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Pacific Yearly Meeting
Representative Committee Minutes
Mid-Year Meeting 1976

Representative Committee of the Pacific Yearly Meeting met for its first of a renewed series of interim sessions on March 6 in the Berkeley Meeting House, starting at 9:35 a.m. with a period of worship.

Representatives, Committee Chairman and Officers identifying themselves were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Louise Aldrich	Clerk of Marin Friends Meeting
Karla Brune	Clerk of Junior Friends
Lois Bailey	Clerk of Visitation Committee
Harry H. Bailey	Clerk of Finance Committee
Jim Brune	Clerk of Social Order Committee
Catherine Bruner	Alternate Representative; Delta
Nadine Beck	Co-representative, Redwood Forest Meeting
Leon Beck	Co-representative, Redwood Forest Meeting (+ Site Committee)
Virginia Brink	Palo Alto Meeting
Nancy Burnett	Registrar, PYM; Palo Alto Meeting
Steve Burnham	Assistant Treasurer, PYM and Alternate Representative; Reno Meeting
Paul Brink	Pacific Ackworth Meeting
Bob Burnett	Clerk of Bulletin Committee
Sang-Dal Cha	Los Angeles Meeting
Susanna Calderon	Clerk of Committee of Junior Yearly Meeting
Caroline Cox	Young Friends Clerk
Kathy Downey	San Francisco Meeting
Walter Damon-Ruth	Monterey Peninsula Meeting
Sheila Davis	Berkeley Meeting
Betty Draper	Statistical Clerk
Martha Dart	Clerk of Friend-in-the-Orient Committee
Eve Damus	Palomar Meeting
Richard Ernst	PYM Holding Corporation
Anne Friend	PYM Recording Clerk
Mary Lou Garman	Fresno Meeting
Micki Graham	Arrangements Clerk
Robert Heilman	Clerk of College Park Quarterly Meeting
Gerri House	Clerk of Site Committee; Orange Grove Meeting
Virginia Heck	Assistant Clerk
Paul S. Jolly	Visitor
Bob Jolly	Assistant Arrangements Clerk
Elizabeth Jones	Clerk of Peace Committee, San Jose Meeting
Steve Jones	FCL Representative
Russell Jorgensen	Redwood Forest
Pegge Lacey	Clerk
Virginia Leinau	Santa Barbara Meeting
Rose Lewis	University Meeting, Seattle
Joanne Leppmann	Clerk of Discipline Committee
Marianne Leppman	Substituting for Education
Chris Laning	Davis Meeting

Joseph Magruder
 Alice McGinnis
 John MacKinney
 Ferner Nuhn
 Ben Norris
 Gretchen Rudnick
 Earl Reynolds
 Bill Scott

Robert Schutz

Osmyn Stout
 Marie Schutz
 Lee Steelman

Lowell Tozer
 Etta Vogel

Roy Werbel
 Chloe Winans
 Asenath Young
 Ernest Van Seggern

Marin Friends Meeting
 Hayward Area Meeting
 San Fernando Meeting, Directory Committee
 Claremont Meeting; Faith and Life Movement
 Honolulu Meeting
 La Jolla Meeting
 Santa Cruz Meeting
 Recording Clerk of Representative Committee;
 Reno Meeting
 Bulletin Editor, Representative to Friends
 Committee on Economic Responsibility
 Whitleaf Meeting
 Acting Clerk of Nominating Committee
 Orange County Meeting and Substituting for
 Stewart Mulford, Clerk of So. California
 Quarterly Meeting
 Alternate Representative; San Diego Meeting
 Historian-Archivist, Alternate Representative
 Orange Grove
 Westwood Meeting
 Pacific Ackworth Meeting
 Clerk of Ministry and Oversight
 San Fernando Meeting

In the absence of Dorene Barns, Marie Schutz reported for the Nominating Committee.

1. M & O's concern was brought to Nominating Committee for an Alternate Clerk for Representative Committee.

2. Help is needed from the archivist for an adequate set of working papers for the Nominating Committee.

Rep 76-1 3. The committee asked for approval of Joan Schneider for the Schools Committee. Approved.

4. The committee asked whether PYM should nominate someone this year for the Faith and Life Conference. The clerk suggested laying this over.

