

## SOUTHEASTERN YEARLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

### *Abstract of Action Minutes 1996-2000*

*Note: minutes typically begin with 'Southeastern Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends...'*

- 96YM01 establishes a meetinghouse fund of \$10,000 so that MMs may acquire property or modify existing meetinghouses
- 96YM02 Yearly Meeting Gathering Committee now consists of the Clerk, three members, and the SEYM Secretary
- 96YM03 urges FUMeeting to reinstate its affiliation with National Council of Churches and World Council of Churches
- 96YM04 Vicki Carlie will serve as Southeastern Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee Clerk
- 96YM05 Amigos Constr plans to pay back the loan of \$10,000; has asked to renew the loan, but we want the loan repaid first
- 96YM06 Nominating Committee will ask people taking offices in Southeastern Yearly Meeting to serve for three-year periods
- 96YM07 We support and approve Eduardo Diaz's work as a Released Friend
- 96YM08 approves Robert Parsons as a signer of checks for the Pro-Nica Committee.
- 96YM09 RM's letter on the School of the Americas to President Clinton, to be followed at YM by a letter writing & publishing
- 96YM10 with deepest regret lays down Ocala Worship Group, entrusts membership Heidi Rossiter to Gainesville MM
- 96YM11 approves the budget presented by Pro-Nica
- 96YM12 approves the budget for the coming fiscal year, beginning June 1, 1996
- 96YM13 welcomes the Appeal and petitions Floridian for Health Security for a single payer health insurance
- 96YM14 expresses deep appreciation for the work of Gay Howard as Clerk of SEYM for the past three years
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- 97YM01 [approval of minutes from RM] new policy for handling YM expenses of Young Friends
- 97YM02 —all SEYM meetings should use or renovate facilities to be readily accessible to physically handicapped people
- 97YM03 —supports Cuban Quaker Project, under the care of Miami Friends Meeting and the Iglesia de los Amigos in Miami
- 97YM04 —requests Nominating Committee to look for more persons to support the publications process
- 97YM05 —approves the sponsorship of Quaker Volunteer Service, Training, and Witness
- 97YM06 —affirms its unwavering opposition to capital punishment., testimony of Religious Society of Friends since 17th cent  
Standing minute: recommends MMs prayerfully consider issue of sanctuary, estab sanctuaries in their communities
- 97YM07 Executive Committee serve as personnel committee for administrative secretary, review secretary's report quarterly
- 97YM08 receives EC recommendation to change name of Executive Committee to Oversight Committee; consider at fall RM
- 97YM09 approves EC minute for use by a prison visitation group of a subsidiary SEYM mailing list of about 90 addresses
- 97YM10 asks Ad Hoc committee for half-yearly meeting to inform ECof progress in planning and finding volunteers
- 97YM11 sense of gathered SEYM sessions: proposed change in discipline process essential for SEYM to work in the Spirit
- 97YM12 approves the budget as presented for the coming fiscal year
- 97YM13 approves the report of the Trustees
- 97YM14 approves loan of \$10,000, with trustees and Amigos working out process; possibility of future gift to be decided later
- 97YM15 approves Ad Hoc Personnel Cte's rec SEYM increase support to YM Secretary : current base salary + benefits \$4000

