

PYM Representative Committee Meeting

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Session 1

The Representative Committee sessions of the third month, third day, 2007 opened with worship at 9:05 a.m. in the meetinghouse of the Palo Alto Friends Meeting in Palo Alto, California. The Presiding Clerk, Joe Franko, welcomed Friends in a spirit of joyful anticipation of our work together. He read excerpts from the epistle of Baltimore Yearly Meeting that memorialized the witness and legacy of Friend Tom Fox, who died in 2006 as a peacemaker in Iraq. We gathered here as members of the *world* community of Friends who share Tom Fox's important work in the world.

Nominating Committee

Darcy Stanley presented the report of the Nominating Committee [Attached]. The Nominating Committee is laboring with concerns on the environmental impacts of travel to meetings, appointments involving travel expenses that Pacific Yearly Meeting does not fully fund (so that the Nominating Committee must consider the financial resources of Friends as a factor in these nominations), and the missions and functions of committees. The Nominating Committee brought several recommendations and nominations to the Representative Committee. The nominations will be brought to us again for approval at a later session today. We will attempt to discover a Friend willing to serve as Arrangements Clerk before the Representative Committee sessions conclude, but if we do not, the Presiding Clerk has authority to appoint an Arrangements Clerk.

The Nominating Committee recommended laying down the positions of *Representatives* to the boards of Friends House Moscow and Friends Peace Team Project, because the Nominating Committee perceives these Friends as ministers with leadings rather than as representatives of PYM. The Nominating Committee recommended that these Friends be under the care of a Leadings Subcommittee of the PYM Ministry and Oversight Committee – a subcommittee that does not currently exist. We were told that the Nominating Committee has historically found no clear solution to the challenge that arises when a dedicated Friend completes two 3-year terms but retains a leading to do the work involved. Should the care of such Friends be transferred to the Ministry and Oversight Committee, thus opening the way for involvement by other Friends? We will continue to consider these issues at our annual sessions.

The Nominating Committee requested that Representative Committee approve laying down the Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee, stating that this committee has been inactive and does not serve a vital purpose for PYM. We heard that involvement by PYM Friends in outreach to, and dialogue with, the varied branches of the Quaker family is increasing, despite the languishing of this committee.

The Presiding Clerk held these recommendations over for consideration at our annual gathering as part of our broader process of discernment. We were encouraged to be mindful of the long-term implications of decisions of this kind for our Yearly Meeting's structure, on-going practices, and capacity to sustain attention to fundamental concerns through the years. Representatives and committees were urged to foster active seasoning of the concerns the Nominating Committee brought to us, including the environmental impacts of our ways of doing the work of the Yearly Meeting, in preparation for reconsideration at our annual gathering.

Session 2

At 11:05 a.m., following a break, clerk Joe Franko resumed our worship and business.

Naming Committee

The Naming Committee is responsible for naming PYM members to the Nominating Committee. Because Trudy Freidel resigned from the Nominating Committee, the Naming Committee was re-activated and searched, unsuccessfully, for a replacement; the new Naming Committee will continue the search. Past practice has been to name the Naming Committee from the floor of Representative Committee. No current members of the Naming Committee are able to continue serving. During the past year, the committee has functioned via email and conference calls. Like a nominating committee, they generated a pool of names and made phone calls. The amount of work is proportional to the number of slots needing to be filled.

In a period of worship, several names were brought forward. The following individuals agreed to serve as the Naming Committee: Jim Anderson, Chico (Clerk); Sally Davis, Redwood Forest; Joan Johnson, Conejo Valley Worship Group and Kim Lacey, Central Coast (alternate).

Religious Education for Children Committee

Gail Eastwood announced an *interactive* email newsletter. She asked for help getting it out to people in the monthly meetings who should see it. She circulated sign-up lists for new names and for people who want back issues. They are looking for two new members (specifically from the South). They are planning an interest group at PYM on Children & Earthcare. Please let them know of useful resources.

Latin American Concerns

Ruth Ross distributed a report that included addresses for websites with more information.

Registrars

Roena Oesting and Raph Levien reported that PYM will gather for our annual session at Redlands again this year, with twelve different prices on the fee schedule [Attached]. The University of Redlands' cost has increased and last year's PYM session ran a deficit. By April 1, the 2007 information and registration packets will be available on the web for copying and distribution to all meeting members and attenders. This year for the first time, people will be able to register – but not to make payment – on line.

Both M&O and Young Friends have scholarship monies to distribute, but Friends must first make scholarship requests to their monthly meeting. Friends are reminded that the 25% late penalty fee is not to be paid from scholarship funds! Representatives need promptly to convey the above information to their meetings.

In accord with the M&O Electronic Communications Subcommittee's policy on privacy, Raph will need to ask clerks and officers mentioned on the registration forms for permission to post their names, addresses and phone numbers on the web.

Note: The Secretariat and the Electronic Communications Subcommittee hope to have the minutes of this meeting on the web at www.pacificyearlymeeting.org by the end of next week. Sue Torrey will call representatives from those meetings not represented here, reminding them to check the website.

Site Committee

Carol Mosher reported. The committee recommends returning to Walker Creek Ranch in Marin for the annual session in 2008 (and possibly 2009). PYM met there in 1993. They have offered to erect a plenary tent, at no charge to PYM. Problems at Walker Creek include lack of nearby local transportation, lack of private rooms and bathrooms, and the size of the dining room. The site committee report also notes ten positive features. We need to reserve soon for 2008. After two years in Southern California, it's time for the 2008 session to be held in the North.

RepCom 2007-01 The recommendation of the site committee was accepted.

Treasurer

Gary Wolff reported on the final budget for FY 2006. PYM closed the year by transferring money into reserves. That is, more money came in from monthly meetings than was spent. Support for Friends committee work and travel both came in significantly under budget. The value of our total assets is \$193,905. PYM has set aside \$3,000 for Young Friends scholarship assistance along with \$5,000 in the PYM attendance fund. There are some other funds to assist with travel expenses.

Accounts for the PYM session are kept separate from the rest of PYM funds. Actual session expenses in 2006 exceeded income, principally because attendance was lower and insurance was higher than anticipated. Over \$7,000 was transferred into the session account from reserves.

Meeting resumed with silent worship at 1:50 PM.

RepCom 2007-02 Representative Committee approved these nominations, which were brought to us in Session 1 by the Nominating Committee:

Joe Morris (Santa Monica), Clerk of Unity with Nature, term ending 2009,
Carl Magruder (Grass Valley), to Ministry and Oversight, term ending 2007,
Mark Koenig, (Visalia) to Children's Program Committee, term ending 2009,
Burton Housman (La Jolla), to Discipline Committee, term ending 2007,
Ann Bleile-Kratzer (Fresno), co-Clerk of JYM Committee, term ending 2009,
Madeline Schleimer (Orange Grove), to Unity with Nature Committee, term ending 2009,
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Note: It is our policy to nominate clerks for only one year; therefore both Joe Morris' term as clerk of Unity with Nature and Ann Bleile-Kratzer's term as co-clerk of JYM will end in 2007, but they will remain members of those committees until 2009.

Finance Committee

Cliff Lester had previously distributed a written report recommending budget augmentations:

RepCom 2007-03 Representative Committee approved these budget augmentations:

- (1) for Unity with Nature to cover travel (\$515). Approved.
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- (3) for two delegates to attend an FGC outreach meeting in Pittsburgh (\$800).

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(5) to the Discipline Committee for an Advices & Queries pamphlet (\$600). Approved

(6) to Junior YM for travel and phone calls (\$250). Approved

(7) To FCNL for travel (\$500);

Questions arose about spending travel funds for someone who was not an official PYM representative to FCNL. In this instance, approval had been given to support the friend when there was not sufficient money to do so. Not approved.

The finance committee is reviewing the Yearly Meeting's investment policy with regard to the money that it is responsible for, particularly with regard to social responsibility.

The Brinton Visitor program has been laid down. The finance committee believes that contributions made specifically for that purpose must therefore be returned to the donors. Since M&O is considering resuming such a program strictly for PYM, funds will be returned only to non-PYM donors, in the amounts of \$800 to North Pacific Yearly Meeting; \$100 to Eastside Friends Meeting; \$40 to Marysville Worship Group, and \$200 to University Monthly Meeting for a total of \$1,140. That leaves a balance of approximately \$3,000 which M&O may use for the new program.

RepCom 2007-04 The finance committee asked: What should our financial responsibility be with regard to paying for attendants for persons with special needs? They propose paying for attendants, and using line item 6230 currently designated for "support professions." Approved.

RepCom 2007-05 The finance committee considered the policy question of paying travel expenses for committee co-clerks to attend Representative Committee. They recommend no change in the current policy of providing payment for only one clerk per PYM committee, with an exception allowing payment for two JYM youth co-clerks. Approved.

