

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

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Representative Committee Minutes

Willamette University, Salem, Oregon

SESSION I August 7, 1971 7:00 p.m.

The Representative Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting met at 7:00 p.m. on August 7, 1971 in the Thomas Autzen Senate Chamber of Putnam Hall, Willamette University, Salem, Oregon.

In his opening words the clerk, Ed Sanders, linked the time of safe splashdown for the Astronauts to the start of our meeting in Salem and read lyrics from "Lost in the Stars."

"Big Star, little star, blowing through the night  
and were lost out here in the Stars."

and

"How many miles to the heart of a child?" And too, the gulf between us  
is wide -- except for love. . . "Swifter than wings of the morning are  
the Pathways of the heart."

A period of silent worship was followed by a business meeting. Lois Barton, Assistant Clerk, opened the session by calling the roll of Monthly Meetings, Preparative Meetings and Worship Groups. These are attached to the official minutes.

Clerk's Report: "This year Pacific Yearly Meeting is taking on a new direction urged by its Executive Committee. Yearly Meeting has little use except as it strengthens and nourishes the Monthly Meetings. It is hoped, therefore, that the more stringent terms of attendance in part to meet the specific Needs of Young Friends will bring us closer to one another in the sessions to come and help us know that we are important extensions of our own Meetings."

Report on Arrangements 1972:

Rep 1 As reported by Lois Barton, arrangements of Pacific Yearly Meeting 1972 have not been made definite. Because availability of St. Mary's College for PYM 1972 has not been confirmed, Representative Committee approved having the Clerk and Catherine Bruner check with St. Mary's College and report its findings to the third session of Representative Committee.

[In the course of the discussion it was again made clear that there would not be a change in the PYM make-up until 1973. To clarify the issue a minute of the PYM Executive Committee was read: "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 time-table is open although a gathering of these Friends is planned for a time in 1972 which will not conflict with the time of PYM. In the meantime Nominating Committee should continue appointments as usual." Pacific Northwest Quarterly Meeting will not host another Pacific Yearly Meeting.]

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Ministry & Oversight:

Rep 2 Representative Committee approved Ministry & Oversight's nominations for the Epistle Committee: Margaret Brooke, Bill Scott and Marian Hoag, with Bill Scott as convener,

Discipline Committee:

1) The new proposed Queries in circulation since last November should be evaluated next November by the Monthly Meetings and comments be sent to the Discipline Committee at that time.

2) Two pamphlets, "Some Proposed Guides to Practice for Pacific Yearly Meeting" and "Marriage and Family Patterns" are now available. Monthly Meetings should forward their written comments on marriage and family patterns to Catherine Bruner within six months. (Feb.)

3) Two interest groups are scheduled for this session of PYM: "Quakerism and Christianity" and "Marriage, Family Patterns and Sex."

Rep 3 Representative Committee approved that Lowell Tozer give his report of the Discipline Committee at a plenary session.

Finance Committee: Isaiah Meyer read a list of items to be discussed with the Finance Committee prior to preparing a suggested Pacific Yearly Meeting budget.

Friend in the Orient: Stuart Innerst reported on the Seavers' invitation to accept a wardenship of Friends' Center in Auckland, New Zealand in September of 1972 after they report to PYM on their two years stay in the Orient.

Interest groups are scheduled on Policy Relations with China and Friend in Orient.

Rep 4 Representative Committee approved that Stuart Innerst make the report above to a plenary session.

Nominating: Richard Derby presented a request to establish a new position of Alte. Historian and recommends that Catherine Bruner be named to this position for this PYM.

Rep 5 Representative Committee approved creating the position of Alternate Historian and that Catherine Bruner be named to this position for this Yearly Meeting.

REGIONAL MEETING REPORTS

Arizona Half Yearly Meeting - Frances McAllister.

This Meeting does not want to separate from PYM but will meet again as the Inter Mountain Friends Fellowship. Deeper fellowship, support of similar family needs, a joining together -- these are the concerns of the Meetings involved.

New Mexico Quarterly - Ted Church

New Mexico Quarterly Meeting hosted the Inter Mountain Fellowship made up of 21 Worship Groups and Meetings from Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah.

Willamette Quarterly - Howard Richards

There is great concern that the evolution of a Pacific Northwest Meeting be gradual, accomplished in love and continued fellowship.

