

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

Interim Committee Meeting

March 5, 1960

Berkeley Friends Meeting House, Berkeley, California

Those present, listed by Meetings, were:

Albuquerque: Marietta Korn

Berkeley: Clarence M. Cunningham, Tom Heck, Madeleine Stephenson, Bernice Wargo

Claremont: Bill Acord, Ferner Nuhn

College Park (San Jose): Eleanor Foster, Chester Spurrier

Delta: Olin Tillotson

La Jolla: Gretchen Rudnick, Stephanie Ullman, John Ullman

Los Angeles: Margaret T. Simkin

Multnomah: Virgil Moore, Esther C. Richards, Rachel W. Wallen

Orange Grove: Elinor Ashkenazy, Walt A. Raitt (Clerk, Southern California Half Yearly Meeting)

Palo Alto: Polly Straka, Patricia Stewart

Phoenix: Edith L. Dewees, Ellen Catherine Newton

Sacramento Preparative: Margaret Brooks

San Fernando: Esther Morgan, Kenneth Morgan

San Francisco: Caroline C. Estes, James P. Estes, Ben Seaver, Madge T. Seaver, Joy Walker

San Luis Obispo Worship Group: Helen Bruner

Santa Monica: Ruth C. Brown

Tacoma: Liss Elkinton

University (Seattle): Alura Dodd, Nina Dodd

Willamette Valley: Mildred Burck, Bruce Ergood, Jean Prideaux, Beulah M. Thornburg, Russell W. Thornburg

Clerks: Catherine Bruner, (Delta), Harold Carson, (Eastside Preparative, Seattle), Edwin C. Morgenroth, (Orange Grove)

The meeting opened at 9:00 with a period of worship. We were reminded that one form of love is taking responsibility, and it was pointed out that William James, therefore, had demonstrated his "great love for the Society of Friends".

Roll was called and the representatives from the various meetings responded.

A letter was read from Tayeko Yamanouchi, Tokyo, Japan, with a message to her from a Friend in Shanghai.

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The Treasurer's report was sent by Robert Young and one copy was distributed to each Meeting represented. It was noted with satisfaction that funds contributed to the "Friend in Washington" program were in sufficient amount to have started this work. Friends also noted with approval the appointment of Stuart Innerst to this project. A large portion of this particular sum raised represents contributions of a limited number of Friends, but we are aware of the wide range of AFSC, FCNL, and other Friends activities which our far-flung meetings in the United States represent.

Esther Richards gave a financial report for the Friends Bulletin, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

A letter from William Taylor, Chairman of the Meeting House Fund Committee, dealing with the problem of the incorporation of the Yearly Meeting was read. After some discussion of this matter it was decided to instruct the Meeting House Fund Committee to continue investigating this problem and report to the Monthly Meetings in writing in sufficient time to allow the August 1960 Interim Committee to consider specific recommendations.

Several reasons for incorporation were presented to the meeting:

1. If Monthly Meetings incorporate and name the Yearly Meeting as the recipient of funds or property in the event of the Monthly Meeting being laid down, the incorporation of the Yearly Meeting would be necessary.
2. If the Yearly Meeting were to incorporate, it would be possible for it to receive Trust Funds.
3. Monthly Meetings could also use the Yearly Meeting as a holding corporation if they should so desire and thus not incorporate as Monthly Meetings.

Hope was expressed that any technical or legal needs to incorporate the Yearly Meeting "should not stiffen us."

Ferner Nuhn gave the Discipline Committee report on their study of appointment to the Nominating Committee as instructed on the Yearly Meeting minute 1959-60.

The following recommendations from the Discipline Committee were approved:

1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of nine persons, each of whom shall serve for three years and three of whom shall be appointed each year by the Interim Committee at its spring meeting. It is desirable to have regional representation on the Nominating Committee.

Discipline Committee recommendations - cont'd.

2. At the time of Yearly Meeting the Interim Committee shall appoint from the three members who are serving their second term a chairman whose term shall be from the close of the Yearly Meeting in which he is appointed to the close of the following Yearly Meeting.

