Pacific Yearly Meeting  
of the Religious Society of Friends  
Executive Committee Meeting held at Palo Alto Friends Meeting  
March 13-14, 1971

Meeting opened at 9:00 a.m. in the Friends Meeting House, Palo Alto, with a period of worship. We held in our silence the life of David Bruner of Delta Meeting, whose death on January 14th brought to an end a full and useful life.

Phil Drath, Chairman of the Peace Committee and Charles Croninger, Chairman of the Friends Schools Committee were unable to be present.

Education Committee: (Greg Berleman) Plans are underway for two conferences to be held this spring in the Bay Area:
1) Marriage Enrichment, under the leadership of Norman and Leanna Goerlich, and
2) Non-Violence.

The Committee needs names of members from Southern California and Willamette Quarterly Meetings.

Social Order Committee: (Alan Batti) There has been little activity in the Yearly Meeting which has been reported to the Committee and the Committee has not met.

Finance Committee: (Isaiah Meyer) Yearly Meeting must look at how its funds are being raised and learn more about its own finances through closer communication with individual Meetings.

Peace Committee: (Alan Strain) The Committee has met in Whittier in November and plans another meeting before August.

Friends World Committee and 1% Fund: No representative of the FWC was present. $427.00 has been forwarded to FWCC by the Yearly Meeting. This money has been designated for AFSC projects. It would be useful to have a report in the Bulletin explaining the program.

71-1 It was approved to ask Michael Ingerman to serve as chairman of the PYM-FWC with whom he will consult to consider attendance at the FWCC May meeting in Minneapolis and appropriation of travel funds for a PYM representative.

Nominating Committee: (Robert Derby) The Committee recommends the appointment of Bill Scott (Reno) Ministry and Oversight;
Ann Scott (Reno) Education Committee; Pratt Spallman (La Jolla) PYM Holding Corporation; Leonard Walker (Honolulu) Consultative Committee on Organization.

71-2 The Recommendations were approved.

REGIONAL AND QUARTERLY MEETING REPORTS:

Southern California Q.M. (Harry Bailey) The S.C.O.M. requests that the recognition of East San Diego Worship Group be recorded.

71-3 The request was approved.
Arizona and New Mexico Half Yearly Meeting (Frances McAllister) The group has decided to remain within the Yearly Meeting until there is a need for a separate organization. The Inter-Mountain Fellowship will meet at Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, New Mexico, June 10-13.

College Park Q.M. (Eleanor Foster) The Q.M. reports much interest in prison and draft reform programs. Ministry and Oversight Committee has discussed the meaning of the family and new structures within it.

Willamette Q.M. (Howard Richards) There is concern with reorganization of the Yearly Meeting and relationships within the Pacific Northwest Quarter; with drug use and abuse at Yearly Meeting; and recognitions of Junior Friends' concern in this area.

Pacific Northwest Q.M. (Pat Crouse) Argenta Meeting has withdrawn from P.N.Q.M. and has joined Canada Yearly Meeting. There is a new worship group at Cheyney, Washington which will be recognized at the April Meeting of P.N.Q.M. Consultative Committee on Organization (PYM) has been working helpfully in advising Friends in Pacific Northwest and Willamette Quarterly Meetings

Discipline Committee: (Lowell Tser) There is available a large quantity of the newly annotated Disciplines from the Pasadena APSC bookstore at $1.00. New queries are being circulated and Meetings asked to use them for one year and then evaluate them. Advices are being developed separately. These might be ready for approval by Yearly Meeting, 1972. Cell division in PYM need not disturb work on Discipline. Next meeting of the Committee will be in June, 1971 to consider advices. A Handbook on Organizational matters is being prepared by Walt Baitt.

Finance Committee: (Isaiah Meyer) Finance Committee will need to make a recommendation on contribution to Friends General Conference; on sharing of funds when the division of Yearly Meeting takes place.

(In answer to a question) There are funds available for representatives to Young Friends of North America within the budget.

71-4 Approved asking Peace Committee to consider making a grant to the National Friends Coordinating Committee of $25.00.

Treasurer: (Robert Young) Collection of delinquent quota funds should be made through the Finance Committee. PYM Committee funds are not to be used for regional or local meeting projects unless these have been considered to be of general Yearly Meeting scope and concern. Monthly and Quarterly Meetings are at liberty to seek such funds throughout the Yearly Meeting through the Friends Bulletin and other means.

Holding Corporation: (Richard Ernst) There needs to be further discussion at Yearly Meeting on proposed change in corporation by-laws which will permit the holding of capital funds for persons or Meetings.

71-5 Approved having an Interest Group at Yearly Meeting on the proposal of the Holding Corporation and related matters concerning finance.

71-6 Approved the following persons to same persons to the Nominating Committee, class of 1974: John Draper (Davis) convener; Barbara Fritz (Pine); Monette Thatcher (Eugene); Gretchen Tuthill (Palomar).
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Friend in the Orient: (Stuart Innerst) Ben and Madge Seaver have been sending full and interesting reports; more than can be printed in the Bulletin and plans for wider use are under way. (New Seaver address: 80 Yue Wo, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong, S.C.C.C.) They will be traveling to Bangkok on March 16. It is hoped that they will also be able to travel to Australia and New Zealand. They have received help with their high living expenses.

71-7 Approved and Interest Group on China and U.S. Foreign Policy.