RepCom 2007-06 Budget for PYM session in August 2007

The basic fee will be \$72 per adult per day for lodging (in a double room), board and fees, and approximately half that for children ages 5 – 11. The cut-off date for the 5% early registration discount will be earlier than in previous years. The Finance Committee must guess how many people will attend the session and for how long, as well as how many people will need scholarships. Therefore, the actual cost cannot be predicted in advance. Most of the changes from the 2006 session budget are relatively minor. The (attached) registrars' recommended fee schedule was approved. The session budget was also approved.

[A note from the Recording Clerks: Representative Committee's consideration of items brought by the Finance Committee resumed in the afternoon following our break from lunch. We turned our attention to the Junior Friends' report, then returned to the Finance Committee items. For convenience, the JYM report is included as part of Session 3.]

Session 3

Junior Yearly Meeting

Jeanette Norton, Clerk of the Junior Yearly Meeting Committee, introduced the Junior Friends who were present. The JYM Co-Clerks reported that this year's priority is engagement with the greater PYM community. Friends were encouraged to serve as FAPs (Friendly Adult Presences) for Junior Friends, both during the day and at night. JYM has planned social activities for the annual gathering, and they have volunteered to carry luggage for others.

Arrangements Clerk

Pat Smith briefly described the space use plan for annual gathering [Attached].

Secretariat Committee

Jim Eusebio, Clerk of the Secretariat Committee, explained the Committee's plan to make reports available quickly on the PYM web page. All Friends with reports to distribute were asked to send them by email to Jim Eusebio as quickly as possible after preparation of the report, including reports that will come to our annual session.

Children's Program Committee

Elizabeth Bills, Clerk of the Children's Program Committee, told us that this year's theme is "How do I live as a Quaker child in the world?" Adults who serve as mentors will be integrated into the children's program. The Committee is working on a mission statement and a statement of policies. The Committee is preparing a proposal to reinstate a position for a program director, a position that greatly facilitated the program before the position was laid down some years ago. Elizabeth read the final paragraph of the Committee's report [Attached] on the central importance of our children and our programs for them in the life of this spiritual community.

Discipline Committee

Steve Birdleough, Clerk of the Discipline Committee, encouraged Friends to take advantage of the recently published pamphlet of advices and queries, and *Fey y Practica*, the recently published Spanish 2nd edition translation of *Faith and Practice*.

Peace and Social Order Committee

Stephen McNeil, Clerk of the Peace and Social Order Committee, recalled PYM's 2006 approval of minutes on concerns about the use of torture in Iraq and at the U.S. detention facility at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba. Stephen asked us to bring minutes from monthly and quarterly meetings to the attention of the Presiding Clerk, so that proposals brought to our annual gathering may emerge from the seasoning process of our communities of faith.

Unity with Nature Committee

From Joe Morris, Clerk of the Unity with Nature Committee, we heard that healing the earth may be the greatest challenge humanity has ever faced. The Unity with Nature Committee's report [Attached] detailed four priorities on which the Committee has found unity and taken action for this year, and it foreshadowed a minute on responding to global climate change that the Committee expects to bring to our annual gathering. Monthly Meetings were asked to consider this draft minute in preparation for our annual gathering. The Unity with Nature Committee sees Quaker environmental concerns within a context of rising concern in the larger society. The Committee held a retreat, followed by a series of other communications and by establishment of contacts with the monthly meetings and with environmentally active Friends across the country.

In April, an unprecedented national meeting of UWN representatives is planned. Minutes on global climate change were initiated by Santa Monica and Strawberry Creek Meetings, and since then a total of 14 of our monthly meetings have considered or approved such minutes. The UWN Committee senses a rising positive energy among us, and anticipates vigorous discussion of these issues at our annual gathering.

Steve Birdleough spoke to us of the work of the Friends Committee on Legislation to address the promises and threats of nuclear energy, and the challenges of our own environmental footprint. Our Presiding Clerk called on us to consider not only political issues, but the spiritual foundations and directions of earth care. We heard examples of actions some Friends have taken to reduce our contributions to climate change. Friends are accustomed to slow, deliberate decision-making, but these are urgent challenges. Can we find our way to clarity quickly? Suggestions were offered on environmentally friendly practices that are simple but not widely known, and Friends were asked to bring such suggestions to annual gathering. We were advised to network with kindred spirits in other faith communities, so that our collective impacts can be more meaningful. We were urged to discover our unique Quaker role in this domain, to evolve our wisdom and bring a Quaker ethos to wider attention, forthrightly exploring the deepest assumptions and most flawed practices of our culture as we find our way toward right living. Can we probe our own experience fully, revealing to one another how we have struggled toward changes in our lives, and thus derive a basis for collective action? The prospects for our annual gathering are exciting.

Pacific Friends Outreach Society

Liz Baker, for the Pacific Friends Outreach Society, provided a brief report [Attached] and informed us that the PFOS is in a process of discernment.

Ministry and Oversight Committee

Laura Magnani, Clerk of the Ministry and Oversight Committee, provided a report [Attached]. The Ministry and Oversight Committee is considering forming a subcommittee to support monthly meetings and individuals with leadings. A new form of what was the Brinton Visitor Program is under consideration, as inter-visitation among Friends increases. The Committee is exploring ways to take advantage of the gifts of Vanessa Julye, who visited PYM in 2006, and whose work in a ministry on racism with Friends General Conference has important messages that can enrich our communities.

Appointment of Arrangements Clerk

RepCom 2007-07 Representative Committee approved the appointment of Marilee Eusebio (Davis Meeting) as Arrangements Clerk for 2007 and 2008.

Proposed schedule for annual gathering

The Presiding Clerk presented a proposed schedule for our 2007 annual gathering, based on input from Friends. Our morning sessions will be devoted to worship and, unusually, one plenary session will be *open*, unprogrammed and Spirit led. Commenting on common complaints about plenary sessions, our Clerk asked us to move into our plenaries as worship for the purpose of conducting important business. Friends were asked to reflect on this schedule, as part of the implementation of our year of discernment.

Less time than usual was provided in this schedule for interest groups – a significant change that involves tradeoffs. We recognize that Friends bring many aspirations to annual gathering, not all of which can be met. Sue Torrey, Assistant to the Clerk, emphasized that requests for interest groups should come to her by late March. We heard calls not to underestimate the value of interest groups for enrichment of Friends' sharing together. Evening sessions imply a need for childcare. Again, we will welcome children in the first half hour of meeting for worship. Committees with much work to do find themselves required to sacrifice valued experiences, such as worship sharing. There is no youth plenary session scheduled. Will Junior Friends be integrated? If we clerk ourselves well, can plenary sessions be shortened? In a year of discernment, do we *need* nine plenaries, or eight? We were reminded that Junior Friends and Young Friends plan their own programs, and we adults should allow ourselves to attend some of what the youth plan. The Presiding Clerk informed us that this proposed schedule was provided to the Junior Yearly Meeting this weekend, so that their plans could take this schedule into account. In addition, Junior Yearly Meeting Friends and Young Friends will be asked to appoint several members to help the Presiding Clerk in Plenaries.

The Assistant to the Clerk read a list of requests for interest groups that she has received so far. Other requests were made at this meeting. A request was made to include in the schedule a daily outdoor meeting for worship at 7:00 a.m., an opportunity that the Unity with Nature Committee has sponsored for eight years. We were asked to design evening activities that foster multi-generational experience.

Faithfully submitted,

Jamie Newton,
Recording Clerk

Claire Gorfinkel,
Recording Clerk

Joe Franko,
Presiding Clerk

Note: At the conclusion of this Representative Committee meeting for business, a special worship sharing session on discernment was held with leadership by Laura Magnani, Clerk of the Ministry and Oversight Committee. The Recording Clerks summarized each individual's ministry in a document of notes (as contrasted to approved minutes), prepared for use by M & O.

Action Minutes Approved at Representative Committee, 2007

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Nominating Committee Report to Representative Committee March 3, 2007

Nominating Committee has met three times since Yearly Meeting, but we have not managed to have full attendance at any of these meetings. One member of Nominating Committee, Trudy Friedel, has resigned from the committee and we hope that Naming Committee has found an eager replacement to be approved at Representative Committee. Our worship has been deep and we are actively participating in this year of discernment.

Nominating Committee is concerned about the affect PYM has on the environment, namely with the amount of fossil fuel we use in sending several representatives to other Quaker bodies, and in coming together for committee meetings and for our yearly session. How do we balance the cost of these travels, financial and environmental, with the spiritual benefits gained through corporate worship -- by individuals, the Yearly Meeting and the organizations we send representatives to? We also struggle with the charge of naming representatives to positions which require that Friends travel across country without being fully funded by the Yearly Meeting. Not all Friends can equally afford to pay the travel costs required of representatives to organizations such as AFSC and FCNL, which means that Nominating Committee must base nominations partly on a Friends financial status.