After considerable discussion, the recommendation submitted by the Southern California Half Yearly Meeting on how the Nominating Committee should function, especially how names are to be presented to the Nominating Committee, was referred to the Discipline Committee to bring a specific recommendation to the August 1960 Interim Committee.

Ferner Nuhn also reported for the Discipline Committee that a suggested Introductory Section for the Discipline has been circulated to the Monthly Meetings for study. Copies were available to representatives present and others can obtain copies from the chairman. It was also reported that as a result of Monthly Meetings and Discipline Committee considerations, a revised edition of the Queries is in order.

The following were named to a committee to suggest six names to a later session of this Interim Committee for consideration as members of the Nominating Committee to be established according to the above approved recommendations:

Edith Dewees, Walt Raitt, Madeleine Stephenson, Elizabeth Elkinton.

Questions submitted by La Jolla Monthly Meeting to the 1959 Yearly Meeting and not acted upon there by the Interim Committee as instructed, were returned to this session for consideration. Stephanie Ullman reported that upon further consideration of these questions by La Jolla Monthly Meeting there was no unity on a recommendation for further action. It was felt appropriate, however, to speak to the first two questions submitted:

1. What is the relation of individual meetings to Pacific Yearly Meeting? The Interim Committee agreed to refer this question to the Discipline Committee for such action as they deem necessary.
2. What holds the Society of Friends together? The Interim Committee agreed to refer this question to the Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Oversight, and if this Committee finds it appropriate, to prepare a statement regarding this question to be considered by the Yearly Meeting Worship-Fellowship groups.

The Interim Committee instructed the Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Oversight to set up Worship-Fellowship groups at the 1960 Yearly Meeting sessions.

Consideration was given to the publication of Howard Brinton's address to the 1959 Yearly Meeting at La Honda. The Interim Committee felt that we should encourage Pendle Hill to publish this address as Howard Brinton might wish to revise it for that purpose.

Friends were reminded that a report from the Indian Committee on the Albuquerque Seminar is available. Copies were available at this session.

Ben Seaver reported for the Peace Committee, in addition to reporting on the realization of the "Friend in Washington" project, that Franklin Zahn has set up a sub-Committee to consider the Claremont Monthly Meeting concern regarding "Alternate Service for Dollars" (presented to the 1959 Yearly Meeting). The sub-committee has written to Raymond Wilson and a communication from him was read encouraging further exploration of this idea. The sub-committee was asked by the Interim Committee to continue their efforts and thanks were expressed to them for carrying out the wishes of the Yearly Meeting.

Ben Seaver reported that information regarding the Urbana-Champaign Friends Meeting concern involving the payment of 1% of individual Friend's income to the United Nations has already gone to Monthly Meetings. Additional information may be obtained from the Urbana-Champaign Friends Meeting, 714 West Green Street, Urbana, Illinois.

Concern about Senator Humphrey's legislation to set aside a percentage of the national income for the use of the United Nations for relief was referred to the Peace Committee for action as they see fit.

Margaret Brooks, Sacramento Monthly Meeting, recently returned from England, impressed on us anew the concern expressed at the 1959 Yearly Meeting in Minute #32, that the World Refugee Year should be considered again by each Monthly Meeting. She called our attention to the Jane Addams Memorial Fund which has been established to build homes for those refugees who, for various reasons, may never leave Austria.

Eleanor Ashkenazy, Orange Grove Monthly Meeting, reminded us of the acute problems facing Algerian Refugees at this time. The Interim Committee urges Monthly Meetings to consider the acute, long standing needs of Algerian refugees and also the more recent victims of the earthquake in Morocco.

The Interim Committee gave considerable thought to the problem of creating a fund to receive contributions for emergency relief activities. This perennial question involves problems of policy on which we were not united.

The Finance Committee was asked to consider the various suggestions for creation of a special contingency fund, increasing the Monthly Meeting quotas, or using unexpended funds for emergency purposes. The Finance Committee is to report their recommendations on this problem to the Interim Committee in August.