- 97YM16 approves Ad Hoc Personnel Cte's request that EC review and prioritize the secretary's work quarterly
- 97YM17 approves Ad Hoc Personnel Cts's rec: field secretary fund be est for voluntary contribs from meetings & individuals
- 97YM18 approves Ad Hoc Personnel Cte's suggestion: oversight committee for field secretary to help with discernment &c
- 97YM19 asks the Ad Hoc committee to continue its work
- 97YM20 calls attention of other Friends emergency situation in Florida & US with new welfare reform and immigration laws
- 97YM21 expresses concern about the use of 73 pounds of plutonium on space probe Cassini: demonstrate opposition
- 97YM22 asks federal & Florida govts to reconsider their policies on education of our children and incarceration of offenders
- 97YM23 approves appointing a representative to Friends Committee on Unity with Nature
- 97YM24 names Eduardo Diaz and his family as representatives to Cuba Yearly Meeting and related activities
- 97YM25 accepts report of visiting cte on oversight for Ft. Lauderdale worship group, anticipates recording as MM in 1998
- 97YM26 approves the nominations presented by the nominating committee
- 97YM27 thanks Laura Winefordner for her work as recording clerk
- 97YM28 thanks Jenny Ascher for organizing and guiding the Young Adult Quakers (YAQs) for those from about ages 19-30
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- 98YM01 [approval of minutes from RM] approves reps to FCUN, AFSCCorp, NomCte, & FICC, Pro-Nica, FieldSecCte
- 98YM02 —affirms Joan Carney, of Ft. Lauderdale, to witness Death Penalty concerns to the public
- 98YM03 —urges, instead of plutonium on earth and in space, use of safe and clean energy sources on earth and in space
- 98YM04 —urges U.S. Govt to treat both Canada and Mexico as friendly neighbors without requiring visas at either border
- 98YM05 —approves accepting Deland Worship Group as a Worship Group in SEYM, under the care of Orlando MM
- 98YM06 —approves sending SEYM directory to all on the mailing list for Documents in Advance
- 98YM07 —approves the plans of Discipline Cte to revise SEYM's Faith and Practice; final draft expected YM 2000 or 2001
- 98YM08 —approves the formation of a 'web site' for SEYM under Publications Cte
- 98YM09 —agrees on forming a Search Committee to search for a new Administrative Secretary
- 98YM10 —recognizes need for travelling ministry in SEYM: will depend on concerned Friends developing the next step
- 98YM11 approves laying down the Field Secretary Committee
- 98YM12 approves creation of new deferred revenue line, for any amount over \$300 in FY1998-99 for Travelling Ministry
- 98YM13 receives with thanks \$500 gift of Palm Beach Monthly Meeting to the Field Secretary Fund in memory of Mary Dee
- 98YM14 approves changing Discipline of SEYM to the Faith and Practice of SEYM, Discipline Cte to Faith and Practice Cte
- 98YM15 approves plans of Faith and Practice Cte to revise SEYM's Faith and Practice and to implement the review process
- 98YM16 names Eduardo Diaz and Clara Diaz, and daughters Alicia, Lilia and Sara Diaz, as representatives to Cuba YM
- 98YM17 extends to Cuba YM love & support as it manages challenges of emerging unprogrammed worship groups in Cuba

98YM18 releases Louis D. Putney to travel in the ministry and to witness Quaker testimonies to Cuban Friends

98YM19 continues affiliation with SIPAZ coalition, requests Finance Cte to allocate minimum required annual contribution

98YM20 approves the SEYM General Fund Budget 1998-99

98YM21 approves Amigos Constr applying \$10,000 borrowing of SEYM funds, loan to have highest priority in repayment

98YM22 joyfully and lovingly records the former Ft. Lauderdale Worship Group as a Monthly Meeting

98YM23 asks Monthly Meetings to work actively EACH year to reduce racism in our meetings, communities, state and nation

98YM24 encourages MMs and individuals to contribute to SIPAZ as they feel led and able

98YM25 supports Paula Wilson in her work as Director of the AFSC Welcoming Community Project

98YM26 shifts responsibilities from the Michener Lecture Cte to Worship and Ministry Cte; lays down Michener Lecture Cte

98YM27 approves re-estab of Meeting for Sufferings, to offer to Quakers imprisoned or otherwise suffering for testimonies

98YM28 establishes a designated fund to receive donations for the work of the Meeting for Sufferings

98YM29 authorizes Clerk sign Document of Deposit of SEYM Archives betw SEYM and Univ of FL Lib System Archives

98YM30 thanks Nadine Hoover for her loving nurture of the Yearly Meeting as Administrative Secretary and Field Secretary

98YM31 accepts recommendation of Search Committee to hire Annie McPherson as Administrative Secretary

98YM32 approves Annie McPherson to sign documents on our bank accounts

98YM33 approves condensing the Archives Committee and the Library Committee into one Library and Archives Committee

98YM34 approves that the Religious Education Committee be put on inactive status

98YM35 approves re-activating Publications Cte, with Newsletter Cte being folded into Publication and Newsletter Cte

98YM36 approves the report of the Nominating Committee

98YM37 approves laying down the Regional Gathering Committee and the Ad Hoc Personnel and Vision Committee

98YM38 approves an Ad Hoc Oversight and Support Committee for the AFSC/SERO representatives

98YM39 recommends MMs prayerfully consider issue of sanctuary, estab sanctuaries in their communities: standing minute

99YM01 authorizes Liz Jensen, Cecilia Yocum & John Lepke, in addn to Annie McPherson, to sign checks on SEYM account

99YM02 authorizes 6 to sign on the SEYM Pro-Nica bank account no. 81301022 ; two signatures required

99YM03 approves bulk mailing of time-sensitive items, such as announcements, independently of the SEYM newsletter

99YM04 unites with the Publications Committee's plans to set prices and to schedule publishing and reprinting

99YM05 EC will provide oversight and authorizes the YM and RM clerks to make decisions on the YM website

99YM06 approves opening a savings account at Nations Bank to receive funds from and close the money market account.