Last year, Nominating Committee submitted "A Nominating Committee Request for the Year of Discernment," which stated:

Pacific Yearly Meeting has no active process for supporting Friends' leadings. Instead of recognizing leadings that have been presented to the Yearly Meeting in the recent past and creating support committees, we have created representative positions (i.e., Friends House Moscow and Friends Peace Teams Board of Directors). It is our practice as a Yearly Meeting to have Friends serve no more than two terms in a position. However, Nominating Committee's experience over the past few years has been that Friends who are named as representatives when they actually have leadings are not replaceable in the same way as Friends who serve on other committees or as representatives to other organizations. These "representative" Friends do not, in fact, represent Pacific Yearly Meeting to other organizations. If anything, they represent those other organizations to Pacific Yearly Meeting and, as such, it would be inappropriate for us to name someone else as "our" representative.

Another issue that has come to the attention of Nominating Committee is the existence of standing committees for which no clear mission is defined. Some committees may have been created to support the leadings or concerns of a small group within PYM. These committees depend on the participation of specific Friends who carry the fire of their concern. As those Friends are rotated off the committee, the committee often loses its way. The lack of a clear mission makes the task of finding Friends to serve on the committee difficult. It is not clear what we would be asking the Friends to do, and Friends are often unwilling to take on such an undefined task.

In this request, Nominating Committee asked that the Yearly Meeting consider how we name the work of Friends with leadings and how we support those Friends, financially and spiritually. We also requested that committees examine their mission and functionality.

This year Nominating Committee has been laboring with these concerns and has come to unity on the following item:

Nominating Committee requests that Representative Committee approve the laying down of Wider Fellowship Among Friends Committee. This committee has not been functional or effective in recent years and no longer serves a vital purpose to PYM.

In addition, Nominating Committee has come to unity on the following items. Assistant Clerk of Nominating Committee presented and seasoned these ideas with Ministry and Oversight Committee at their most recent meeting. We request that Representative Committee consider these minutes for approval:

Julie Harlow, currently named as “Representative” to Friends House Moscow Board of Directors, and Rachel Fretz, currently named as “Representative” to Friends Peace Team Project Board of Directors, are, in fact, ministers with leadings, not Representatives of PYM. They are vital members of their respective Boards and it would be inappropriate to replace them with another Friend from PYM at the end of their term. Therefore, Nominating Committee recommends that:

- 1) These Friends with leadings, and any such ministers who come forward in the future, be under the care of the Leadings Subcommittee of Ministry and Oversight, and that the position of “Representative” to these Boards be laid down;
- 2) The travel budget currently used for the position of Representative to these Boards be moved to PYM Funds and should continue to be used to support these Friends leadings. The Leadings Subcommittee should oversee the use of these funds.
- 3) The East-West Relations Committee be laid down, as it serves mainly as a personal support committee to Julie Harlow. However, the Leadings Subcommittee should form support committees for Friends with leadings and those Friends committed to supporting Julie Harlow’s work could continue on this support committee.

Nominating Committee requests an interest group slot for this Yearly Meeting.

We hoped to bring a name forward for Arrangements Clerk to work with Pat Smith, but no Friend has yet agreed to serve the Yearly Meeting in this position.

Nominating Committee brings forward these names for approval:

Carl Magruder (Humboldt) to Ministry and Oversight Committee, term ending 2007
Mark Koenig (Visalia) to Children’s Program Committee, term ending 2009
Burton Housman (La Jolla) to Discipline Committee, term ending 2007
Anne Bleile-Kratzer (Fresno) as co-clerk of JYM Committee
Madeline Schleimer (Orange Grove) to Unity with Nature, term ending 2009
Klara East (Visalia) to Unity with Nature, term ending 2009

Nominating Committee reports the resignation of these Friends:

Joe Wilcox (Napa Sonoma) from Religious Education for Children Committee
Katherine Youngmeister (Strawberry Creek) from AFSC Representative
Nancy Ferraro (Central Coast) from FCNL Representative

PYM Religious Education for Children Committee Report to Representative Committee, March 2007

The PYM Religious Education for Children Committee held its annual retreat meeting in Grass Valley in November 2006. With one new member appointed in August, and one mid-term resignation, the committee membership stands at seven, with two vacancies. The committee is especially weak in the south, where we have only two members.

Newsletter

The work-plan that came out of the retreat focuses on publishing our electronic newsletter and distributing it to interested individuals and to the monthly meetings. We hope that the electronic format will generate more connection between the monthly meetings and the committee, making it easier for people in the meetings to contact the committee with resource questions and other issues. We are in the process of locating contact people in the monthly meetings to help us distribute our newsletter, to keep us informed of the needs of the meetings, and to inform the meetings about the work of the committee.

Past newsletter issues are posted at the yearly meeting website, pacificyearlymeeting.org:

- #1: Listening to the Questions
- #2: Religious Ed in the Small Meeting
- #3: Stories Take Us Deeper

To subscribe to the newsletter or to communicate with the committee about issues your meeting faces, send email to quaker-re@yahoogroups.com

Interest Group

At our conference call meeting in February, we decided to do an interest group on responding to global warming with the children and teens of the meetings. The interest group will be led by committee members Klara East, Superintendent of a K-12 charter school in Visalia, and Robin Durant, Head of Friends Western School, under the care of Orange Grove Meeting.

Children and Earthcare: Positive Futures

Children today are faced with many issues that can feel hopeless and frightening. How do we educate our children about issues such as peak oil and global climate change without imparting a sense of overwhelming despair? One way to give our children a sense of hope is to engage in life-affirming activities that work toward creating a positive future. This interest group will present ideas for educating our children on the issue of global climate change and ideas for activities that will give them hope for the future as well as problem solving strategies.

Report submitted by Gail Eastwood, Co-clerk

**Latin American Concerns Committee,
Report to PYM Representative Committee,
March 3, 2007**

Guatemala Friends Scholarship/Loan Program

More than 30 years ago, Friends began the program to provide educational opportunities to largely Mayan students. Approximately 130 students participated each semester in 2006. Their majors have included bilingual teaching, law, nursing, medicine and agriculture. The current director of the program is a graduate, Miguel Angel Castop, who entered at age 16. Loren Lacelle has retired.

The 2007 tour is scheduled to begin today. It is a wonderful way to meet the students and the projects. It is led by program staff and limited to ten participants. For more information, see www.progresa.guatemalafriends.org.

Quaker Bolivia Link

This program has financed and developed more than 80 programs among indigenous people of the Andes, who are mostly Aymaras. Projects include irrigation systems, potable water, building latrines and constructing greenhouses. QBL works primarily with women, and a typical program budget is \$8,000-\$9,000. The board is managed by Bolivians and residents of the US and UK.

The Quaker Study Tour for 2007 will be from June 25th to July 8th, in Bolivia, with an optional tour of Peru from July 7th to 15th. For more information, see www.TreasuresoftheAndes.com.

La Casa de Los Amigos

The 50-year-old La Casa has been reorganizing during the past year. It is now incorporated in Mexico as a non-profit organization. It has an Assembly under Mexican management, which is guided by Quaker values. Persons from the US are being asked to become an informal support and development group.

Within the next two years, Las Casa expects to focus its peace program in the areas of non-violence and conflict transformation. The next meeting of the Assembly will be the weekend of March 23, 2007, in Mexico City. The Website is www.casadelosamigos.org.

El Salvador Projects

These programs began in 1990, and include providing tuition for high school students, tuition for university and technical schools and an agricultural cooperative. Last Summer, a group teens from Palo Alto and other Meetings visited El Salvador and the projects. Their Website is www.elsalvador.pafm.org.

PYM Fee Schedule for 2007

Overnight lodging types	Cost per night:
1) 18+ years Single	\$88
2) 18+ years Double or Triple, please specify 2D or 2T	72
3) 18+ years Double/Triple Young Friends Dorm	72
4) 18+ years RV	30
5) 12-17 years Double or Triple, please specify 5D or 5T	57
6) 12-17 years JYM dorm	57
7) 5-11 years Double/Triple, please specify 7D or 7T	36
8) 5-17 years RV	15
9) 0-4 years "floor baby"	free
 Day attendance/Commuter	
1) 18+years	\$20
2) 5-17 years	17

PYM SITE COMMITTEE REPORT TO PYM REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE MARCH 3, 2007

Members: Mariana Ruybalid (Co-Clerk), Carol Mosher (Co-Clerk), Liz Baker, Eva Miller, Nancy Rowan (Ex Officio Arrangements and Past Arrangements), Pat Smith, Jan Tappan, Brian and Dottie Vura-Weis

After researching and deliberating on the qualities of the possible Sites, and after visiting Walker Creek Ranch a 2nd time with a contingent of those interested, PYM Site Committee has reached unity and recommends Walker Creek Ranch for PYM 2008. In the customary pattern, we expect to renew Walker Creek for 2009 if we find the Site acceptable in 2008.