Eleanor Ashkenazy reported for the Committee of Oversight for the San Luis Obispo Meeting. She reported enthusiastically that on her visits she has seen "how much they care for each other", that there is a depth of religious feeling, that there is a childrens' First Day school, that they have a budget, that they are interested in social concerns, that records have been kept in good order, and that they are aware of news of Friends around the world.

The Committee on Oversight recommended that the San Luis Obispo Meeting be accepted as an established Monthly Meeting in Pacific Yearly Meeting and the Interim Committee approved.

The meeting heard a letter from Santa Barbara Monthly Meeting expressing their wish to join Pacific Yearly Meeting. The Interim Committee is aware of the long history of the Santa Barbara Monthly Meeting and welcomes their letter of application. It was recommended that the Southern California Half Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight Committee arrange for mutual intervisitation and consultation looking forward to final acceptance of this request by the 1960 Yearly Meeting.

The Interim Committee confirmed Stanley Shaw's membership on the Yearly Meeting Peace Committee.

The Interim Committee approved the naming of Faith Carson, in addition to Harold Carson, to be our Fraternal representative to the Five Years Meeting this summer.

The Interim Committee accepted Walt Raitt's request to be released from the Peace Committee and accepted the recommendation of Orange Grove Monthly Meeting that Hal and Jane Stallings be named to the Peace Committee to replace him.

Harold Carson presented a report from Floyd Schmoie regarding his concern presented at the 1959 Yearly Meeting to encourage a meeting "at the summit, of world religious leaders." This concern has been considered by the AFSC-UN team and the AFSC Advisory Committee on International Affairs. It was reported that two conferences of some magnitude are now being planned by the Catholic Church and by the Carnegie Foundation. The Interim Committee agreed that this report establishes the limits of action at this time and that we do not see clearly a way to do anything further.

A letter was received from William Alexander of the San Luis Obispo Meeting regarding the development of a retirement home near Avila, California. The Interim Committee heard this discussion and letter with interest but the Yearly Meeting has no funds or procedures to establish such a project. Regional interests in the problems of retirement have continued even though the Yearly Meeting Committee has been laid down. Individual Friends or Monthly Meetings who wish to pursue this matter further are asked to communicate with William Alexander, San Luis Obispo Meeting.

The report of the special nominating committee was received as follows:

Monette Thatcher - 1962 (Lucille Byerly, alternate)
Clara Hurn - 1962
Patricia Stewart - 1963 (Edith Dewees, alternate)
James Riddles - 1962
Clarence Cunningham - 1963
Charles Ludwig - 1963 (Alice Miles, alternate)

The Interim Committee approved of this report and agreed that the new chairman of the Nominating Committee is to notify the members so appointed.

The following were retained from the previous Nominating Committee:

Lois Bailey - 1961
Madge Seaver - 1961
Asenath Young - 1961

The Interim Committee appointed Asenath Young as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee and Madge Seaver as alternate.

The Interim Committee agreed to appoint Floyd Schmoie as an alternate on the Committee on National Legislation for the Yearly Meeting since Ethel Miller will be in Pakistan for two years.

A letter from the Friends World Committee for Consultation requesting the appointment of a representative to the 8th Meeting of the FWCC in Kenya was referred to the newly appointed Nominating Committee.

Bill Acord presented a concern of Frances Warren, who has been visiting among Young Friends in Southern California for the Young Friends of North America, encouraging intervisitation among Young Friends.

A letter from Beth Sanders requesting some financial help from the Yearly Meeting to attend conferences at Cape May and the Five Years Meeting was referred to the Yearly Meeting Young Friends for their recommendation. After consideration Young Friends agreed that this matter should be presented by Beth Sanders to the Southern California Half Yearly Meeting and the Interim Committee concurred with this recommendation.