5. The committee asked whether to recommend someone for Friends Committee on Economic Responsibility.

6. It was asked whether the Friends Committee on Human Justice continues? Ann Friend reported that it has not met for some time. She suggested we do not name a representative at present.

Pegge Lacey reported that Terry McKenzie could not convene Schools Committee. The Nominating Committee is working on it. Marie Schutz recommended regular appointment of Committee on Aging. Put over to later.

Marianne Leppmann reported in the absence of Bill Lovelady for the Education Committee. Clifford Cole of Claremont meeting will be in charge of children's program at YM. A conference is still needed with Micki Graham on a good outdoors, visible place for the children's program. The problem of a children's program for committee day was raised and will be referred to Bill Lovelady.

Achim Leppmann reported for the Discipline Committee. Nominating committee was asked to consider the problem of availability of members for meetings. Several items are being considered, some passed on to other committees, and some to be handled by the sending out of questionnaires. None are now ready to present to YM. Should the committee wait until the bulk of material is available for the next revision, before presenting it to YM, or should specific items be brought up as they become sufficiently seasoned?

Lowell Tozer reported for the work on the last revision. The committee consulted as widely as possible with monthly meetings to get a good reflection of what the YM thought, and then put together the new Faith and Practice for acceptance rather than approval or adoption.

Pegge Lacey stressed the need for a handbook of practice arranged for easy consultation by clerks. A particular problem is keeping track of YM minuted decisions concerning PYM organization and practice.

Rep 76-2

Lowell Tozer suggested that committee sizes be left out of Faith and Practice and recorded in a frequently revised separate document. It was the sense of the meeting that substantive matters brought to the Discipline Committee for consideration be taken up as soon as well seasoned with Monthly Meetings for discussion and the forwarding of suggestions and reactions to the committee.

Elizabeth Jones reported for the Peace Committee on a December 13 meeting concerned with how the committee functions, especially in relation to Monthly Meeting Peace Committees:

1. What projects are being carried on in Monthly Meetings?
2. Who is the closest person involved?
3. Who will help form a telephone tree in PYM area?
4. Minutes for consideration at YM should be sent to the Peace Committee.

The Peace Committee is concerned with:

Race violence

The UN resolution on Zionism

A concern to stop the sending of arms to the Middle East

Military-to-peace conversion in spending especially referring to job displacement.

Reduction of Military expenses

A concern with the old AFSC study supported by the California government on the transfer of military industries to peace time industries.

The nuclear initiative on the California Ballot and several arguments concerning it.

Finally, Elizabeth Isael reported on the AFSC program at Camp Seely June 19-26 part of which is to be a peace institute. More Friends and Friends' families should be encouraged to come.

Clerk asked why we sent no one to the Friends Coordinating Committee for Peace, and if the Peace Committee would make such a nomination. The F.C.C.P. is working, as well as the Faith and Life Conference, for the 1977 National Conference on the Friends Peace concern. This will be done.

Jim Brune reported for the Social Order Committee. The Committee has been seeking ways of getting the spiritual substance of important social concerns before sessions of YM, or to YM interest groups. This would be in addition to bringing important minutes to plenary sessions.

Bill Scott announced that the CPQM Theology Workshop will be on the theology of social concern. Bob Schutz announced that the September Bulletin issue will be on this theme.

Richard Ernst reported for PYM Holding Corporation. There have been questions about income tax deductions for contributions to YM, and that if Friends felt a need, a code number for recording these deductions could be arranged. A variety of tax problems were described by Chris Laning for Davis Meeting. The Holding Corporation is available for consultation on these problems. Contributions to local governments in lieu of taxes were reported in two instances.

Rep 76-3

John Mackinney gave an apology for the Directory Committee and welcomed suggestions and expressions of the degree of support Friends can offer for help with directory production. Reasonably economical means of producing a directory have not yet been found. Asenath Young pointed out that we need directories for University, Honolulu, and Mexico City meetings in addition to our existing QM directories. Honolulu's director has been available at the YM sessions. The YM Directory Committee was asked to continue to function and to recommend the best way to coordinate the Quarterly and Monthly Meeting directory production.