The reasons that Walker Creek Ranch is considered the most positive choice include:

- (1) Accessibility: Flat terrain with wheelchair- accessible paths and roads. Adequate number of accessible bathrooms. Buildings fairly close together.
- (2) We would be the only group on campus; all buildings usable except private staff dwellings.
- (3) Wide range of spaces for various programs, interest groups, bookstore, secretariat, worship-sharing, etc.
- (4) Camping on premises
- (5) Staff enthusiastic, responsive; should be easy to work with
- (6) Cost is within reasonable limits. Children ½ price. Large group discount.
- (7) Food includes non-vegetarian and vegetarian/vegan choices; Dietician flexible to special needs.
Can bring in food. Can opt not to pay for breakfast. Kitchen facilities in each Lodge.
- (8) Ecologically aware; organic garden, consistent with Friends' principles
- (9) Year-round creek, swimming and boating, miles of hiking trails, 6 miles to coast (Tomales Bay)
- (10) We have familiarity with Walker Creek; PYM was held there in '93. Staff has agreed to set up a Plenary Tent for us at no extra cost, as their large rooms are too small for 400+persons. They have since enlarged the dining room so that we can all eat in one shift.

Every Site has some possible drawbacks: For Walker Creek these include:

- (1) Lack of nearby public transportation (Petaluma and Novato are 16 miles east)
- (2) Plenary tent is a new unknown risk: May be too cold (fog), too hot, etc.
- (3) Very few single rooms. No private bathrooms (attached to bedroom).
- (4) Swimming hole is a ½ mile walk away. Young folks may visit it at night unsupervised.
- (5) Dining room remains on the small side. Even with outside patio seating may be crowded;
- (6) Patio seating may be too hot or too cold.

Some other Sites Contacted and Considered: (a) U. of Redlands for a 3rd year, (b) Mt. Madonna, (c) CSU- Sonoma State, (d) Asilomar, (e) CSU - Monterey Bay, (f) Stanford U, (g) St. Mary's College-Moraga, (h) Mills College-Oakland, (i) Westmont College (Santa Barbara), (j) U. of Pacific-Stockton. These were decided against for various reasons, including lack of accessibility, cost, not large enough, scheduling not decided until "regular" or "preferred" groups had first dibs, not the right spaces for our requirements, rigid requirements due to other groups on campus.

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	FY2005 10/1/2004 to 09/30/2005		FY2006 10/01/2005 to 09/30/2006		FY07 Budget 10/1/06-9/30/07
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual YTD	
REVENUE					
4100 — Miscellaneous Contributions to PYM	500	0.00	500	317.56	500
4101 — Contributions from Member Meetings	54,468	54,396.00	54,730	53,786.00	51,486
4104 — Interest on Invested Capital	750	1,735.31	1,000	3,832.37	1,500
4105 — Transfer from (to) Reserves	8,307	(11,281.63)	7,995	(15,567.51)	10,539
TOTAL REVENUE	64,025	44,849.68	64,225	42,368.42	64,025
EXPENSES					
GENERAL EXPENSES					
5202 — Clerk's Travel & Discretionary R2713	500	500.00	500	38.38	250
5203 — Expenses of the Officers	2,000	633.63	750	642.93	750
5204 — PYM Minutes	1,000	297.33	750	(15.00)	500
5206 — Young Friends PYM Scholarship	3,000	1,529.90	3,000	2,332.75	3,000
5207 — Equipment Purchase R2722	250	250.00	250	0.00	250
5208 — Travel to Representative Committee	6,500	5,111.52	7,500	8,445.40	8,500
5209 — Young Friends Officers' Expense	100	0.00	100	0.00	100
5210 — Audit Account R2723	300	300.00	500	500.00	500
5211 — Hawaii Regional Support	400	293.70	400	0.00	0
5212 — Latin American Concerns Outreach R2749	50	50.00	0	0.00	0
5213 — PYM Attendance Assistance Fund (M&O)	5,000	3,319.55	5,000	608.97	5,000
5214 — Holding Corporation Expenses	25	0.00	25	0.00	25
5262 — Friends Bulletin	8,500	8,500.00	8,500	8,500.00	8,500
SUBTOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	27,625	20,785.63	27,275	21,053.43	27,375
COMMITTEE EXPENSES					
5221 — Ad Hoc Committees	200	0.00	200	0.00	200
5222 — Children's Program	600	146.40	600	330.88	600
5223 — East-West Relations	300	0.00	300	48.53	300
5224 — Discipline	600	0.00	600	391.58	600
5225 — Finance	1,300	891.19	1,300	920.34	1,500
5227 — Junior Yearly Meeting	300	0.00	300	0.00	300
5228 — Ministry & Oversight	5,000	1,608.08	4,500	1,724.80	4,500
5229 — Nominating	1,300	877.58	1,700	1,686.26	1,500
5230 — Peace & Social Order	1,000	67.96	1,500	0.00	1,500
5231 — Religious Education for Children	1,000	691.84	1,000	133.76	1,200
5232 — Secretariat	50	0.00	50	0.00	50
5233 — Sites	300	73.25	300	128.60	300
5235 — Unity with Nature	300	35.34	300	7.00	300
5236 — Wider Fellowship Among Friends R2741	100	100.00	0	0.00	0
5237 — Committee Supplemental Expense R2714	750	750.00	750	750.00	750
5238 — Latin American Concerns	50	0.00	50	0.00	50
SUBTOTAL COMMITTEE EXPENSES	13,150	5,241.64	13,450	6,121.75	13,650

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	FY2005 10/1/2004 to 09/30/2005		FY2006 10/01/2005 to 09/30/2006		FY07 Budget 10/1/06-9/30/07
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual YTD	
SUPPORT OF FRIENDS ORGANIZATIONS					
5251 — Friends Committee on National Legislation	1,000	1,000.00	1,000	1,000.00	1,000
5252 — Friends Committee on Legislation of California	500	500.00	500	500.00	500
5254 — FWCC	1,500	1,500.00	1,500	1,500.00	1,500
5255 — Quaker United Nations Office NY	500	500.00	500	500.00	500
5256 — William Penn House, Washington	200	200.00	200	200.00	200
5258 — Earthlight	500	500.00	500	500.00	0
5259 — PFOS	500	500.00	0	0.00	0
5260 — AFSC (Hawaii/Los Angeles/Oakland/Books)	1,600	1,600.00	1,600	1,600.00	1,600
5261 — Friends House Moscow	1,000	1,000.00	1,000	1,000.00	1,000
5263 — Right Sharing of World Resources	800	800.00	800	800.00	800
5264 — Friends General Conference	500	500.00	500	500.00	500
5265 — Friends United Meeting (Note 1)	500	500.00	0	0.00	0
5266 — Quaker Earthcare Witness	500	500.00	500	500.00	500
SUBTOTAL SUPPORT OF FRIENDS ORGS.	9,600	9,600.00	8,600	8,600.00	8,100
CONFERENCE TRAVEL/PYM DELEGATES					
5271 — Friends Bulletin Board R2748 (3)	1,600	0.00	1,600	301.00	1,600
5275 — AFSC (5)	1,700	0.00	1,700	318.80	1,700
5276 — FCL (1)	100	0.00	100	0.00	100
5277 — FCNL & William Penn House (6/1)	1,700	1,700.00	3,050	2,617.76	3,050
5278 — FGC Central Committee R2744 (1)	400	0.00	400	0.00	400
5279 — FWCC, Section of the Americas R2743 (5)	1,200	1,200.00	1,800	1,727.20	1,800
5280 — Friends United Mtg. (Triennial) R2745 (1)	350	1,092.80	350	0.00	350
5281 — Gen. Reunion of Friends Mexico R2746 (1)	350	150.00	350	350.00	350
5282 — Friends House Moscow (2)	1,200	1,200.00	1,200	0.00	1,200
5283 — Evangelical Friends Church Southwest (1)	150	143.00	150	78.88	150
5286 — Quaker Earthcare Witness (2)	600	0.00	700	0.00	700
5287 — FWCC Triennial R2747 (3)	1,700	1,700.00	1,700	0.00	1,700
5288 — Young Friends Travel R2742	1,600	1,600.00	600	323.10	600
5289 — Friends Peace Team Board (2)	1,000	436.61	1,200	876.50	1,200
SUBTOTAL CONFERENCE TRAVEL/PYM DEL.	13,650	9,222.41	14,900	6,593.24	14,900
TOTAL EXPENSES	64,025	44,849.68	64,225	42,368.42	64,025

Explanatory Note for Items on Pages 1 & 2

Expense accounts with a bold face **R27XX** following the account name have that associated reserve fund on page 4. Transfers from these special reserves are negative (-) in the Transfers column. A positive transfer means that funds remaining in the expense account at the end of the year were transferred to the associated reserve. A negative transfer indicates transfers from the reserve. (Secret decoder ring: "Actual" - "Transfer" = fiscal year cash disbursement.) In Conference Travel, (n) is number now appointed and [m] is number for whom full reimbursement is possible with current budget.

