

South Central Yearly Meeting of Friends
Representatives Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
19th day of Eleventh Month-20th day of Eleventh Month, 2021
Virtual Meetings Via Zoom

Friday, 19 Eleventh Month, 7:45 – 9 :00 PM

Present: Shelly Angel, Pam Arnold, Edwin Campbell, John Coffin, Tina Coffin, Leslie Coston, Bette Drexler, Chris Drexler, Gail Fletcher, John Fletcher, Kathleen Gunby, Galia Harrington, Howard Hawhee, Renee Kaplowitz, Paula Keeth, Kevin King, Will King, Chaz Lang, Val Liveoak, Melodie McLellan, Jan Michael, Almeta Smith, Bill Sweet, Pat Sweet, Tom Taber, Karen Takemoto, Larry Trombatore, Joanna Vaughn, Lois Way, Denise Wilkinson, Claudia Wilson, Warren Wilson-Reiner, Liz Yeats

Friends gathered at the appointed time and began with a period of open worship. Out of the silence, Clerk shared that we acknowledge those indigenous peoples who have lived, loved and nurtured the lands upon which we now reside.

In service at the clerks' table for this session were Karen Takemoto (presiding clerk), Almeta Smith (interim associate clerk) and Warren Wilson-Reiner (acting recording clerk).

Clerk welcomed Friends and expressed her appreciation for everyone present. Clerk shared that Warren Wilson-Reiner will be in service as recording clerk for tonight's session. Clerk also shared that Almeta Smith will be serving as interim associate clerk for this Representative Meeting. Her nomination and service as associate clerk will be considered at our 2022 Yearly Meeting Sessions.

Clerk reviewed the agenda for tonight's session.

SCYM 2020-2021 Proceedings

Clerk shared that the 2020-2021 Proceedings are available on the SCYM website in the documents section.

Quarterly Meeting Reports

Arkansas/Oklahoma Quarterly

Karen Takemoto reported that the QM has met once virtually since COVID-19 began in spring 2020. The Quarterly hopes to meet virtually again this winter.

Bayou Quarterly

Chris Drexler reported that the QM meet twice this last year: in January and this fall. Typically, the QM does a show and tell to develop a better understanding of interests, talents, and what's going on in the QM. This fall, the Quarterly had a business meeting

as well as a show and tell. Live Oak Friends Meeting is once again meeting in person as a hybrid meeting. Pam Arnold shared that Acadiana Preparative Meeting has not been able to meet due to COVID-19, and that they tend to meet virtually with Baton Rouge. She also shared that Baton Rouge has had five individuals making inquiries about the meeting. Bette Drexler also submitted a written report (<https://scym.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-bayou-report-to-rm.pdf>) and Pam Arnold submitted an addenda (<https://scym.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-rm-fall-bayou-quarter-report-adenda.pdf>).

Cielo Grande Quarterly

Val Liveoak reported for the QM. Most of their energies have been involved with planning the Adult program for SCYM YM 2022. There was a combined virtual meeting for worship within the Quarterly held on the 5th First Day in October. The Quarterly plans to hold combined virtual meetings on future 5th First Days. Gretchen Haynes also submitted a written report (<https://scym.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-cielo-grande-report-to-rm.pdf>) .

Representative Reports

Austin Tan Cerca de la Frontera

Joanna Vaughn reported that she has not been able to work directly with Austin Tan Cerca this past year, but she read a report submitted by Josephina Castillo, board chair for ATCF. (<https://scym.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-rm-atcf-report-to-rm.pdf>)

Texas Impact

Joanna Vaughn reported she has not been able to participate fully in all activities sponsored by Texas Impact, but the group has been very active this last year (<https://scym.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-rm-fall-tximpact-report.pdf>).

Committee Reports

Peace & Justice Committee

Paula Keeth reported for our Peace & Justice Committee (<https://scym.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-pandj-report-to-rm.pdf>).

The Committee also recommends that South Central Yearly Meeting sign on as a supporting organization with American Indian Heritage Day in Texas to rename the Trinity River to “Arkikosa”, it’s original name used by the Caddo People. The Trinity River was also known as Daycoa further down stream.

(<https://scym.org/sites/default/files/documents/American%20Indian%20Heritage%20letter.pdf>)

RM Minute 2021-01: As a Yearly Meeting, we support Dallas and Fort Worth Monthly Meetings interest in signing on as supporting organizations with American Indian

Heritage Day in Texas to rename the Trinity River to “Arkikosa”, it’s original name used by the Caddo People. Yearly Meeting also supports any other SCYM monthly meeting/worship group which may wish to sign on in support as well.

