Pacific Yearly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends

Executive Committee Meeting held at Berkeley Friends Meeting
March 22, 1969

Executive Committee opened shortly after 9:00 a.m. with a period of worship.

1-3-69 The clerk explained to us the intention of the tentative agenda and reviewed the purposes of this mid-year meeting. The agenda and procedures were approved.

2-3-69 Travel Minute: Friends approved a travel minute for Charles and Edris Cooper who will be travelling in Europe this summer and instructed the clerk to prepare and forward it to them.

3-3-69 Medical Supplies to Vietnam: The clerk reported that some funds which have been collected through Yearly Meeting channels have been sent to AFSC. The AFSC has made shipments of medical supplies to Vietnam without the benefit of a government license. Friends approved future funds being sent to either the AFSC or the Canadian Friends Service Committee, whichever seems appropriate.

4-3-69 Ad Hoc Committee on Arrangements Review: Lois Barton reported for the committee, making the following recommendations which were approved:
   a. A cut-off date for registrations 10 days before Yearly Meeting begins. Any registrations received after that date should be returned to sender with suggestions about motel accommodations.
   b. A simplified, standardized registration form in detachable parts which will provide a statistical, a financial section, and coupons for Worship-fellowship, and childrens programs. This form should be accompanied in the Bulletin by all the pertinent details.
   c. All paperwork connected with worship-fellowship groups should be the responsibility of the Ministry and Oversight committee, and that the registrar not be expected to do any of the work.

5-3-69 Ad Hoc Committee to name Nominating Committee: The following names were approved for the class of 1971:
   Richard Derby - Sacramento
   Margaret Jump - Multnomah
   Shirley Tweed - La Jolla
   Alternates: Margaret Brooks - Marin
               Cleo Cox - Phoenix

Friends approved the recommendation that in the future this committee make its report to a later session of Representative Committee during yearly Meeting week.

6-3-69 Bulletin Committee: It was agreed that the Editor has the responsibility to edit material sent her, but may request additional funds if making full reports requires her to exceed her budget. These needs may be reflected in the Bulletin budget presented for the ensuing year.

Education Committee: Ruth Smith reported that Carl and LaDonna Wallen have been engaged to conduct the childrens program for the next three years. Because of their minimum experience at Y.M. Ruth will work with them the first year.

Ann Scott reported on the results of the survey made of what Friends want in Religious Education. They will ask for a plenary session at Yearly Meeting to further implement the suggestions that have been presented to the committee.
The committee was instructed to bring a recommendation to Representative Committee on restructuring the Education Committee for better continuity.

Friend in the Orient Committee: Catherine Bruner reported that Steve Thomas hopes to be working with the AFSC in Vietnam, and that Stuart Innerst plans to assume the Friend in the Orient position during some of the interim time before Madge and Ben Seaver will be available some time in 1970.

Schools Committee: Helen Stevenson gave a brief report on the Schools Committee. Their most immediate challenge is to know what today's High School Students are really thinking.

Sub Committee on Junior Yearly Meeting: Ed Morgenroth defined three areas this committee hopes to cover.
   a. To be available to deal with problems arising at Yearly Meeting.
   b. To study ways Junior Yearly Meeting can have continuity.
   c. To study ways of merging all programs at Yearly Meeting.

Friends agreed that this sub-committee is responsible for dealing with any behavior problems of the Jr. and Sr. high group at YM, that they should feel free to consult with persons outside the committee, and that they be responsible for the appointment of Young Friends advisors.

Finance committee: Paton Crouse announced that Otto Beck has resigned as Chairman of the Finance Committee, and that the Nominating Committee reports that Isaiah Meyer has agreed to accept the position. Friends approved of these changes.

Ministry and Oversight: The committee asks for a continuation of workshops at Yearly Meeting.

A request for information about affiliation has been received from a meeting in Fairbanks, Alaska. A brief description of the group, consisting of 12-20 persons was presented. Friends approved sending a representative to visit these Friends, hopefully before Yearly Meeting. Details are to be worked out by Ministry and Oversight, and Northwest Half-Yearly Meeting. If Ministry and Oversight feels, after this visit, that an invitation should be issued for a representative from the Fairbanks group to attend Yearly Meeting, they are authorized to offer travel assistance to them as seems appropriate.

Ministry and Oversight recommends that the subject of travel allowance to official meetings be re-evaluated.
   a. Present travel allowances do not reflect actual cost, which we should be cognizant of in some manner.
   b. The finance committee was directed to make this review.

The Worship-fellowship sub-committee is suggesting three alternative choices for Yearly Meeting this year:
   a. larger worship group - 50 people
   b. regular worship-fellowship groups
   c. Jr. High Friends discussion group

Nominating Committee: Clara Hurn reported that no one has been found to participate in the Friends World Committee summer visitation program. The Nominating Committee is authorized to take necessary action if suitable persons are identified who are willing and able to participate.
13-3-69 **Organization:** Harold Carson reported on the Organization Comm. deliberations. The committee asked for clarification of its duties. Frances Dart pointed out that the Yearly Meeting has now grown to the point where change will take place. If this change is haphazard the result may be unsatisfactory. A committee to guide the process of change may avert several possibly unsatisfactory developments such as divisive splintering, a falling away of interest, structural practices which are out of keeping with goals. Our assignment to the committee is not only to listen, but also to lead.