Note 1: FUM contribution diverted to expenses of additional delegate(s) in FY05 per RepCom 2005-04.

PYM General Account

Notes	Account Number and Title	Balance on 09-30-2004	FY 2005 Additions (Reductions)	Balance on 09-30-2005	Adjustments (Note 9)	FY 2006 Additions (Reductions)	Balance on 09-30-2006
ASSETS							
	1701 — Treasurer's Checking Account	30,337.24	59,546.77	46,615.79	(786.94)	107,769.09	25,480.47
1	1704 — Invested Capital	70,141.39	12,768.13	0.00	21.20	72,154.87	133,609.48
2	1705 to 1709 — Accounts Receivable	18,718.50	0.00	11,994.50	(324.00)	0.00	6,400.00
	1724 — FGC Meeting House Fund	10,000.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	10,000.00
3	1725 — Inventory of Faith & Practice	23,101.00	0.00	2,544.00		2,542.00	18,416.00
	TOTAL ASSETS	152,298.13	72,314.90	61,154.29	(1,089.74)	182,465.96	193,905.95
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES							
*	2701 — Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
	2702 — Loan Payable-PYM Session Acct			0.00		20,000.00	20,000.00
4	2712 — Student Conscience Fund	17,790.47	45.09	17,835.56	7.55		17,843.11
7a	2713 — Clerk's Travel & Discretion (5202) Res	1,393.91	409.79	1,803.70		461.62	1,327.40
7a	2714 — Committee Supplemental (5237) Res	1,128.80	235.71	1,364.51		229.62	1,134.89
5	2721 — Pre-Publishing Reserve (Faith and Practice)	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
5	2721.1 — Publishing Stock (Faith & Practice)	16,562.56	0.00	16,562.56		4,683.00	11,879.56
7a	2722 — Equipment Purchase (5207) Reserve	721.48	250.00	0.00		250.00	1,221.48
7a	2723 — Account Audit (5210) Reserve	1,490.00	300.00	0.00		700.00	1,090.00
	2731 — Brinton Visitor Reserve (M&O)	3,014.44	750.00	0.00		450.00	4,214.44
	2733 — Fund for Concerns (M&O)	5,282.86	400.00	600.00		360.00	4,385.36
	2734 — Sharing Fund (M&O)	1,110.85	150.00	730.00		150.00	680.85
6	2735 — FGC Scholarship	18,270.00	0.00	0.00		75.00	14,595.00
7a	2736 — Unity with Nature Project Reserve	674.85	150.00	0.00		250.00	1,074.85
7a	2741 — Wider Fellowship Travel (5236) Res	608.01	100.00	0.00			708.01
7a	2742 — Young Friends Travel (5288) Reserve	2,488.00	489.90	2,488.00		276.90	766.80
7a	2743 — FWCC, Sec. of Amer. Travel (5279) Reserve	200.00	0.00	200.00		72.80	72.80
7a	2744 — FGC Travel (5278) Reserve	517.34	0.00	0.00		400.00	917.34
7b	2745 — FUM Travel (5280) Reserve	1,984.68	0.00	230.00		350.00	2,104.68
7b	2746 — Gen. Reunion Fr. Mex. Travel (5281) Reserve	350.00	150.00	0.00	200.00		550.00
7b	2747 — FWCC Triennial Travel (5287) Reserve	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00		1,700.00	5,100.00
7a	2748 — Friends Bulletin Travel (5271) Reserve	1,000.00	0.00	0.00		1,299.00	2,299.00
7a	2749 — Latin American Concerns (5212) Reserve	1,600.00	0.00	1,153.51			446.49
	2750 — PYM Attendance Assistance Fund	613.24	150.00	0.00		150.00	913.24
8	2752 — Uncommitted Reserves	73,796.64	80,760.13	69,478.50	(1,297.29)	17,189.15	100,970.13
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	152,298.13	86,040.62	74,880.01	(1,089.74)	43,434.47	193,905.95

Explanatory Notes for Assets, Liabilities, and Reserves

* When expenses are submitted and paid after the close of the fiscal year, they are reported as Accounts Payable.
1. Citizens Fund Money Market (\$96,021.20), Wells Fargo CD8910 (\$14,885.84), Wells Fargo CD3418 (\$11,166.87).
2. Accounts receivable is one loan from the Student Conscience loan of \$6,400.
3. <i>Faith and Practice</i> Inventory: The AFSC bookstore has made three payments totaling \$18,867 making the current balance of <i>Faith and Practice</i> Inventory (recoverable cost basis) \$15,874.
4. 2712-Student Conscience Fund balance of \$17,843.11 includes an outstanding loan of \$6,400.
5. Reserve for pre-publication expenses of next <i>PYM Faith and Practice</i> , per PYM 2004-09.
6. Reserve fund for young people to participate in FGC; it began in 2000 at \$20,460.00. FGC allocates the funds. In 2006, \$3,750 was dispersed and includes grants from 2004, 2005, and 2006.
7a.) Reserve Funds are tied to current year expense line items: 2713-Clerks Travel & Discretionary cap is \$2000; 2714-Committee Supplemental Expense cap is \$2000; 2722-Equipment Purchase cap is \$1500; and 2723-Audit Account cap is \$4000 (ref PYM 2004-10). 2741-Wider Fellowship Travel Reserve cap is \$500 (ref 96PYMRC-7). 2742-Young Friends Travel Reserve cap is \$2,500 (ref PYM 92-4). 2743-FWCC Section of the Americas Travel Reserve cap is \$500; 2744-FGC Central Committee Travel Reserve cap is \$500; 2745-FUM Travel Reserve cap is \$1500; and 2746-General Reunion of Friends, Mexico Travel Reserve cap is \$500 (ref PYM 2005-06). 2748-Friends Bulletin Travel has a cap of \$1000. 2749-Latin American Concerns cap is \$1500 (ref PYM 2004-10).
7b.) Travel reserves: PYM has agreed to put aside a portion of the costs for delegate travel each year when events occur other than every year: 5281-Gen. Reunion of Friends Mexico meets every 18 months. 5280-Friends United Meeting and 5287-FWCC Triennial meet every 3 years.
8. These are the only funds available for general PYM use. Beginning FY 1994-1995, the Registrar's Checking account, including expenses and income connected with the annual sessions, is reported separately (see page 5).
9. These one time adjustments are needed to reconcile the Financial Year 2005 Final Report Balances as of September 30, 2005 with the information contained in the QuickBooks database. The Financial Year 2005 Final Report was presented to and accepted by Representative Committee on March 3, 2006. Reference: "RepCom 2006-07: We accepted the outgoing Treasurer's FY 05 report. [Attachment G]".

Status East-West Relations Committee Financial Position	
(as reported by Bill Bauriedel, Treasurer, EWRC)	
Balance as of October 1, 2006	15,188.22
plus Income	
Craft Sales	5,780.00
less Expenses	
Donation to Friends House Moscow/US	-
Craft Purchases	-
Misc - Bank Charges	-
Balance as of January 31, 2007	20,968.22

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Budget for FY 2006-2007 as recommended by the Finance Committee - March 3, 2007