Friends Peace Teams

Kevin King reported for Friends Peace Teams

(<https://scym.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-rm-fall-fpt-rep-report.pdf>).

Announcements

Val Liveoak announced that Friends might enjoy watching the screening of *Mission Joy: Finding Happiness in Troubled Times*. Additional information is available on the SCYM website.

Chris Drexler announced Albert Munn passed on 13 Eleventh Month 2021. A memorial meeting is scheduled for 4 Twelfth Month 2021 from 5-7 PM. Additional information is available on the SCYM website.

Joanna Vaughn shared that the Friends Meeting of Austin Peace & Social Concerns Committee sends holiday cards to prisoners on Death Row in Texas every December. Friends Meeting of Austin often gets requests from prisoners looking for pen pals. Anyone interested in corresponding with a prisoner on Death Row in Texas can contact Joanna for more information. Additional information is available on the SCYM website.

Liz Yeats announced that Genevieve Benson of Friends Meeting of Austin has recently passed. A memorial meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Denise Wilkinson announced that Janet Southwood from Friends Meeting of San Antonio passed earlier this year. A memorial meeting is planned for 4 Twelfth Month 2021 at 11 AM.

Kevin King announced that Kirsten Brink and Andrew Dempski will be getting married on 12 Third Month 2022.

Chaz Lang shared that they are very happy to see everyone again. Their pronouns have changed. They reflected that they felt that had been wearing a “Jasmine” costume for some time and they look forward to growing into their new authentic self.

Tina Coffin announced Christopher Dye, who was on Death Row in Texas, passed. He had asked for membership in Little Rock Friends Meeting (via CADDO). Many Friends associated with CADDO visited him in prison as often as possible.

We will continue our Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business on Saturday, 20 Ninth Month, at 10:00 AM.

Session II: 10:00am-12:00pm 20th Ninth Month

Clerks' table: serving at the clerk's table are Karen Takemoto, Clerk; Almeta Smith, Associate Clerk; Jessica Arjet, Recording Clerk.

Attendees Include: Edwin Campbell, Kevin King, Shelly Angel, Liz Yeats, Denise Wilkinson, Almeta Smith, Bette Drexler, Bill Sweet, Chaz Lang, Chris Drexler, Claudia Wilson, Galia Harrington, Howard Hawhee, Jan Michael, Karen Takemoto, Kathleen Gunby, Larry T, Leslie Coston, Lois Way, Lori Laub, Melodie McLellan, Pam Arnold, Pat Sweet, Paula Keith, Tina Coffin, John Coffin, Tom Ivash, Tom Taber, Val Liveoak, Warren Wilson-Reiner.

Clerk welcomed us out of the silence and discussed that we might have a second Representatives meeting in January so that we could decide if we could meet in person for the Spring Sessions.

We reviewed the agenda.

YM Planning Committee

Val Liveoak presented the Cielo Grande report regarding the theme of the meeting and the proposal of how to manage the YM this year

(<https://scym.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-rm-cielogrande-adult-program-report.pdf>) .

Val shared that the committee hoped to engage with the energy of the current state of justice work by highlighting response to this and engaging the younger people of the meeting. We have some very exciting possibilities for meeting together.

Denise shared that this came out of seeing the protests and other work on justice and wanting to really think about what was our place in this, our reaction. The committee saw that this was a continuation of last year's theme.

RM Minute 2021.2 - Friends approved theme of the SCYM spring sessions: Led by Faith to Work for Justice

Denise Wilkinson presented the report of the YM Planning Committee (She explained there were some small adjustments to the schedule.

(<https://scym.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-ym-planning-report-to-rm.pdf>)

(<https://scym.org/sites/default/files/documents/2022-annual-sessions-draft-schedule.pdf>)

Jessica brought up information from the Youth Programs Support Committee that might affect the schedule. We will discuss this over the next month's coming up to the next representatives meeting.

Liz Yeats suggested that we should have a clerk who would read the chat for hybrid meetings. John Coffin suggested that we might not have enough time for business meetings. Denise let him know that this schedule gives us the same amount of time as in previous meetings.

Lori Laub explained we have a new contact at Greene Family Camp. Eli is the chef and also the point person for the Greene Family Camp until the beginning of the meeting, and then there will be an event host. GFC has been going through some changes in the contract. It now includes that either the camp or SCYM can consider cancelations due to Covid. We still have a deposit, and we are on their calendar.