Rep 6 Brent Howel, Bulletin editor, asked for help in making an accurate, up-to-date list of all Meetings and Worship Groups. The clerk let it be known that a book of Meetings will be available to all of us before leaving PYM and suggested that Mildred Burck, Statistical Secretary be involved in this compilation. This was approved.

Visitors: The clerk introduced the following visitors: Frederick and Damerest Parker Rhodes from Cambridge, England; Lawrence Miller, Secretary of Friends General Conference; Delkert and Ruth Replogle of Friends World Committee and Ridgewood N.J. Monthly Meeting. He read also the names of other visiting Friends: Barry and Kay Hollister (FWC, AFSC, Quaker House UN), Howard Brinton and Yuki Takahashi, Elva Marshall, representative to PYM from California Yearly Meeting, George Lakey and Dan Balderston.

Available to those present were:

- 1) Agenda of Representative Committee.
- 2) Minutes of PYM Executive Committee.
- 3) Tentative Schedule of the 1971 PYM.
- 4) A report on California Yearly Meeting from Ferner Nuhn, PYM's first fraternal delegate to that body.

Meeting closed at 9:15 p.m. with a period of silence.

SESSION 2: August 8, 1971

The meeting opened with a period of worship.

The minutes of the first session of Representative Committee were approved with minor changes.

#### REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES (continued)

Bulletin Committee: Margaret Spear outlined the major problems on which they are working: 1) A search for a printer to meet our price needs; 2) The need for a nucleus-in-the-area working committed to meet publication and mailing deadlines; 3) A broader coverage of concerns and insights shared by individuals fo PYM. A request has been made to PYM for an increase in subsidy from \$2200 to \$2800 (40-50% of the cost) or in lieu of the higher subsidy, a raise in the price of each subscription.

Rep 7 After discussion of several proposals to restructure the Bulletin Committee for greater efficiency, Representative Committee approved having Nominating Committee 1) Name two local members to work with the Bulletin Committee Chairman and Editor and 2) to ask each Regional body to name an area correspondent to the Bulletin. In the event that the regional body does not do this, Nominating Committee will name the correspondent.

Education: Gregory Berleman announced plans for an Interest Group on non-violent training in action. He urged Meetings and individuals to look over the materials of the Education Committee's library now on display in Putnam.

Social Order: Ron Raitt, Chairman, was not present. Bob Schutz, a member of the committee, suggested that new life styles and disposition of real property, among other issues, were proper considerations of the Social Order Committee. Some felt these to be the province of Ministry and Oversight; others felt both committees might properly be concerned.

Peace Committee: Phil Drath

1) a panel of five Friends (George Bliss, Dan Balderston, George Lakey, Lawrence Miller and Barrett Hollister) will report and discuss issues, concerns and activities of Friends across the country at Monday evening's plenary session.

2) Friends will be asked to consider two peace minutes: One from La Jolla Monthly Meeting urging President Nixon to respond to the July 1, Peace Proposal of Hanoi which could terminate the war by the end of '71; the other from Santa Barbara urging President Nixon to withdraw military commitments in Asia and Taiwan in line with the proposal put forth in an AFSC white paper.

Holding Corporation: Dick Ernest. The PYM Holding Corporation is holding its regular session and has scheduled an interest group on Monday afternoon. Detailed provisions of an agreement for holding Meeting Houses, securities and other property in trust for unincorporated Meetings or other PYM entities including FCL will be presented. There will be a discussion of the pros and cons of permitting the Holding Corporation to enter into agreements under which income would go to the donor until death with the principal then to go to the beneficiary.

Junior Yearly Meeting: John Hubbe, Clerk. The Executive Committee of Junior Friends met to set up the agenda for Junior Yearly Meeting. This will include the showing of films on Black history, the peace movement, folk dancing, a discussion on drugs with one of the visiting Friends. Junior Friends will be encouraged to hear Howard Brinton and others at the regular plenary sessions and to attend the interest groups on sex, marriage, new life styles set up by the Discipline Committee in response to a Junior Friends request at Executive Committee for such a session. The orientation meeting Sunday night will include a discussion on the hazards of drugs and alcohol and the importance of Yearly Meeting.