Martha Dart reported for the Friends-in-the-Orient Committee. Peter Ewald went for 3 weeks to Korea to look into the feasibility of having a Friends family there, including children. There is a need and a place. The Ewalds are unable to go themselves, and suggestions are being sought in Quaker publications for an appropriate family. A person that could teach at the Seoul Foreign School is needed, and assistance is available for travel and the education of children. A Friend in Washington has been sought to deal with Korean concerns. Reginald Price has started in January on this mission. The detention of our friend Ham Sok Han, member of Seoul Meeting who has been called the Gandhi of Korea and has traveled in the U.S. as our Friend from the Orient; has been of particular concern. Friends were asked to communicate with the Korean Ambassador Hahm Pyong Choon asking for Ham Sok Han's release. The Catholic poet Kim Chi Ha is imprisoned under severe conditions and intercession on his behalf is important, including letters to American Congressmen. Sang Dal Cha reported on legal and other pressures against the Committee for Democracy in Korea, presumably involving the Korean CIA in America. Helpful congressional investigation of the Korean CIA has occurred.

Bob Burnett reported for the Bulletin Committee. The Bulletin has stayed within its budget. The hope for getting more subscriptions to get to the 2000 self-sustaining vote level has faded as the list has leveled off at 1400. Hence the PYM subsidy must continue. Meetings that subscribe for all their members will help reduce the subsidy need. A promotional campaign directed to attenders as well as members is being undertaken. Bob Schutz reported that extra copies of the reprinted November issue on aging are available for taking on consignment at a postage-saving price. Bob Burnett asked that suggestions and reactions to the Bulletin be sent to Bob Schutz.

Frank Burnham reported as treasurer that collections are now at 50% of the year's expected revenue; copies of a corrected financial statement are available, as well as of the 3-month fiscal "year" between July 1 and October 1, 1975.

Harry Bailey reported for the Finance Committee on the question of the problems related to travel to Friends' related organizations. There has not always been consistency of amounts awarded; no clarity of communication of what is allotted. Since some Friends can pay part or all of their expenses, there is an unfortunate tendency to have representation by the relatively affluent.

The following minutes were offered by the Finance Committee for approval by Representative Committee:

FC-76-01 In budgeting for conference travel, the amounts budgeted are expected to cover a percentage of air fare cost only. Currently this is about 85% of air fare cost for East Coast Meetings. Finance Committee will attempt to be consistent in arriving at dollar amounts for various representatives.

FC-76-02 Realizing that some Friends, due to budget limitations, cannot represent us unless additional funds are available, the Finance Committee proposes to budget additional funds to a Travel Contingency Reserve to be administered by the PYM Clerk in consultation with the Treasurer and Finance Committee Clerk.

FC-76-03 The Clerk's Discretionary Travel Fund will now have two parts:

- A. The Clerk's Travel Reserve (for clerk's own travel)
- B. The Travel Contingency Reserve (for Representatives' travel)

FC-76-04 The Nominating Committee is requested to notify all nominees for PYM Conference Representation of the anticipated financial arrangements. If the representative is unable to accept the appointment with the budgeted funds, Nominating Committee is requested to notify Finance Committee during Yearly Meeting time, so that the required necessary funds are incorporated into the Travel Contingency Fund in the Budget.

FC-76-05 To facilitate notification of Conference Representatives, the Finance Committee Clerk and the Treasurer were authorized to prepare a letter of instruction on financial arrangements for Representatives. This will be forwarded to Nominating Committee prior to YM Meeting for their use in contacting nominees. It was pointed out that the letter should also be available to the Young Friends Nominating Committee or any other committee making such nominations. The problem was raised of getting nominees in touch with the conferences to which they are going. Letters to the organizations are needed from the clerk with the help of the Nominating Committee.

76-4 The five Finance Committee minutes were approved. The Finance Committee also presented the following:

FC-76-06 The Finance Committee will prepare at YM time a letter or letters to be sent after YM to all officers of YM. Committee chairmen and conference representatives to notify them of the amounts budgeted for their use in the approved budget for the year.

Rep 76-5 Approved.