PYM SESSION ACCOUNT									
	FY2004 10/01/2003 to 09/30/2004		FY2005 10/01/2004 to 09/30/2005		FY2006 10/01/2005 to 09/30/2006		FY 2007		
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	
PYM SESSION REVENUE									
6110 — Miscellaneous Contributions	0	608.02	0	0.00	0	1,583.15			
6111 — Fees from Attendees	115,200	115,360.83	115,200	99,851.00	98,100	72,174.73			105,660
6112 — Fees from Session Expenses						4,501.00			
6113 — Fees from PYM General Funds	0	7,718.15	8,000	7,229.45	8,000	3,999.22			
6114 — Interest on PYM Sessions Accts	0	18.14	0	39.68	50	38.90			40
6115 — Transfer from (to) Reserves	0	(10,014.20)	(3,000)	(765.90)	(9,150)	7,216.58			
TOTAL PYM SESSION REVENUE	115,200	113,690.94	120,200	106,354.23	97,000	89,513.58			105,700
PYM SESSION EXPENSES									
6220 — Registrar's Expenses	1,000	1,079.44	1,000	626.22	1,000	352.40			500
6221 — Secretariat's Expenses	1,000	361.46	1,000	760.86	1,000	632.05			1,000
6222 — Arrangement Clerk Expenses	800	864.71	800	106.63	800	1,338.82			800
6223 — Children's Program	6,000	5,529.34	6,000	5,631.85	6,400	4,623.30			6,400
6224 — Cost of Facilities	100,000	102,595.02	105,000	97,987.50	81,400	79,548.40			89,400
6225 — Junior Yearly Meeting	4,000	2,125.00	4,000	210.73	4,000	0.00			4,000
6226 — Young Friends	200	250.72	200	221.44	200	1,000.00			200
6227 — Breakage and Equipment	200	0.00	200	0.00	200	0.00			200
6228 — PYM Clerk's Invited Guests	500	0.00	500	0.00	500	0.00			500
6229 — Insurance	250	230.00	250	218.78	250	1,993.31			2,000
6230 — Support Professions	1,250	655.25	1,250	590.22	1,250	0.00			700
6232 — Bank fees	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	25.30			
6533 — Uncollectable debts-written off	0	0.00	0	0.00	0				
TOTAL PYM SESSION EXPENSES	115,200	113,690.94	120,200	106,354.23	97,000	89,513.58			105,700
PYM SESSION BALANCE SHEET									
	Balance as of 09-30-2004		FY 2004-2005		Balance as of 09-30-2005		FY 2005-2006		Balance as of 09-30-2006
		Additions	(Reductions)		Additions	(Reductions)			
ASSETS									
6303 — Registrar's Checking Account	38,263.61	109,297.30	119,249.90	28,311.03	90,175.76	112,842.43			5,644.36
6305 — Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
6310 — Loan Receivable from General Acct	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00			20,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	38,263.61	109,297.30	119,249.90	28,311.03	110,175.76	112,842.43			25,644.36
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES									
6450 — Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
6451 — Loan Payable to Treasurer's Acct	10,718.50	0.00	10,718.50	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
6452 — Attendance Assistance Fund Res.	3,531.95	0.00	0.00	3,531.95	0.00	3,531.95			0.00
6455 — PYM Session Reserves	24,013.16	109,297.30	108,531.40	24,779.08	4,549.91	3,684.63			25,644.36
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	38,263.61	109,297.30	119,249.90	28,311.03	4,549.91	7,216.58			25,644.36
Note: Lines 6303 and 6455 for "FY 2006 to Date - Additions" each includes the actual amounts for FY 2005-2006 year to date plus an adjustment to account for prior fiscal year voided transactions.									

Finance Committee Report
to
Representative Committee
March 3, 2007

Budget Augmentation Requests

1. Unity with Nature requests an augmentation to cover increased expenses resulting from a much more active committee this year. Finance Committee is unclear on the amount of augmentation requested for this fiscal year, but can approve whatever figure Rep Coin approves.
2. FWCC Triennial meeting is in Ireland in August this year. \$6800 is available in accts. 2748 and 5287. A request for an augmentation of \$1000 is recommended.
3. Travel expenses were requested for two delegates (Darcy Stanley and Robin Mohr) to attend an FGC Outreach Meeting in Pittsburgh this month. Estimated cost is \$400 each. Finance Committee recommended the \$800 be spent from Clerk's Discretionary Fund Reserve.
4. Quaker Center is requesting \$2000 to hire an experienced person to help run the Youth Program this summer. Finance Committee recommends this be paid from the Clerk's Discretionary Fund. An augmentation of \$2000 for the Clerk's Discretionary Fund is recommended if Rep Corn approves the expenditure.
5. A pamphlet of the Advices and Queries was published by the Discipline Committee in May, 2006 at a cost of \$612.88. Finance Committee recommends treating this as an expense for communications. The payment was made in Fiscal Year 2007. An augmentation to the Discipline Committee of \$600 for 2007 to cover this expense is recommended.

Investment of PYM funds

Finance Committee will be considering where PYM funds should be invested at our Spring Retreat. Concerns and comments may be passed along to the Clerk of Finance by early May.

Brinton Visitor Contributions

The Brinton Visitor program has been laid down. M&O intends to start a similar program for PYM only. The funds contributed by those in PYM will be used for the new program. Funds contributed by those in other Yearly Meetings must be returned to the donors.

The balance in the account is \$4564.44. Using the First In – First Out system, the following contributions will need to be returned:

North Pacific Yearly Meeting	\$800.00
Eastside Friends Meeting	100.00
Marysville Worship Group	40.00
University Monthly Meeting	200.00
Total	1140.00

The resulting balance on hand for the new program will be \$3424.44.

Policy recommendations

Payment for attendants of special needs persons

Finance Committee recommends that the Session Budget include payment of registration, room & board for attendants accompanying persons with special needs. The cost will appear in line item 6230 Support Professions.

Payments for Co-clerks attending Rep Com

The current policy indicates that the travel expenses for only one co-clerk of a committee will be paid. Finance Committee recommends that an exception be extended to the youth co-clerks of JYM permitting expenses for both to be paid. The adult co-clerks of JYM would continue to follow the one co-clerk rule. The intent of this exception is to recognize the desirability of providing experience in PYM operations to our youth at the JYM level.

PYM Session Budget for 2007

Using attendance estimates and Redlands contract figures developed in concert with the Registrars, Finance Committee recommends accepting the fee structure proposed by the Registrars. The Session Budget was developed and is attached.

The Childrens' Education Program requested an increase of \$332 to permit them to hire an additional teacher this year. Finance Committee believes that the proposed budget will be adequate cover that expense.

Attendance is expected to rebound from the poor attendance last year which resulted largely from competition with FGC in Tacoma. Total costs are estimated at \$105,700 assuming 320 individuals in attendance. Finance Committee recommends approval of the fee structure and the budget.

**REPORT FOR JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEE
TO REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE,
MARCH 3, 2007**

Our committee has not been able to meet before March 3rd. March 3rd was the date most people on the committee said they could meet. Also, our committee budget of \$300 for travel, teleconferences and mailings was not sufficient to gather a committee of nine adults and six youth. So we will be meeting concurrently with Representative Committee on March 3rd, when many members, especially youth, will be able to find transportation with others attending Representative Committee.

There will be four adults and six youth doing the initial planning. We will be able to report more to you verbally at Representative Committee, after we have spent some time together in our work. We hope to involve more of the committee by using teleconferences and email as we continue planning between now and PYM.

The clerk requested a budget augmentation of \$216 for three conference calls. Hopefully, we will be able to use a free conference call service by using cell phones and not need to spend this money. However, we wanted prior authorization if we had to use PFOS's service.

Submitted by Jeanette Norton, Clerk of JYM Committee

SPACE USE AT REDLANDS UNIVERSITY, PYM, 2007

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Administration		Displays/Other Activities	
Registration - 1st Day	Hunsaker West lobby	Arrangements Table	Orton - west lobby hall
Registrars' Office	east lobby of Orton	Bookstore	Vineyard Room - Orton
Secretariat	Gregory 272	Guatemala Crafts	Vineyard Room - Orton
Ministry & Oversight	Lewis 111	Friends House Moscow	Vineyard Room - Orton
Nominating Committee	Lewis 110	Friends Peace Teams	Vineyard Room - Orton
Committee Meetings	small rooms in Orton	Message Boards	Orton - west lobby hall
Review of PYM	room off dining area	Tie-Dying	quad under trees
		Volunteer Boards	Orton - west lobby
Adult Program		Transportation Board	Orton - west lobby
Orientation	Grove Room - Orton	Weekly Display Tables	Palm Room - Orton
Plenary/Worship	Grove Room - Orton		
Quiet Room	Zanja Room - Orton	Youth Programs	
Morning Bible Study	Snack bar area of dining hall	Preschool	Jaspers Corner - Hunsaker
Worship/Fellowship Groups		Lower Elementary	University Hall
Interest Groups	Orton Rooms	Upper Elementary	University Hall
Tabling Fair	Palm Room - Orton	Middle School	Bulldog/Tamale - Hunsaker
Dance	Casa Loma	JYM	Cortner lounge
Community Talent Night	Grove/Palm Rooms - Orton	Young Friends	Melrose - basement lounge

Children's Program Committee Report To Representative Committee, Third Month 3, 2007

The Children's Program Committee has met twice, once in Berkeley and once via phone conference.

Theme for the Children's Program

The theme for the Children's Program at PYM will be "How do I live as a Quaker child in the world?" The committee would like the Children's Program to provide a broad exposure to Quaker practice. The Children's Program will seek to find ways in which we can support the children to build lives which support a Quakerly way of living. We would like them to leave PYM ready to take Quakerism out into their world.

