

Numbered Minutes, Yearly Meeting, Fourth Month, 8-11, 2004

04YM01 (04EC02) The Yearly Meeting Assistant clerk has the responsibility for dispensing travel funds and for providing support and nurture for our representatives to organizations.

If the Assistant clerk has difficulty in managing the funds, we request the Finance Committee clerk be ready to support the Assistant clerk in doing so.

The Ad Hoc Travel Funds Committee is charged with providing guidelines on ways to inform the Assistant clerk in dispersing travel funds and providing nurture for those Yearly Meeting representatives who travel.

04YM02 SEYM approves the endorsements made by the YM clerk regarding the travel minutes for visitors Michael Wadga (FGC) and Liz Kamphausen (AFSC).

04YM03 With regard to 03RM06, SEYM Representative Meeting approves the recommendation of our Worship and Ministry Committee that we acknowledge and approve Jan Dahm's calling to travel in the ministry with Friends General Conference Traveling Ministries, and as she might otherwise be led. To that end, we endorse the traveling minute for her as prepared by St. Petersburg Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. The text of the traveling minute is attached. The text of the SPMM minute appears as Attachment 3 in the 2004 YM minutes.

04YM04 The YM approves the revised procedures for "How to Change or Make Additions to the Faith and Practice" as they appeared in the Documents In Advance, pages 5 to 7, and as amended at the second plenary.

04YM05 SEYM approves the FY2003 Financial Report as presented by treasurer Neil Andersen.

04YM06 YM approves the FY2004 Interim Financial Report as presented by treasurer Neil Andersen.

04YM07 YM approves the Faith and Practice forms on "Dying, Death and Bereavement" as published in the Documents in Advance with modifications. On page 10 of the DIA, entitled Requests Regarding Disposal of My Body," under Item # 1, insert the following sentence. *If you have decided to donate your body to Medical Research, Organ Donations, or Eye Bank, please designate a second choice of Burial or Cremation, in the event that your wishes are unable to be carried out.* There were also typos notes to be corrected on Page 15 of the document.

04YM08 SEYM approves the Finance Committee's Proposed Budget for June 1, 2004 – May 31, 2005.

04YM09 YM approves the amendments to Articles of Incorporation as they appeared as they appeared in the supplement to the Documents in Advance that was mailed by first class to every SEYM member and with editorial changes made at the third plenary.

04YM10 The YM approves the proposed By-Laws as they appeared in the supplement to the Documents in Advance that was mailed by first class to every SEYM member and amended at the third plenary

04YM11 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends approves the appointment of Jan Dahm and Phoebe Andersen as our representatives to the Friends General Conference Traveling Ministries Program Consultation Addressing Faithful Ministry In Our Monthly and Yearly Meetings. The Consultation will be held November 12-14, 2004, at the Gilmer Diocesan Center near Pittsburgh PA.

04YM12 SEYM approves the Nominating Committee report as amended during the third and fourth plenary sessions.

04YM13 In a reaffirmation and expansion of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, the following are recognized as members: those approved by Yearly Meeting, clerks/designees of the Peace and Social Concerns committees of constituent monthly meetings and worship groups, and all Yearly Meeting participants who choose to attend.

04YM14 Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends recognizes the urgency of joining the statewide initiative to raise the minimum wage. While the raise from \$5.15 to \$6.15 is far from a living wage, we urge Friends in attendance to sign the petitions and present them to their monthly meetings and worship groups for additional signatures.

04YM15 Southeastern Yearly Meeting encourages Friends to continue supporting the Coalition of Immokalee Workers in their boycott of Taco Bell. Immokalee workers provide 80% of Taco Bell's tomatoes and their demand for a wage increase of one cent more per pound should be met immediately.

04YM16 At its annual session held April 7-11, 2004, the Southeastern Yearly Meeting reaffirms its enduring commitment to the historic peace testimony. SEYM is profoundly appreciative of the efforts of wider Quaker organizations to address the core issues, which underlie conflicts between peoples and nations, and earnestly prays for progress towards peace in the world we share.

04YM17 SEYM undertakes the sponsorship of two representatives to the World Gathering of Young Friends in July 2005 at Lancaster, England. It asks the Nominating Committee together with Young Friends to name two representatives and two alternates. It is further requested the 2006 Budget include possible funding and will ask further assistance from Monthly Meetings and members.

04YM18 SEYM is very grateful for having Nancy Fennell's continual support of our annual Gathering by graciously continuing as Clerk of the YM Gathering Committee for a year beyond her required term. Her commitment and dedication is an inspiration to us all.

04YM19 SEYM, Gathered in Yearly Meeting, 2004, expresses its deep joy and gratitude to Mary Lord, our workshop leader and Walton lecturer. Her insights, wisdom, experience, and Spirit have nourished us and recommitted us to our historic call to Peace building. We rejoice in our time together and look forward to frequent opportunities to work and share together in the future.

04YM20 SEYM approves the epistle for Gathering 2004.