RM Minute 2021.3 - Friends approved the YM Planning Committee's report which includes the schedule for the SCYM spring sessions. The children's programming times will be determined at the next Representatives Meeting.

RM Minute 2021.4 - Friends approved having a second RM meeting to be scheduled at 10:00am on February 26th. This will be held virtually. The main purpose of this meeting is to ascertain if the spring sessions will be in person or virtually.

RM Minute 2021.5 - Friends express appreciation to GFC for their flexibility and their concern for safety.

Treasurer's report

Lori Laub shared the Balance Sheet for the Year End 2021

(<https://scym.org/sites/default/files/documents/Treasurer%27s%20Report.PDF>). The meeting's financial position appears to be very strong. Lori then shared the Balance Sheet of Year to Date for July 1 2021 - November 1st. It was discussed that perhaps zoom expenses would need their own line item on the budget.

RM Minute 2021.6 - Friends accepted the Treasurer's Report and the Balance sheets as presented by Lori Laub, YM treasurer.

Finance Committee Report

Pat Sweet presented the report

(<https://scym.org/sites/default/files/documents/Finance%20Committee%20Report%20to%20Fall%202021%20RM.pdf>) .

The question was brought up if we should charge for children.

RM Minute 2021.7 - Friends accepted the Finance Committee's Report. SCYM registration fee will be a flat \$50 per person including children, in person or online. There will be no fee for basic room and board this year. However, upgrades to housing will require an additional fee. Scholarships are still available as is the possibility of donation above the registration fee. This fee structure is intended to bring as many people as possible to SCYM so that we can celebrate joyfully our ability to be together again.

Nominating Committee

Galia Harrington, clerk, reported for the committee.

RM Minute 2022.8 - Friends approved the Nominating Committee report including the new names proposed for service on our committees.

(<https://scym.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-nom-to-rm.pdf>)

Meeting closed at 12:09 with a period of open worship.

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Session III: Saturday, Eleventh Month, 1:30 PM-3:00 PM

Clerks' table

Serving at the clerk's table are Karen Takemoto, Clerk; Almeta Smith, Associate Clerk; Jessica Arjet, Recording Clerk.

Faith & Practice Committee

John Coffin presented the report.

(<https://scym.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-rm-fandp-report-to-rm.pdf>)

Friends accepted this report.

Youth Program Support Committee Report

Jessica Arjet presented the report.

(<https://scym.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-rm-fall-youth-program-report.pdf>) Meeting approved the direction that the YPS committee is going.

SCYM Archives

Howard Hawhee presented the report.

(<https://scym.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-rm-fall-archivist-report.pdf>)

Friends accepted the report. Bette Drexler brought up the question of how to preserve the quilt that was created by two Young Friends.

Ministry & Care Committee Report

Joanna Vaughn presented the report.

(<https://scym.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-rm-fall-mandc-report.pdf>)

Friends accepted this report.

Communications

Liz Yeats presented the report. (<https://scym.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-rm-fall-communications-report.pdf>) Friends accepted this report.

Representative Reports

Friends Committee on National Legislation

Gail Fletcher reported FCNL is going well. There is a new director. They are focusing on making sure there are young people joining in. Liz reported that there is a lot of work on racial justice. For more information go to (<https://scym.org/fcnl-winter-2021>).

Friends General Conference

Jan Michael reported. (<https://scym.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-rm-fall-fgc-report.pdf>)

Friends World Committee for Consultation

Lori Laub presented the report. (<https://scym.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-rm-fall-fwcc-report.pdf>)

Quaker Religious Education Collaborative - Liz presented. QREC has been a resource for connecting friends and for teaching kids. They have a program for assisting Yearly Meetings. QREC also has resources for Adult Religious education as well. SCYM is a member and Friends Meeting of Austin sends a monthly donation making it a member, as do several other monthly meetings in SCYM. Liz suggests that the yearly meetings use these resources and consider sending a monthly donation. QREC works with meetings and Friends around the world, especially in Latin America and Africa. For up to date information about QREC go to (<https://quakerreccollaborative.org/>).

2022 Yearly Meeting

- Sunday, April 10-Wednesday, April 13, 2022 - virtual sessions via Zoom
- Thursday, April 14-Sunday, April 17, 2022 - at Greene Family Camp

Meeting closed at 3:10pm PM with a period of open worship.