99YM07 asks the Half-Yearly Gathering Committee to keep and submit records of income and expenditures

99YM08 approves Barbara Letsch Co-clerk Pro-Nica Cte, Laura Winefordner Memb. Recorder, Mike Flanery Website Clerk

99YM09 approves the Trustees' recommendation that the interest on the Meetinghouse Fund be allowed to accrue

99YM10 approves amending the 1998/99 budget to correct three minor errors totalling \$100 [adjustment made]

99YM11 approves reminding MMs to include attenders of PMs and WGs under their care in figures for YM apportionment

99YM12 approves appointing Steve Jordan to the Nominating Committee  
99YM13 encourages each MM to raise funds for medical material aid within Cuba Yearly Meeting: goal of \$2,000  
99YM14 approves that SEYM become a sponsor for the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice  
99YM15 SEYM will receive Document of Deposit for SEYM Archives [at Univ. of FL] as approved in 98YM29  
99YM16 Research into previous YM minutes for light on using Daytona Meetinghouse funds will be conducted  
99YM17 [7] people authorized to sign SEYM Pro-Nica bank account number 81301022 of Mercantile Bank, St. Petersburg  
99YM18 EC will send letters expressing our Yearly Meeting's care and love to both Augusta Meeting and Charleston Meeting  
99YM19 approves 1999-2000 proposed budget; commit ourselves to developing a 2000-2001 budget which will be in balance  
99YM20 YM envisions its growth and renewed vitality [by accepting] gifts of securities in keeping with Friends principles  
99YM21 authorizes Treasurer and/or Clerk of Trustees to open, maintain, and close bank and securities accounts  
99YM22 approves visitation of Rita Lucey to MMs and WGs by invitation [expenses met] by Meeting for Sufferings funds  
99YM23 supports Rita Lucey 's witness against criminal justice system & School of Americas, ministry toward women in prison  
99YM24 accepts Brandon Worship Group as a Worship Group in SEYM under the care of St. Petersburg Monthly Meeting  
99YM25 accepts Managua Worship Group as a Worship Group in SEYM under the care of St. Petersburg MM  
99YM26 expresses its love for the Cuban people and continued support to Cuba YM and the Cuban Quaker Project  
99YM27 regrets the use of U.S. military forces in Yugoslavia, asks Meetings discuss what might reduce the level of violence  
99YM28 encourages MMs to continue to attend to Death Penalty issue and to empower individuals to advocate its abolition  
99YM29 proposes that debt of economically disadvantaged nations to the US be cancelled by the jubilee year 2000  
99YM30 approves the report and heartily thanks Nominating Committee for its diligent work  
99YM31 Friends gathered here give thanks to God for devoted service of Cecilia Yocum to as our Clerk during 1996-1999  
99YM32 approves expressing our appreciation to Methodist Life Enrichment Center for gracious hospitality for YM session  
99YM33 thanks Annie McPherson, our secretary, for her excellent and devoted service.  
99YM34 commends Liz Jensen, our Treasurer, for her excellent work in organizing our finances

00YM01 approves inclusion of Friends Peace Team Project as an organization to which we send a representative  
00YM02 approves the Faith and Practice section on Dying, Death and Bereavement, the 7-10-99 version as corrected  
00YM03 approves that YM Treasurer, Secretary, and Clerk of Trustees serve ex-officio on the Finance Committee  
00YM04 approves that the Clerk of the Worship and Ministry Committee serve on the Executive Committee  
00YM05 approves the budget for the year 2000/01 as presented by the Finance Committee  
00YM05.1 approves [sending] Valarie Liveoak to Cuba YM for celebration of 100 years of Quaker presence in Cuba  
00YM06 endorses new direction of Amigos Construction and CD Corp. to establish a Disaster Response Plan  
00YM07 asks and encourages MMs and WGs to consider how they may participate in Quaker disaster response project  
00YM08 approves sending letters [for] and to Tanya Lawrence in support of her witness for social justice April 2000  
00YM09 approves sending five representatives to centennial celebration of Quaker presence in Cuba  
00YM10 approves sending [4 reps and 2 alternates] to the Cuba YM Young Friends Gathering, August 2000

00YM11 approves the slate of officers brought forward by the Nominating Committee  
00YM12 approves Ad Hoc Committee on Planning and Vision, with YM Clerk as initial convener  
00YM13 thanks Vicki Carlie for her loving and devoted service as Clerk of Representative Meeting  
00YM14 acknowledges 5 years' service of Kathy Hersh on YM Gathering Committee including two years as Clerk  
00YM15 thanks Herb Haigh for his many years of service to the Yearly Meeting, caring for our finances  
00YM16 thanks Eileen Zingaro for her years of serving as Yearly Meeting Gathering Registrar