The Junior YM Clerk asked for clarification on procedure for dealing with those who may become involved with illegal drugs and alcohol. It was reiterated by the PYM clerk that those not abiding by the rules of PYM in this respect would be sent home. Foy Van Dolsen, Chairman of the subcommittee for Junior Friends suggested that problems be relayed to a member of the committee (the Bob Heilmans, Ed Morgenroth and Mary Jorgensen) for appropriate action.

Concern was expressed that Barbara and Kelly Brady be made to feel secure in following the directions of PYM. It was also urged that Junior Friends feel free to consult with the Advisory Committee on happy as well as unhappy matters.

Young Friends: Doug Feeney. Young Friends have met together and plan to meet every evening around 9:30. This will enable them to participate in plenary sessions and interest groups should they so wish. Fraternalizing was the prime concern of Young Friends. Ed Sanders suggested that adult Friends would welcome thoughts and insights of Young Friends in their response to the two pamphlets of the Discipline Committee, "Marriage and Family Patterns" and "Proposed Guides for Pacific Yearly Meeting."

The Assistant Clerk asked for the Young Friends schedule so it could be printed with other schedules.

## REGINAL MEETING CONCERNS

Report on Future PYM Arrangements: Barbara Perry. In response to a concern that St. Mary's might not be available to us Barbara Perry checked our legal statue with the college. Our contract states that we must reserve facilities 23 months in advance; they can cancel within 60 days after our PYM there. We have reserved St. Mary's; they have not cancelled.

Rep 9 Representative Committee approved haveing CPQM proceed with Moraga arrangements and host PYM in 1972 with greater assistance from Southern California Quarterly Meeting. Members of SCQM should meet with CPQM Arrangements Committee. We will call St. Mary's and confirm our reservation.

Rep 10 Since a PYM site should be reserved two years before a meeting, Representative Committee approved the naming by Nominating Committee of 3-5 members who can meet together at this PYM.

Representative Committee decided to lay over further discussion on a possible 1973 PYM site change until its third session on Wednesday.

Pacific Northwest Quarterly Meeting: Alice Miles. 1) Pacific Northwest Quarterly Meeting met with Oregon Quarterly Meeting for fellowship. 2) NWQM accepted the withdrawal of Edmonton Monthly Meeting to Canada Yearly Meeting. 3) Pullman Worship Group has, in turn, a Worship Group under its care.

## OTHER CONCERNS

Lois Barton urged Friends to read the report of Ferner Nuhn on the California Yearly Meeting before the plenary session report on the St. Louis Conference.

The meeting closed at 11:30 a.m. with silence.

## SESSION 3: August 11, 1971

The Third session of the Representative Committee met on Wednesday, August 11, at 1:30 p.m. in Putnam Hall. The meeting opened with a period of Worship.

Minutes of the second session of the Representative Committee were approved as corrected.

Ad Hoc Committee to suggest names for the Nominating Committee:

John Draper, Chairman  
Barbara Fritts  
Monette Thatcher  
Gretchen Tuthill

Rep 11 Representative Committee approved the names as read.

Site Committee for PYM Arrangements 1973:

Julie Spenner, Convenor (Santa Barbara)  
Ted Church (Albuquerque)  
Jane Webster (Pima)  
Ronald Steelman (Orange County)

Rep 12 Representative Committee approved asking the three meetings of the Southwest to host Pacific Yearly Meeting in 1973.

Social Order Committee: Ron Raitt, Chairman. New life styles which affect society at large belong in the province of the Social Order Committee. The Committee will study the statements in the Discipline Committee pamphlets "Some Proposed Guides to Practice for PYM" and work in this with the Discipline Committee.

Rep 13 Representative Committee approved that new life directions which affect society at large belong in the province of the Social Order Committee.

Friends Schools Committee: Charles Croninger reported that Ed and Molly Morgenroth are willing to visit all Friends Schools and all Regional Meetings to discuss Friends education and report on these meetings at a Plenary Session of PYM 1972. The Schools Committee budget will, hopefully cover expenses of the Morgenroth's visitation.

Rep 14 Representative Committee approved that Ed and Molly Morgenroth on behalf of the Schools Committee visit all Friends Schools and Regional Meetings to discuss Friends education and report this at a Plenary Session of PYM 1972.

