

**South Central Yearly Meeting of Friends  
Representative Meeting 2020 Session II  
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business  
Held 23 First Month 2021  
Online Meeting Via Zoom**

**Session I: Saturday, 23 First Month, 10:00AM - 11:30:**

Friends gathered at 10:02 am and shared some moments of waiting worship.

Serving at the clerks' table were Karen Takemoto, acting Clerk; Liz Yeats, acting Associate Clerk; Jessica Arjet, Recording Clerk. Our Clerk, Gerald Jimmy John, Jr is still recovering, but is doing well. Clerk asked us to acknowledge indigenous peoples on whose land we each live. She reminded us to use the Raise Hands feature or wave to be recognized by clerk, to keep muted unless speaking, and then re-mute. She reviewed the agenda for this morning's session.

**Yearly Meeting Planning Committee Report**

Tom Ivash, Clerk, reported for the Planning Committee. They responded to people's suggestions from last year that we have more time to be together, but not all in one massive zoom meeting. Denise Wilkinson added that they really wanted to make sure that everyone's schedule was respected and that people were able to come to the parts of the sessions that spoke to them. This way everyone will go home feeling "full."

**RM Minute 5.2020 - The meeting approves the dates March 28 - April 3 for our SCYM sessions. The sessions will be spread out through the week to accommodate schedules and allow people time to fulfill their spiritual needs. [attached](#)**

Jan Michaels reported the Arkansas/Oklahoma Quarter has asked our Eileen Flanagan to be our keynote speaker. The committee is continuing to negotiate the payment fee. They are working with planning to work out exactly what she will be doing. Some possibilities are; keynote speech, fireside chat, workshop, and time with the younger friends. This will be finalized now that they know the agenda for the Yearly Sessions.

Pat Sweet of the finance committee informed us that the finance committee approved an honorarium of \$2000 as a one-time fee.

John Coffin let us know that this year, again, our theme is *Loving in the Light, Quaker Engagement in Times of Crisis*. This will be the second year with the same theme.

Bette Drexler asked for more information on Eileen Flannigan and what she will provide. Liz Yeats responded that there will be a newsletter that will give more information and will go in depth about Eileen and what topics she will address. Karen Takemoto told us that she is an environmentalist. Rex Friend added that Eileen has several books out and is a very good speaker.

**RM Minute 6.2020 - The Meeting approves welcoming Eileen Flannigan as our keynote speaker for our 2021 SCYM sessions.**

Clerk asked if we knew of any more needs to make the online Annual Session as vibrant as possible. Kevin King said that the tech committee will need more volunteers to be available to help out with tech needs. Please reach out to him if you are interested.

Denise Wilkinson let us know that while these tech volunteers need to be a bit tech savvy, the duties are easy to pick up and that the tech people would be happy to tutor Friends who are interested in helping. Karen Takemoto pointed out that also young people might be interested in providing this service for the meeting. Anne Collins pointed out that she was a tech person and that it was easy if you know basic functions of zoom.

Lon Burnam was interested in having a workshop on the new treaty banning all nuclear weapons. He wanted to know who we can go to sign up to teach a workshop. Liz Yeats let us know that we'll be sending that information out via an electronic email that will go out to all of the meetings. Anne pointed out that we already have workshop coordinators: Rex Friend, Jan Michael and Kathleen Gunby. Interested friends can reach out to them.

### **Finance Committee Report**

Pat Sweet presented the report which was accepted. [attached](#)

### **SCYM Connections**

Anne Collins presented the report [attached](#). Jan Michaels, as clerk of a member of Ministry and Care felt that Ministry and Care should take up how to continue SCYM connections at their next meeting.

Liz Yeats said that she's been putting this information up on the SCYM website and asks that other people share this with their meetings as well.

Bette Drexler said that she has had a hard time finding links and would like some reminders about these meetings. And would like there to be the same link for each of these meetings so that you don't have to look up a new one each time.

Anne Collins said that each meeting has its own recurring links. A single recurring link is possible for all the meetings, but this might make it hard for people who are already attending. Regular reminders might be really hard for a committee to do. Tom Ivash affirmed that there be one link for all of these on the website.

Liz Yeats says that the website is old and that it is a bit hard to make things like this happen. She believes we need a new website. If you are able to help build a new website, please let Liz know. Lizzy is also willing to help out with this.

There was discussion about the use of Google Drives to help SCYM folks share information and do collaborative work. There was no decision to move forward with this as a yearly meeting with hope that discussion will go forward about how Google Drive might be useful.

### **Nominations Committee Report**

Galia Harrington gave the report, [attached](#).

**RM Minute 7.2020 The Meeting approves Howard Hawhee as Co-Archivist for a term of two years.**

Galia also reported openings where volunteers are still needed, [attached](#).

There was a question of Clerks approving committee members in the interim between sessions.

Warren Wilson-Reiner clarified that clerks can appoint members between business sessions and then these appointments should be reported at the next business sessions of SCYM. There was some discussion of this matter. We asked the Procedures Manual Manager to change our procedures so that it would be clear that Clerks would bring these interim appointments to the meeting to be reported at the next SCYM Meeting sessions.

Denise Wilkinson pointed out that there are critical vacancies on the Youth Program Support Committee and that we need volunteers to serve for these vital positions. She also asked how we find out who is on committees? She has had a hard time finding the actual committees and who is working on different committees.

Anne Collins let us know that the Youth Programs support committee is losing energy and needs to have a new clerk. She and Erica would like to make sure there is a session for Youth this year.

**RM Minute 8.2020 - The Meeting thanks Karen Takemoto for her work on Ministry and Care.**

### **Epistle Committee**

Karen Takemoto asked to retain this under Clerks purview for this year.

### **Directory and Newsletter Matters**

Denise Wilkinson noticed that the directory is out of date and wanted to know who handles that and know how to get it updated. Cathy Guttentag, Directory Coordinator, contacts meetings annually to get updates. Liz also pointed out that you can change or edit your own listing.

John Coffin had an idea that the directory might be a good place to list who is on what committee. Liz Yeats said that Jan Michaels is the person who creates the directory, and he didn't do that last year. But we should get a .pdf for this year. One of the questions we have is do we do a print newsletter this year. There are many concerns for this; it's expensive, it's not good for the environment, a lot of newsletters are returned, and our printer went out of business this year. Liz would like to be able to discern important decisions with others. Perhaps she will bring these concerns up to discuss with the Clerks.

Tina Coffin wanted to make sure that we print off at least one or two copies so that we can keep them in the archives.

We entered a period of worshipful silence and ended at 12:11pm.