Harry Bailey reviewed a tentative sessions budget. Last year for 1975, the budget was \$28,900, and \$26,573 was spent. The 1976 budget is proposed to be \$30,100. The breakdown is as follows:

	<u>1975 spent</u>	<u>1976 budget</u>
St. Mary's College	\$ 11,750	\$ 12,000
Sagan Foods	12,893	13,500
Junior YM	562	600
Children's Program	827	1,000 (includes \$600 for committee)
Travel to YM Session	1,023	1,800
Secretarial and Miscellaneous	518	1,200 (now includes travel and expenses of secretary)
	<hr/> \$ 26,573	<hr/> \$ 30,100

There were no questions on these amounts.

Frank Burnham took up 2 items: (a) A total of \$350 is available to Young Friends in respect to YFNA, to be spent as YF see fit. (b) The 15th minute of last YM with respect to Representative Committee asked Monthly Meetings to pay travel costs of representatives to Rep. Comm. in March.

The Clerk apologized for confusion in the letter sent out. It should have said that travel is paid for clerks and officers of YM. If Monthly Meetings cannot cover representative's costs, the meeting can ask for help.

Ann Friend asked who gets informed of appointments as Representatives. A list was made by the Clerk as of the close of YM session, but many changes have been reported. Micki Graham and Pegge Lacey urged that the procedure outlined in Faith and Practice for appointing Representatives should be followed if possible.

Achim Leppmann asked about the policy on travel costs for PYM committee meetings. Policies have been variable among the committees. The Finance Committee hopes to get to this problem. The Clerk announced that a volume of photographs of the YM is on display. Copies can be made. A person is needed for handling the copying process.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:10, and reconvened at 1:50 with a short period of worship.

Asenath Young reported for Ministry and Oversight. They have a concern for the burden on the Clerk at YM sessions, suggesting that there be a separate person to clerk the Representative Committee meetings. It would probably also entail clerking the interim meeting of the Rep. Comm. Concern was expressed for how the sharing of planning for the plenary sessions could be carried out. A major concern is the bringing of recommendations to the plenary session by the Clerk, who then must preside over the consideration of these recommendations. Could the Assistant Clerk and Representative Committee Recording Clerk provide more help than heretofore to the Clerk? The Clerk clarified that the Recording Clerk of Rep. Comm. presents recommendations

Rep 76-5

to YM. The responsibility for receiving business must be clear. Perhaps the burden on the Presiding Clerk comes from the increasing business at YM sessions. Perhaps a paid executive secretary is to be needed by PYM. It was generally agreed that the matter of the business of the YM, as well as the role of the Presiding Clerk and Assistant Clerk should be considered and seasoned further. Approved to refer back to M and O in concert with the present clerks for a report next March.

Reports on the M&O sub committees:

Worship - Fellowship groups: plans are being made for the 1976 YM

Visitation Committee: letter has been sent to clerks to encourage and give suggestions for intervisitation and communication to traveling Friends as to where hospitality is available.

Rep 76-6

The Women's Sharing Group Committee recommends that its name and function be changed to "Sharing Group Committee." There was considerable discussion of the relation of YM sharing groups to interest groups, and of the restriction of the former to those who share a certain range of experience. The minutes of the March 1974 Executive Committee Meeting show that the Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee on Issues, Concerns and Ministry of Women's Sharing was constituted, to be named by the Nominating Committee. The meeting approved laying down this sub-committee and establishing a new sub-committee of Ministry and Oversight to be called the Sub-Committee on Sharing Groups. This committee may facilitate sharing groups at Yearly Meeting and forward proposals for them to the Agenda Review Committee.

Asenath Young reported appeals to the Monthly Meetings for suggestions on who the Brinton Visitors might be and how to raise money for the project. She expressed concern that in considering travel costs the added expense of travel from the distant meetings be taken account of and that we should raise their proportion of allotment of expenses. Anne Friend proposed the use of a percentage of air fare as a basis. Some concern was expressed for those in Monthly Meetings who feel that PYM does not represent their interests. The possibility was raised of a traveling exhibit of pictures and tapes of YM sessions to be taken to the Monthly Meetings. There was also concern for getting more responses from the Monthly Meetings to communications from YM.

Rep 76-7

Marie Schutz recommended and the meeting approved that Sheila Davis and Jeanette Norton be co-convenors of the new Sub-Committee on Sharing Groups. The Representative Committee approved giving the Nominating Committee the freedom to make interim appointments of committee members to begin to function before the next YM session.