Peace Committee: Phil Drath. PYM clerk pointed out that it was unusual for a PYM Committee to change the wording of a Monthly Meeting minute and present it to PYM as such. After much discussion on the wording of the proposed letter to President Nixon from La Jolla MM and the minute on United States - China relations from Santa Barbara, it was agreed to return these to the Peace Committee for rewording.

Registration: Frank Eburnham recommended the following changes in registration procedure:

1. Cut-off date for PYM will be one week prior to PYM date.
2. Walk-in registrants from other Friends Groups must see PYM clerk before being accepted.
3. There will be a \$5 penalty for reservations mailed later than three weeks before PYM.

Hopefully Monthly Meeting clerks will receive registration blanks shortly after PYM Executive Committee meeting.

4. Each registration form will require a deposit of \$10 for each one planning to attend.
5. Family maximum costs will be eliminated; some scholarship funds will be available under the care of Ministry and Oversight.
6. Registration fees were lowered from \$2 to \$1 for very young children; raised from \$2 to \$2.50 for others.

Representative committee suggested that the registration form be printed in the Bulletin as well as mailed to MM clerks.

Leo Laurence's Concern for Homosexuals: Although there was a question in the minds of some of dealing with a minute brought to a Plenary Session by a non-member, it was felt that PYM should make a serious study of the problem of

homosexuality, and that it should be discussed at MM and QM levels as well. Several Meetings are being confronted with this problem and are being "present-to-it". Civil rights aspects of the concern belong in Social Order Committee; others in Ministry and Oversight.

Rep 15 Representative Committee approved referring the concern for homosexuals which was brought to the VIII th Session of Yearly Meeting to the Committee on Ministry and Oversight.

Budget Committee: Representative Committee considered the budget and:

Rep 16 Representative Committee approved a minute of the Finance Committee concerning \$1200 to underwrite a North Pacific gathering of Friends in July 1972.

Rep 17 Representative Committee approved as increase of 50¢ in the subscription rate of the Bulletin. The last increase in price was in 1965. Isaiah Meyer expressed concern about the philosophy of education and the activities rightly involved in receiving PYM funds.

Rep 18 Representative Committee agreed to ask the Discipline Committee to clarify the function of the PYM Education Committee so that its future program not duplicate programs now under the Peace Committee.

Rep 19 Representative Committee approved increasing to \$600 the allocation for two representatives to FCNL, one to travel East from PYM, one to travel west to PYM from Washington.

Frances McAllister: Since we did not unite in membership in Friends General Conference, the amount of \$250 to FGC was excessive. Several Friends noted that their Monthly Meetings sent contributions to FGC in appreciation of the availability of the Meeting House Fund and excellent educational aids. Albuquerque contributed 50¢ per member to FGC.

Rep 20 Representative Committee approved lowering the contribution to FGC but suggests that Monthly Meetings send contributions for the Monthly Meetings send contributions for the many FGC services rendered.

Rep 21 Representative Committee approved the PYM Budget for 1971-1972 with noted changes.

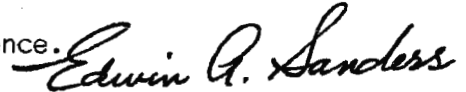
Ministry and Oversight: Stratton Jacquette. Possible ways in which meetings no longer in PYM could work with Committees of PYM was tabled by Representative Committee. It suggested Ministry and Oversight bring specific requests to PYM '72 Executive Committee.

Concern for Childrens' Program: Ellen Hubbe reported on a meeting held with Ministry and Oversight and parents of children in grades 5 through 7. Additional activities outdoors and in the gym were scheduled to occupy these children in the time remaining. Problems in meeting the childrens' needs included: 1) lack of time to plan; 2) Difficult physical set-up; 3) Not enough involvement of parents with children during the day.

Rep 22 Representative Committee approved:

- 1) Asking those involved with the Education Program of PYM '72 to provide a director and a separate program for children in grades 5 through 9.
- 2) Before opening session of PYM '72 setting up a program orientation meeting with parents and for all members of the Yearly Meeting as one family.
- 3) Making a special appeal to college age Friends and all older Friends to become involved with the children's program.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. with a moment of silence.



Edwin A. Sanders, Clerk

Van Ernst, Recording Clerk  
Representative Committee