

## 2007 YBM Numbered Minutes

07YBM01 The 45th session of Southeastern Yearly Meeting opened with meeting for worship with attention to business, Thursday afternoon, April 5, 2007, on the shores of Lake Griffin at the United Methodist Life Enrichment Center.

We gathered with gratitude for the workshops on clerking led by Arthur Larrabee. We were actively reminded of the need for everyone to come to meeting for business with a clerking consciousness. Our meetings for business are meetings for worship in which we as a body or the body of Christ seek Godly outcomes or outcomes of the Spirit.

07YBM02 While the Nominating Committee appoints committee clerks and co-clerks, the committee clerks at their discretion may appoint an assistant clerk from that committee, so that should the committee clerk be unable to perform the clerk's duties, the committee's work may continue.

07YBM03 The clerk of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, clerk of the Youth Committee, clerk of Half Yearly Meeting, and the Membership Recorder are permanent members of the Executive Committee.

07YBM04 Any remaining funds from the Yearly Meeting gathering, after all expenses are paid, will be invested in the YM Gathering Youth Endowment Fund.

07YBM05 Any remaining funds from the Michener Lecture shall be transferred to the Michener Lecture Endowment fund.

07YBM06 The YM plans 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.

07YBM07 the list of official representation for the YM is 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.

07YBM08 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.

07YBM09 SEYM urges 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.

07YBM10 Southeastern Yearly Meeting asks that all affiliated monthly and preparative meetings and worship groups name at least one representative to SEYM Yearly Business Meeting and Interim Business Meeting sessions to bring reports from meetings to and take reports back to meetings from SEYM Yearly Business Meeting and Interim Business Meeting sessions. Members and attenders other than representatives are also urged to attend Yearly Meeting and Interim Business Meeting Sessions.

07YBM11 YM approves the 2007 revision of the Representative Travel Guidelines.

07YBM12 YM adopts the practice of appointing a Naming Committee to nominate members of the Nominating Committee. Members of this ad hoc committee shall be appointed annually by the Executive committee clerk and approved by E.C. Names of members of the Naming Committee shall be brought before the Yearly Meeting at Winter IBM. Any nominations arising from the floor at WIBM shall be taken under consideration.

Consisting of a minimum of three (3) Executive Committee members, respecting gender and regional representation, and allowing time for proper discernment, Naming Committee members shall serve a term from WIBM through Yearly Business (YBM) sessions.

The Naming Committee reports their recommendations directly to the YBM.

07YBM13 SEYM urges Friends to be vigilant in protesting the war in Iraq by spreading the word of the war’s impact as seen from the Iraqi perspective. The Johns Hopkins study on Iraqi civilian mortality, published in *Lancet* (October, 2006), indicated that:

650,000 Iraqis have died since the war began in March, 2003;

Two million Iraqis are now internally displaced and an additional two million are externally displaced;

The psychological, social, and environmental effects of the war will both be long term and severe.

SEYM urges Friends to consider how they are led to respond.

07YBM14 SEYM accepts the Treasurer's report.

07YBM15 SEYM is in unity in declaring that our Yearly Meeting has entered a period of transformation with regard to our membership in Friends United Meeting. We acknowledge great pain and struggle within our body and, as we have heard, among other members of F.U.M. as well, over this process and we strive to hold each other in love and Light as we labor.

We will work as a Yearly Meeting toward reaching unity with regard to laying down our present relationship, and toward creating new relationships as opportunities arise and as spirit leads.

To allow this process to occur, SEYM will suspend formal membership in F.U.M. for two years. During this time, our yearly meeting will make no financial contributions to F.U.M. Instead, the funds that would have gone to F.U.M. will go to support F.U.M.-related activities or outreach at the discretion or suggestion of SEYM. We will offer both financial and spiritual support to representatives to F.U.M. as our members come forward to carry out those duties. If at the end of the two-year period our membership is not in unity to renew the relationship, SEYM will permanently lay down our membership in F.U.M.

We seek to maintain a loving relationship with Friends United Meeting. We also look for opportunities to communicate with members of F.U.M. about our concerns.

07YBM16 Delivery of the minute 07YBM15 to FUM will be at the discretion of the YM clerk and SEYM representatives to FUM.

07YBM17 SEYM expresses appreciation for the spirit led discussion of the working group that met on the relationship of SEYM to FUM. SEYM expresses gratitude for the leadership of the working group.

07YBM18 SEYM will not send a contribution to FUM for the fiscal year 2006-2007.

SEYM directs the Finance Committee to carry over the budgeted \$1200 to the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

SEYM Friends are encouraged to contact the Finance Committee in writing for the use of the money budgeted for FUM for FY06-07. A decision on its distribution will be made at FIBM.

07YBM19 SEYM approves the Nominating Committee report.

07YBM20 SEYM approves the proposed General Fund budget with the following modifications:

1. The \$1200 budget line proposed for FUM will be redirected to support FUM-related activities or outreach as approved in minute 07YBM15.
2. The budget line item for Friends' Peace Teams will be increased from \$250 to \$1250 in order to support Cecilia Yocum's increased work with FPT. In conjunction with this,
  - a. SEYM will accept earmarked contributions for the FPT line item in the General Fund Budget. If more than the budget amount is contributed, all of the earmarked donations will go the FPT line item.
  - b. The individual donations budget line item will be increased by \$1000 to balance the increased budgeted expenses.
  - c. The FPT line item will be administered by the Peace and Social Concerns Committee in order to support Cecilia Yocum's work with FPT.

07YBM21 SEYM approves the Faith and Practice section *Blessed Community*.

07YBM22 SEYM approves the Faith and Practice section *Concerns, Leadings, and Testimonies*.

07YBM23 SEYM approves the YM Epistle, as amended with corrections to be made by the Epistle committee.

07YBM24 We thank everyone who helped to make the 45<sup>th</sup> SEYM Gathering a reality. So many Friends sat together to do the business and others made it possible for us to have time for fellowship, to be warm, and to eat tasty meals. Thank you for the presence of the Spirit, the beautiful lakeside worship space, and for the attendance of all the young people.

07YBM25 SEYM expresses appreciation for Arthur Larrabee who was faithful to a message we all needed to hear.