The committee is currently researching curricula which would fit in with our theme and would be effective in the short amount of time available at PYM. As part of the program, we would like to seek Quaker mentors who could provide examples of a Quakerly life. They would come speak to the children and share their stories of how they live as Quakers in their everyday lives. These Friends would include not just those with extraordinary experiences, but those with the seemingly mundane as well.

Teacher Recruitment

Recruitment of teachers has already begun. We have sent out flyers to meetings and posted notices on some of the list serves. As of today, we have received responses from eight Friends who are interested in teaching. We hope to have the list of teachers finalized by the end of April.

Over the past several years, the Children's Committee has employed sixteen teachers, eight for the morning shifts and eight for the afternoon shifts. The Children's Program Committee has decided to add one more position. This person's responsibilities would be to help with general duties during PYM, such as helping with set-up and packing, handling paperwork, coordinating volunteers, supporting the teachers as necessary and serving as a liaison between parents and the committee. A supplemental budget allocation of \$330 has been requested to cover the stipend for this additional position.

Policies and Mission Statement

The committee is working on a list of policies and procedures for the Children's Program. Among the issues to be addressed would be policies regarding sick children, sign-in and sign-out procedures, and paperwork requirements. We are also working on the formulation of a Mission Statement for our program.

Consideration of a Program Director Position

About twenty-five years ago, there was a Program Director for the Children's Program at PYM. The committee would like to ask that Friends consider re-instating this position. The numerous responsibilities of planning and overseeing the program before and during PYM place a lot of stress on the clerks and members of the Children's Program Committee. A Program Director would ease this burden and help to enhance everyone's experience at PYM.

We are working on an exact job description, as well as a proposed stipend amount. We will submit this information to the appropriate committee for consideration. Hopefully, this matter can be taken up at this year's PYM.

Volunteers

It is our hope that we will again attract many volunteers during PYM to help with the Children's Program. It is our belief that being with the children is itself a form of worship. Our Quaker children are the responsibility of all of us, regardless of the configuration of our own families. The children of PYM are an important part of the entire PYM community. It is through them that we help to build the future of the Religious Society of Friends and of the world at large. We ask that all Friends remember the children.

**UNITY WITH NATURE COMMITTEE,
REPORT TO PYM REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE,
MARCH 2, 2007**

This year has been one of renewed energy and commitment for the Unity with Nature (UWN) Committee. All of us responded to the call, voiced by many at the PYM gathering in 2006, for a more active and focused effort--- amidst the urgency of growing environmental crises and the need for a considered response by Friends.

After our initial Fall meeting, we reached unity and took action on four priorities for this year:

1) Regular communication and more frequent meetings of the UWN Committee. Since September 2006, we have held four meetings: two in-person convenings and two conference calls (with virtually 100% participation in each). These meetings have been richly productive in both elucidating our needed direction and strengthening our cooperative ties with each other. We plan future meetings to continue with similar frequency and have asked Finance Committee for an augmentation of our budget, mainly to pay for increased transportation and phone expenses.

2) Rebuilding a network of communication with monthly meetings. Regular channels of communication between UWN and meetings had become fairly inactive in the last several years, yet we believe that our fundamental reason for being lies in that connection. To re-establish a linkage, we made dozens of phone calls and emails to locate individuals in each monthly meeting and worship group in PYM to volunteer as "contacts", people who would transmit ideas and information both to and from the UWN Committee and monthly meetings. This task is virtually complete. We now have appointed contacts for 31 meetings and worship groups, about 90% of those in PYM. We also have set up an email list, and communication between the Committee and meetings occurs every few weeks.

3) Communication channels with other yearly meetings. In September, the UWN Acting Clerk traveled to Philadelphia to confer with members of the "Earthcare Working Group" of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Those several days generated richly productive ideas for our activism on the West Coast. Another meeting is planned in April with UWN Committee Reps from across the U.S.

4) A Quaker response in PYM to the growing problem of global climate change. In November, the UWN Acting Clerk brought a minute, initially approved by Santa Monica Meeting, to the Fall meeting of Southern California Quarterly, which also approved it. The UWN Committee sent copies of this minute and also one approved by Strawberry Creek Meeting to meetings throughout PYM, asking them to consider a minute on the same issue. The response has been very heartening, to say the least! At this time, we know of at least 13 meetings or worship groups in PYM which either have approved or are considering a minute responding to the issue of climate change.

Encouraged by this response, the UWN Committee hopes to bring such a minute to the 2007 Gathering of the Pacific Yearly Meeting for consideration. The minute below is the current draft, which is subject to further input and revision. It is primarily based on the minute approved by Southern California Quarterly Meeting, as well as the ones approved by Santa Monica and

Strawberry Creek Meetings. We ask meeting reps at Rep Com to take this minute to their respective meetings for discussion.

Respectfully submitted, Joe Morris, UWN Acting Clerk

RESPONDING TO GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE:
Draft of a Minute to be Presented to PYM Gathering, 2007

Friends have come to recognize that caring for the Earth is a true spiritual concern. In the most recent *Faith and Practice*, we are asked to "live according to principles of right relationship and right action within the larger whole. Be aware of the influence humans have on the health and viability of life on earth." Throughout Pacific Yearly Meeting, a growing number of individuals and meetings have taken specific steps to raise awareness and alter behavior in these regards.

We now are facing global climate change, a phenomenon no longer seriously in doubt within the scientific community. As a result of choices we have made, the Earth is growing ever hotter, exacerbating weather extremes, habitat destruction, species extinction, and the dislocation of human lives. We recognize that resource scarcity brings greatest risk to the most vulnerable people. It can also aggravate the conditions for war.

These changes, we can no longer escape entirely. Yet some of the harm may be avoided if we act responsibly soon. In the face of these awesome challenges, we turn away from either apathy or despair toward way opening in the Light. We acknowledge the need to awaken to our sacred connection to life on this Earth.

We call for Friends to examine and decrease our individual impacts, where possible, so that Earth's resources are sustained or replenished. Such commitment will likely entail major adjustments in our purchases, diets, transportation, and livelihoods.

While many individual Friends have progressed toward a more sustainable lifestyle, we must now move toward a corporate witness in our meetings, joining with and helping each other and also like-minded groups, in our common concerns.

We ask all to stay continually informed about this evolving planetary crisis to discern future actions that will become needed. We appeal to all Friends to make this a standing priority in our families, meetings, and communities.

We ask monthly meetings in the coming year to discuss and discern this minute in terms of their appropriate witness and action and for input at the gathering of Pacific Yearly Meeting in 2008.

We submit the actions below, ones implemented in various meetings within PYM, to exemplify some possible first steps in creating a sustainable way of life on a healthier planet:

- *Reducing personal greenhouse gases at least 10% in the coming year through decreased driving, flying, and home energy use, and using efficient alternatives, for those able to do so.
- *Being a resource, encouraging, and learning from others to reduce fossil-fuel consumption.
- *Engaging in collective discernment in our meetings to understand and adjust to climate change, allowing spirit to work among us.
- *Networking among meetings and other like-minded groups, both religious and secular, to share resources and expertise.
- *Laboring with those shaping public opinion and policy to support Earthcare. From local to state, national, and international levels, advocating measures to protect Earth's resources and lessen the occasion for war.
- *Through personal participation and public policy, working to promote environmental justice and assist the most vulnerable.

Ministry and Oversight Report To PYM Representative Committee Third Month 2007

As Friends know, Ministry and Oversight has embarked upon a “discernment year”, this year - a time of stepping back and looking at what is essential in our lives together, and what structures we need to carry out the workings of the Spirit. There have been a number of names for this: Sabbath, Sabbatical, year of discernment, and one Meeting has been most comfortable with “Year of Mindfulness”. A letter was sent by the clerk of the Yearly Meeting and another letter from me, as clerk of M&O, inviting monthly meetings to join us in this process. This has resulted in both excitement and confusion. Are we discerning the work of the Yearly Meeting, or of monthly meetings? Are we asking monthly meetings to focus on the role of the Yearly Meeting? Could it be all of the above?

Our hope is that meetings will do what they need to in this process, which has ranged, so far, from very concentrated work over multiple sessions, to a few meetings that are saying it does not speak to their condition at this time. Meetings that are grabbing hold of the opportunity are often writing their own queries, rather than using any of the ones that have been sent out. This is wonderful, because it means that Friends are thinking about what their needs are, and how to meet those needs. For example, Humboldt Meeting asked such questions as:

What is the work of Friends?

What is the work of the Yearly Meeting?

How do we nurture Friends spirituality?

