5%	\$	-