A report on 1960 Yearly Meeting plans from Young Friends who have been in session at this same time was presented by Jean Prideaux:

1. Young Friends would like to join with adults on one session at the 1960 Yearly Meeting. The specific session is to be determined later and according to their particular interest and concerns.
2. Young Friends requested time on the Yearly Meeting agenda to make a presentation of their concerns or ideas.
3. Their plans to present include a consideration of the following topics:
 - a. "Quaker Social Protests". Bob Barns, leader
 - b. "In Whose God do You Believe?" (four discussion groups)
 - c. Movie: "Children of the A Bomb"
 - d. "Two Sides to Capitol Punishment"

Names of other resource leaders were requested. Some were given; others are welcome.

The Interim Committee heard this report with interest and expressed appreciation for the care and orderliness demonstrated in the presentation.

Harold Carson presented plans for the 1960 Yearly Meeting: (Plans for 1960 are based in part on result of a questionnaire presented at La Honda in 1959)

1. August 15 through 19th.
2. Willamette University, Salem, Oregon.
3. Russell Thornburg is working on location and facilities. Details will be published in the Bulletin.
4. Alura Dodd reported on plans for the Childrens' program.
5. Literature displays have been arranged for.

A recommendation was received from San Francisco Meeting that the Interim Committee meet one day prior to the opening session of the Yearly Meeting in order to "work out procedural details of the program so that more time can be devoted to substantive matters during Yearly Meeting Sessions." After considerable discussion it was recommended that the following schedule be attempted:

Sunday, August 14, 1960 - 7:30 p.m. Interim Committee Session

Monday, August 15, 1960 - 9:00 a.m. Yearly Meeting Committees

1:00 p.m. Interim Committee

3:00 p.m. Yearly Meeting Committees

7:30 p.m. FIRST SESSION OF THE YEARLY MEETING a family gathering.

Tuesday) Morning Worship-Fellowship groups.
Wednesday) Other sessions as has been customary in
Thursday) other years.
Friday)

It was agreed that Young Friends or any other group at Yearly Meeting having a concern or program to present will be given ample time to contribute to an evening of sharing. This type of session is to be arranged only if concerns arise in various groups.

Eleanor Ashkenazy and John Ullman gave a progress report for the 1961 Arrangements Committee. Three sites are being considered at the moment (Santa Barbara, San Diego, Redlands). The growth of the Yearly Meeting in numbers of attenders presents a real problem in the selection of a site which will be suitable for all age levels and pocket books. Friends expressed a preference for the 2nd or 3rd week in August as to time of meeting but were willing to consider any date at a site which would accommodate a minimum of 400. (The 1961 Committee: Rega Engelsberg, chairman, John Ullman, Connie Berry, Eubanks Carsner, Sang Dal Cha, Bob Vogel)

A letter from Eubanks Carsner expressing a concern about the method of appointing the Epistle Committee was considered. After some discussion it was agreed that Friends feel easy with the way the Epistle Committees have been appointed and have functioned in the past and hope we will so continue.

The Clerk suggested that the Epistle for 1960 be considered by an open working session on one of the afternoons and presented only in final form to a plenary session of the Yearly Meeting.

The size of the Interim Committee is to be considered at the August Interim Committee.

It was pointed out that clerks of the Monthly Meetings need to be more aware of notifying the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting by June 1st as to the names of the representative to the Interim Committee.

The Meeting heard a communication from the Friends World Committee on Consultation regarding the fact that 1960 marks the 300th anniversary of the Declaration of Friends to Charles II. John Ullman's offer to send a copy of a minute from the New York Yearly Meeting regarding the need for Friends to re-examine "their testimony against war and faith in the power of love and reconciliation to resolve world tensions" was accepted with thanks to him for this service.

The Peace Committee was requested to give further consideration to the minute from New York Yearly Meeting referred to above and to use it in a Yearly Meeting session if they see fit to do so.

The Interim Committee agreed that a session at the Yearly Meeting should be given over to a discussion of the Discipline. The Discipline Committee was instructed to prepare for this session.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. after expressing warm appreciation for the hospitality provided by the members of the Berkeley Friends Meeting.