Rep 76-8

Peggee Lacey reported on the meeting of persons responsible for the 1975 YM sessions at the end of those sessions. Changes were recommended, and Micki Graham distributed copies of an organizational chart showing the various responsibilities. It was proposed that some meeting groups be asked to stay late and help with clean up.

Micki Graham reported on a recent meeting with St. Mary's College concerning some problems they had encountered with our sessions. Certain college requirements were mentioned that need to be communicated to attendees. She also reported on extension of the camping areas. The lack of campus police supervision was mentioned. Display areas were of concern, the college

asking for no embarrassing public displays and indicating a preference for having no displays at all in public areas. All display requests go through a YM committee. The upstairs in Dante will be needed by the college after 4 p.m. on each day, so the scheduling of interest groups will have to be changed. Contacts with the college on any problems are to be made only through the Arrangements Committee, the Presiding Clerk or the Treasurer. An orientation for new attendees at YM is planned for early Tuesday morning, just before Representative Committee meeting.

Lowell Tozer raised a concern that the Art Display be kept as a sharing affair and not be allowed to become too commercial. This will be taken up by the Arrangements Committee.

Nancy Burnett expressed a concern for clarifying our Quakerese, such as the term "John Way Trip." She reported as registrar on getting information on YM out on schedule and on improving the registration form. A dividable form is being considered for sending information to the various people that need it. Assisting Nancy Burnett will be Ruth Smith on housing and Nadine Beck on young persons as guides. A responsible person in each dorm will be sought, and Elizabeth Jones will be in charge of camping areas. An effort to get simplification of the food and lowering its cost will be made in meetings with Saga Food. The subsidized lunch will be continued. The question of increased cost on camping was raised. Since attenders rent space from PYM, not directly from the college, the cost is distributed among attenders in a reasonable way so as to cover the total cost of using St. Mary's. If too little is raised from camping space, it becomes hard to cover the total costs. The subsidy from PYM funds for the YM session costs has been reduced but still exists.

Rep 76-9

Pegge Lacey reported that the contract with St. Mary's for 1976 is not at hand but is expected in a few days at the rate of \$12,000 with the restriction on the evening use of Dante that was earlier mentioned. Our other priorities for the use of space are clear. The meeting approved allowing the Clerk to sign the contract when it arrives.

Virginia Heck asked about the Assistant Clerk's duties. Caroline and Jim Estes will carry on the Secretariat again this year. General approval was expressed. It was not felt that travel expenses for more than one would be needed.

The question was raised about a deadline for requests for Interest Group space. There is no arrangement at this time other than the deadline on the evening of committee day at YM.

Bob Schutz suggested that committee reports in advance of YM be sent to the Bulletin in such a way as to fit the Bulletin's publication schedule. There was expression of the value in expediting our business if this were done.

Karla Brune reported on Junior Yearly Meeting. Two interest groups (one on poetry and creative writing and one on alternative energy sources), a field trip on communal living, group signing, folk dancing, and The Dance are planned. Susanna Calderon, as clerk of the Junior YM Committee, reported on their advance planning. High School advisers are needed for 1976. After this year the Burnetts will be available. Having one each from Southern and Northern California was suggested, and names asked for.

Caroline Cox reported for Young Friends. The primary plan is to camp together, since Young Friends generally participate in plenary sessions. The question of membership is a major theme they wish to discuss. Caroline reported that serious consideration had been given to disbanding the Young Friends Yearly Meeting. It implies a wrong characterization of Young Friends as lesser participants in YM. The group will remain as it is because of its strong social cohesion.

Gerri House reported for the Site Committee. The committee had been charged with looking into a site of our own. Several sites were described, each with some difficulties, such as having to give up all forms of dancing or having all dorm rooms with bunk beds. Forest sites and mountain resorts would not handle a large enough group. The committee has asked whether a site on the John Woolman School property can be developed over a long period of time, especially considering the annual expenditure at St. Mary's College. This possibility will be investigated. Gerri urged YM to consider seriously our priorities and lifestyles in relation to possible future sites. Harry Bailey pointed out that some of our requirements must be changed if we are to find any other place than St. Mary's. We could ask, what kind of YM could we have at JWS? This might help us with our thinking.