The Executive Committee asked the Organization Committee to prepare for Friends consideration at PYM, 1969, several alternate plans for restructuring.

**Peace Committee:** A report of activities since YM was given, including the fact that a message was sent in the name of the Peace Committee to Soviet leaders protesting the invasion of Czechoslovakia. Friends felt that such a message would probably be interpreted by Soviet Leaders as being an official statement from PYM. Committees are encouraged to give careful consideration to the implications before sending messages which could be misinterpreted.

**Report from Junior Yearly Meeting:** Paul Dart reviewed the recommended rules for Jr. Yrly. Meeting and outlined procedures they have developed for dealing with situations which get out of hand.

The Jr. Yrly. Meeting Executive Committee and Ministry and Oversight Committee will be accountable. If further help is needed, the advisors and parents or sponsors will be called in. Next resort would be to Ed Morgenroth’s Sub-committee.

The report was accepted with appreciation.

**Young Friends Report:** Tom Stevenson reported that Young Friends have a concern for working toward unity among age groups at Yearly Meeting. Also a concern for maintaining a dialogue with peer groups outside the Society of Friends. As a result of their experiment in silence they would like to ask Yearly Meeting to reserve one area—like a lounge—as a silent area, a retreat during the entire Yearly Meeting.

Some Young Friends would like to arrive early at Linfield for an experience of silence and listening as a prelude to Yearly Meeting. They invite any other Friends who so desire to participate.

Tom's report was accepted with our thanks for his being with us.

14-3-69 Ed Morgenroth raised the question of houseparents for high school age students in dormitories. Is there money for scholarships for these parents? The meeting approved authorizing of grants for room and board for up to 20 houseparents for high school students in dorms.

15-3-69 Walt Raitt asked for clarification of the fund-raising relationship to PYM of Junior Friends who are considering a special registration fee to help meet their budget allotment. The sub-committee on Jr. Yearly Meeting was asked to work with Jr. Yrly. Meeting Friends to achieve this clarification.

**Yearly Meeting Schedule:**

We agreed to schedule worship-fellowship groups at PYM, 1969, from 8:15 to 9:30 a.m. Friends approved elimination of the 4th worship-fellowship session on the final day of yearly meeting this year.
16-3-69 Friends approved preparation of a coordinated time schedule—showing all three schedules for yearly meeting:

YM Schedule  YF Schedule  JYM Schedule

17-3-69 Friends agreed to invite Douglas and Dorothy Steere to be major participants in the Sunday evening plenary session. The clerk was asked to communicate with Steerees, offering them a choice between a dialogue, led by them, on the "state of the Society" in a world-wide sense, and a lecture approach to a similar topic. It is hoped a special interest group may also be scheduled on the "Mutual Irradiation" concept.

18-3-69 The clerk was asked to invite Kenneth Boulding to attend our sessions, as he will be in Corvallis at Yearly Meeting time.

19-3-69 The Peace Committee was asked to arrange for one plenary session of Yearly Meeting which will focus on events subsequent to the Yearly Meeting, 1968, Minute on Consecration, Draft Resistance, sanctuary, etc.

20-3-69 The following Friends were appointed to serve as an Agenda Review Committee:

Lois Barton
Madge Seaver
Tom Stevenson
Ed Morgenroth

21-3-69 With above noted additions and revisions the proposed Yearly Meeting agenda was approved.

A tentative agenda for Jr. Yearly Meeting was presented by Paul Dart. It was emphasized that Yearly Meeting does not start until Sunday, Aug. 3. Only Committee members and their families will be accommodated at Linfield prior to that time.

Historian-Archivist: Walt Raitt requested copies of 1959 & 1966 minutes which are needed for the Swarthmore Library. He will see that future copies are sent to them. Monthly meetings are again requested to furnish copies of original organizational minutes for the archives.

Concerns from Regional Meetings: A concern has been received from Grass Valley Meeting regarding the length of committee reports at YM. This prompted consideration of the necessity for committee reports to reach the Bulletin by the stated deadline. Reports failing to meet this deadline will be the responsibility of the issuing committee, which will be expected to arrange for distribution of the report.

A concern was received from Multnomah Meeting regarding the Richmond Statement of 1969. This matter was referred to the Peace and Discipline committees.

Hugh Campbell-Brown requested that Monthly Meeting State-of-Meeting reports be forwarded to him after Regional clerks have excerpted them.

22-3-69 A request was received from Ferner Nuhn that PYM consider advancing a sum of $200.00 toward the cost of publishing the book "Friends in California", by David Le Shana. Friends agreed that this should be done.

Executive Committee closed at 10:00 p.m. after a period of worship.

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