Edwin C. Morgenroth, Recording Clerk
Catherine Bruner, Clerk
Harold Carson, Alternate Clerk

Financial Report, Friends Bulletin, March 1, 1960

Balance on hand, August, 1959		\$103.88	
Yearly Meeting:	October	\$500	
	January	300	800.00
From Meetings*			257.50
From individuals			250.30
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			\$1411.68

Salary		750.00	
Printing		455.40	
Mailing		66.02	
Office		49.15	
Other YM printing (Epistles)		4.76	
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Cash on Hand, March 1		86.35	
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			1411.68

Budget:	Subscriptions	\$1500
	Salary	1525
	Printing	850
	Misc YM printing	100
	Office	300
	Mailing	150
	Total	<hr/> 2925

*Breakdown of Meeting subscriptions:

San Francisco	\$110.
Orange Grove	4.
Santa Barbara	16.
Claremont	70.
Los Angeles	57.50
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Esther Richards

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
 TREASURER'S REPORT
 August 13, 1959 to February 29, 1960

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>Budget For Full Fiscal Yr. 1959-60</u>	<u>Actual Receipts & Expenditures 8/13/59 - 2/29/60</u>
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>		
Bulletin Contributions	\$1,500.00	\$ - - - (1.)
Monthly Meetings (@ \$5. per member)	5,852.50	2,654.34
Other Contributions, Interest, Etc.	100.00	78.82
From Reserves	527.50	- - -
Y.M. Session Literature Receipts	- - -	215.46
Y.M. Session Registrar (Net after Direct Exp.)	- - -	204.55
From Sale of Disciplines	- - -	39.50
From New Project through Peace Committee: Designated Contributions for "Friend in Washington" Program	- - -	5,670.00 (2.)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$7,980.00</u>	<u>\$8,862.67</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>		
Bulletin, Printing	\$2,925.00	\$ 800.00 (1.)
Clerk, Secretary - Office Mailing, Etc.	500.00	277.58
Yearly Meeting Session (Incl. Speaker)	500.00	302.69
Travel to Interim and Yearly Meetings	1,980.00	701.84
Travel to Conferences, This Year	350.00	85.38 (3.)
Travel Reserve, Future Years	300.00	-
Miscellaneous Expenses:	50.00	8.93
Literature at 1959 Y.M. Session	- - -	210.87
Committees:		
Discipline	50.00	15.84
Ministry and Oversight	300.00	32.31
Visitation	100.00	30.00
Peace (Expense)	100.00	5.12
Education	100.00	20.71
Indian Affairs	100.00	60.00
Young Friends	200.00	- - -
Peace Committee Project: Funds Forwarded to F.C.N.L. to Admin. "Friend in Washington" Program - <i>Stuart Innerst</i>	- - -	5,670.00 (2.) <i>6,020</i>
Contributions:		
Young Friends Committee of North America	25.00	- - - <i>pledge sent in?</i>
Friends' World Committee - General	300.00	300.00
Friends' World Committee - U.N. Work	100.00	200.00 (4.)
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$7,980.00</u>	<u>\$8,721.27</u>
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		\$ 141.40
Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Period		<u>3,062.02</u>
Cash, Including Reserves, February 29, 1960		<u>\$3,203.42 (5.)</u>

Margaret Bunker

- Notes: (1.) Bulletin Bank Account transactions not integrated with those of Treasurer's general accounts in this interim report.
- (2.) Funds accepted in accord with Yearly Meeting Minutes 1959-24 and forwarded to F.C.N.L. for administration of the program on the instruction of the Chairman of the Peace Committee.
- (3.) Conference on "Crime and the Treatment of the Offender".
- (4.) Payment of \$100 additional carry over from prior year directed by Y.M. Session in 1959.
- (5.) Composition of Ending Cash Balances:

Checking Account	\$1,187.64
Savings Account	1,911.90
Bulletin Account 8/13/59	
Balance (1.)	<u>103.88</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$3,203.42</u>

Robert T. Young
Treasurer