Another meeting asked:

What bugs you about Quakers?

Retreats have been scheduled in a number of places. Although PYM M&O is interested in ideas related to our annual sessions, our hope was that individual meetings would use this year of discernment to do their own work, about how truth is fairing in your own meeting. If you do participate, we hope to hear some news of what has transpired by May 1, so that we can incorporate your thoughts into our May meeting.

For our part, M&O realizes it must pull back on some activities so that we will have space to engage in our own discernment. We are therefore limiting the number of interest groups we sponsor in August to a very few, conducted by non-committee members. The one interest group we do expect to offer ourselves is an open meeting of the committee, to provide a forum for Friends.

In other business, the committee met with one of the co-clerks of the Nominating Committee to receive an update on their work and to labor a bit about the role of representatives to other organizations, to hear about some dormant committees, and to consider whether M&O should revive its subcommittee on leadings. We will continue this work.

We also received a letter from Quaker Center, in Ben Lomond, requesting financial assistance for their Quaker camps. We are consulting with Finance Committee about the feasibility of a one-year donation, to help as Quaker Center transition to new staff. But we are also considering the broader question of how do we nurture our youth, and what are the needs for youth ministry? It promises to be a rich and vibrant year as we see what Spirit has in store for us. Stay tuned.

M&O is considering forming a new subcommittee on Leadings to assist Monthly Meetings in naming and nurturing leadings – and to help support Friends whose ministry may not fit a local meeting structure. We will continue to develop this idea and report more as way opens. We are also looking at the next steps for the Brinton Visitor concept, now that the former committee has been laid down. It may be that PYM needs a sub-committee focused on visitation among Friends.

Vanessa Julye, who has a ministry on racism among Friends through Friends General Conference, visited PYM last year and is scheduled to come again this year. M&O isn't sure whether this is the right year for her to come, since the yearly meeting is focused on its own discernment. However, the committee feels strongly that the issues she brings are vital to Friends and should not be pushed aside. She has already visited Orange Grove Meeting in Pasadena, at their invitation, and those who heard her were quite enthusiastic. We also know that she works well with children and would want to be sure she spent time with the Children's Program and JYM when she comes again. Monthly Meetings are encouraged to invite her to work with you individually.

Laura Magnani, Clerk

**Report from the Pacific Friends Outreach Society
to PYM Representative Committee,
March, 2007**

During the past year, since our last report, we met three times as a Board, and have entered a quiet phase. We have, on several occasions, spent several hours in worship, seeking guidance on how we should proceed. One clear message has developed, and that is that we are closely aligned to the Yearly Meeting. We are **not** led to become just another business venture in the hope that, someday, the Yearly Meeting may notice us and wish to use what we offer. It is our close association with the Yearly meeting that has meaning and gives substance to our work. In this manner, we have also entered into a year or two or more of Shabbat, not doing any projects, but quietly waiting to see how Yearly Meeting gains clarity about itself and its role in our lives.

In Peace,

Liz Baker, Clerk of the Board of Directors,
Pacific Friends Outreach Society

PYM Daily Schedule

Hours	Mon 7/30	Tue 7/31	Wed 8/1	Thu 8/2	Fri 8/3	Sat 8/4
Early hours		Open time. Outdoor Worship (7am)	Open time. Outdoor Worship (7am)	Open time. Outdoor Worship (7am)	Open time. Outdoor Worship (7am)	Open time. Outdoor Worship (7am)
7:30-8:30		breakfast	breakfast	breakfast	breakfast	breakfast
8:45-10:15		Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	Plenary IX 10:30 until
10:30-11:45		Worship sharing	Worship sharing	Worship sharing	Worship sharing	Worship 10:45-11:45
12:00-1:00		lunch	lunch	lunch	lunch	lunch
1:15-3:15	Registration & Committee Meetings	Plenary II M&O	Plenary IV	Plenary VI 1:15 - 2:30	Plenary VIII	CLEAN UP! Safe trip home
3:30-4:45	Orientation & settling in	Plenary III	Plenary V	Plenary VII Meeting for Memorials 2:45- 4:45	Interest Groups	
5:00-6:00	dinner	dinner	dinner	dinner	dinner	
6:45-8:15	Plenary I	Unity with Nature Activity	Interest Groups	Tabling Fair and All- Ages Dance 'til 10	Community night	
8:30	Open time	Open time	Open time	Open time	Open time	Open time

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4/6/2007		PYM Plenaries		Proposed	
Mon 6:45-8:15 pm	Tues 1:15-3:15	Wed 1:15-3:15	Thu 1:15-2:30	Fri 1:15-3:15	Sat 8:45-10:30
90 mins	120 mins	120 mins	75 mins	120 mins	105 mins
Worship Epistle reading Welcome Clerk's Opening Minute Roll Call Intro. visitors Univ of Redlands Welcome Arrangements Children's Program JYM Young Friends Worship Sharing Secretariat Epistle committee Minutes Announcements Closing silence	Ministry and Oversight	Epistle reading Intro. visitors Unity with Nature Peace and Social Order Announcements Closing worship Minutes	Final Finance Committee Report Treasurer's report Minutes	Epistle reading Final Naming rept Final Nominating rept Minutes Announcements Statistical Report Registrar's report M & O report Closing Worship	Epistle reading Carry-over items Clerk's Closing Minute YF epistle JYM epistle Children's epistle Final PYM epistle Minutes Announcements Closing worship
	Tues 3:30-4:45	Wed 3:30-4:45	Thu 2:45-4:45		
	75 mins	75 mins	120 mins		
	Epistle reading Intro. visitors Initial Nominating Report Initial Naming Report Initial Finance Committee Report Open time Minutes Announcements Closing worship	"Open Plenary"	Meeting for Memorials		
	Tues 6:45-8:15				
	Unity with Nature				

Attenders at 2007 Representative Committee

There were 48 people present. All committees were represented except Wider Fellowship among Friends.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Meeting Representative and/or committee membership</u>
Anderson, Carl	East-West Relations Committee Clerk
Anderson, Jim	Past Presiding Clerk
Anderson, Marcia	San Jose
Baker, Liz	Berkeley and Modesto Worship Group
Barrows, David	San Diego
Bills, Elizabeth	Children's Program Committee Clerk
Birdlebaugh, Steve	Discipline Committee Clerk
Buskirk, Emelyn	Santa Cruz
Eastwood, Gail	Southern Humboldt & Relig Ed for Children Comm. Clerk
Eastwood, Michael	JYM Committee
Emily, Elaine	
Eusebio, Jim	Davis and Clerk of Secretariat
Farley, Sandy	Palo Alto
Franko, Joe	Presiding Clerk
Fraser, Ruth	San Francisco and Reading Clerk
Gorfinkel, Claire	Recording Clerk
Hunkins, Martha	
Jay, Lanny	Redwood Forest and Holding Corporation President
Knutsen, Lee	Monterey and Statistical Co-Clerk
Lacey, Kim	Central Coast
Lester, Cliff	Finance Committee Clerk
Lester, Jean	
Levien, Raph	Registrar
Magruder, Carl	Grass Valley
Magnani, Laura	Strawberry Creek and Clerk of M & O
Marshall, Elaine	La Jolla
McNeil, Stephen	Peace and Social Order Committee
Morris, Joe	Santa Monica and Clerk of Unity with Nature Committee
Mosher, Carol	Sites Committee
Newton, Jamie	Recording Clerk
Norton, Jeanette	JYM Committee Clerk
Oesting, Roena	Registrar
Orr, Chuck	
Richman, Kathy	Live Oak
Ross, Ruth	Latin American Concerns Committee
Rowan, Nancy	Santa Barbara
Rowell, Linda	Chico
Sabelman, Eric	
Smith, Pat	Claremont and Arrangement Clerk
Southwick, Amy	Appleseed
Stanley, Darcy	Nominating Committee Clerk
Taylor, Frances	Sacramento
Torrey, Sue	Assistant to the Clerk
Turner, Jan	Humboldt
Walker, Rolene	

Wolff, Gary	Treasurer and Statistical Co-Clerk
Wolff, Sola	JYM Committee
Yamaguchi, Tom	

Meetings (in the continental US) not represented:

Delta Meeting	Fresno Meeting
Inland Valley Friends Meeting	Los Angeles Monthly Meeting
Marin Meeting	Marloma Long Beach Meeting
Mendocino Meeting	Napa Sonoma Meeting
Orange County Friends Meeting	Pacific Ackworth Monthly Meeting
Redding Meeting	Reno Meeting
Visalia Meeting	

Worship groups not represented:

Conejo Valley Worship Group	Lake County Worship Group
Las Vegas Worship Group	Oakland Worship Group
Ojai Friends Worship Group	Ukiah Worship Group
Whitleaf Worship Group	