Friends Bulletin: (Peggy Spear and Brent Howell) Costs have gone up and there is need for funds to finish the fiscal year. Brent feels need to look at Yearly Meeting's general communication system. Do we need to set up a "press bureau" for Yearly Meeting? How do we feel about genuinely open Yearly Meeting sessions?

71-8 Approved appropriation up to $1,000 for Bulletin expenses through June 30th.

71-9 Approved an Interest Group on the Friends Bulletin and communications in general.

71-10 Asked all Committee chairmen to get their written annual reports to the Bulletin by May 15th for pre-Yearly Meeting consideration.

Historian-Archivist: (Walt Raitt) Walt had indicated to his son, Ron, that meetings should send copies of records, organizational minutes to the Archives. The Committee felt this needed clarification by Walt Raitt.

71-11 Approved sending the Leonard and Martha Dart a Minute of Greeting and Introduction to Mid-India Yearly Meeting. The Darts will be in India for a two year period.

St. Louis Conference: (Ed Sanders) The St. Louis Conference resulted in a publication of the working papers and a plan for future conferences on "Faith and Life of the Society of Friends." Charles Cooper and Ed Sanders have served as interim representatives for PYM. Approved continuing Charles Cooper and Ed Sanders as liaison with the St. Louis Conference group without any recommendation concerning financial commitment or future attendance or involvement in meetings.

Women's National Meeting-FUM: (Ed Sanders) PYM has received an invitation from Friends United Meeting to send a fraternal delegate to Wilmington, Ohio, next June to attend a national women's meeting. Approved authorizing the Clerk to find an appropriate delegate who might be in that area at that time.

Friends General Conference: Members of Executive Committee reported from their Regional and Quarterly Meetings on discussion of what should be the relationship between PYM and Friends General Conference.

71-14 Agreed that this is not a time when all PYM Friends can unite to become a member of Friends General Conference. Approved sending fraternal delegate to appropriate conferences and meetings and to make some contribution to the Conference in appreciation of its services. The amount of this contribution is referred to the Finance Committee for recommendation.

Consultative Committee on Organization: (Edwin Morgenroth) Edwin Morgenroth reported on his meeting with the Revision Committee of Willamette and Pacific Northwest Q.M.s. The term "North Pacific Region" is preferred by the Committee. They desire to share the use of the Discipline and the Bulletin for the time being. Their timetable is open although a gathering of these Friends is planned for a time in 1972 which will
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Not conflict with the time of PYM. In the meantime Nominating Committee should continue appointments as usual.

Ministry and Oversight: (Stratton Jacquett) Visits have been made to the Salt Lake City Worship Group. M & O has the care of worship groups not under a specific Meeting and wants to be informed of such groups.

There have been no calls on the Sharing Fund to date.

Worship-Fellowship groups and meetings for worship will be M & O's responsibility at PYM and organized as at last PYM.

There has been considerable discussion of the use of drugs and alcohol at PYM and the Committee urges that specific recommendations be made in these matters this year.

Arrangements for Pacific Yearly Meeting: (Vance MacDowell) The time and place have been determined: August 8-12 at Willamette University, Salem, Oregon. The University will be available for committee meetings on August 7, preceding the opening of Yearly Meeting. The University will provide very adequate facilities. Space is being reserved for camping at the State Park, two miles away from the University.

Young Friends: (Doug Feeney) The Young Friends group has suffered from lack of a group feeling and hopes to plan a more structured program for PYM.

Junior Yearly Meeting: (John Hubbe) Plans are being made for an orientation and get acquainted party on Saturday, the 7th. The group has the following concerns:
1. That adults know that sleeping arrangements sometimes include large mixed groups spending the night together.
2. That a large lounge and craft room will be needed at Yearly Meeting.
3. That a discussion on sex be held with adults.
4. That Family Night needs changing.
5. That the use of drugs at Yearly Meeting should be forbidden and that those guilty of such should be sent home.

A letter will go to all Junior attenders from their planning committee encouraging respect for the Yearly Meeting and compliance with the regulations of YM and Willamette University and that they know the consequences of not complying.

71-15 Approved that dormitory assignments be made as usual, but with the knowledge that sleepers may be mixed as occasions arise. We do not endorse permissiveness. We do put our faith and trust in Young Friends and the knowledge of their families. Agreed that no drugs or alcohol will be permitted at Willamette University.

71-16 Anyone breaking this rule will be sent home with someone designated by the Monthly Meeting through whom the person has registered. All regulations of the University will be complied with.

71-17 Approved the following arrangements procedures:
1. A permanent and continuing office of Registrar will be established, and that Frank Burnham (Reno) will be that Registrar.
2. Dan and Kathy Beverly (Tacoma) will serve as co-registrars at Willamette University during Yearly Meeting.
3. All registrations for Yearly Meeting will be made to Frank Burnham through the Monthly Meeting Clerk, of the registrant’s Meeting or the Meeting to which the registrant is most actively related. Guidelines and instructions will be sent to all Clerks. Friends and other visitors not related to a Meeting of PYM will register through the Yearly Meeting Clerk.
Approved that the Committee for the Agenda of Yearly Meeting be the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk, Peggy Spear and Stratton Jacquette.

The Meeting of the Executive Committee closed at 10:20 on Sunday Morning with a short meeting of worship and then joined Palo Alto Meeting.

Etta Vogel, Recording Clerk

Edwin A. Sanders, Clerk