Joe Magruder urged us to consider indirect costs such as travel. Could we rent a dance hall near a college that does not allow it on campus? Pepperdine College might be available for 1977 if we give us any kind of dancing on the campus. If we cannot, negotiations would seem inappropriate. St. Mary's will still be available, but some Friends want to consider possible places at least for alternate years. It seemed clear that Pepperdine College is still to be considered by the committee.

Rep 76-10 Costs of alternate sites have not been looked into, since compatibility questions came first for the committee. The Site Committee was asked to have cost information available by YM time in August, as well as information on the acceptability of off-campus dancing where relevant. Representatives were asked to look into other possible sites.

Representative Committee was asked if there were any objections to taping all the plenary YM business sessions, and perhaps interest group presentations. Achim Leppmann said he would approve if individuals could ask to have the taping stopped while they spoke. Nancy Burnett said that the process as well as the content, the interaction as well as the speaking, would help to give Monthly Meetings a sense of what YM is about. Ben Norris proposed a small supervisory and editorial committee. Lois Bailey expressed discomfort about recording meetings for worship and also business meetings. No action was taken.

Robert Heilman reported for College Park QM. The directory is being updated, the new version to be ready in August. For the Winter Quarter, regional sessions for worship and sharing without business are planned. The suggestion was brought forward that we work with Ecumenical Council on taxes and other matters. CPQM has an active subcommittee on aging, for which Bob Heilman is developing a questionnaire which he asks be used throughout the YM.

Pegge Lacey read a report from Ed Borgers for the YM Committee on Aging. Among the items mentioned were those of a combined nursing home and meeting house and a pamphlet on a Quaker view of aging.

The committee recommended:

1. The committee be divided into a service group and a pamphlet group.
2. Elizabeth Gustafson be in charge of the service group, which should deal with unstructured discussion.
3. A pamphlet committee be set up on "A Quaker View of Aging," to include Ed Borgers and three or more others.

The November 1975 Bulletin was considered to be only a start. A strong concern was expressed for the loss of power, etc., with aging.

Several questions were raised. It was the sense of the meeting that many of the concerns expressed by Ed Borgers can be handled by the committee itself, but further consideration and any decisions were laid over until a later time.

The meeting adjourned for dinner at 5:00 p.m. and reconvened at 7:40 p.m. with a short period of silent worship.

The clerk asked if any reports were forthcoming from officers. There were none. Robert Schutz was asked to report on the Friends Committee on Economic Responsibility. The committee had been moribund, but began to function again after the recent meeting, which was attended by Bob Schutz and Russ Jorgensen, both of whom assisted in its revival. Bob Schutz has been elected a member of the Executive Committee. Its president is Rick Kendall, an Indiana industrialist. John Jennings, an F.U.M. friend at Richmond, was appointed to a part time position reporting on consulting with Friends about the practices of companies whose stock they hold. Much more work in the way of economic responsibility is felt to be needed. Whether money can be invested in ways truly consistent with Friends principles is a matter of dispute, but the FCER is convinced that it can. Bob Schutz was asked for the usefulness of PYM being represented in FCER. He felt we had some ideas to contribute, if not many funds to invest. Russ Jorgensen stressed the value of Robert Schutz's opinions since he has a Ph.D. in economics, and also the value of our not being beholden to any particular form of investment. Leon Beck felt that we can influence non-Friends in several ways in relation to investments.

Rep 76-11

Friends approved continuing our representation in FCER and asking the Clerk to write them conveying our support of their activity and our pleasure that Robert Schutz has become a director. Bob agreed to meet with the Social Order Committee in August on the needs of FCER. The Finance Committee will then recommend our contribution in the next budget. The Bulletin editor was asked to write up FCER and make an appeal for individual contributions.

Ferner Nuhn reported for the Faith and Life Movement which is considering a project entitled "A New Call to Peacemakers, a Challenge to All Friends," to lead to a conference for all branches of Friends in October 1976. The project will be staffed by the F.W.C.C. midwest office. A study booklet is being prepared. Pre-orders for the \$1.00 booklet were requested. Study by Monthly Meetings is urged. A request has been made for approval by each YM, and for the appointment of representatives. There will be regional conferences in 1977. A tentative plan has been made for a four yearly meeting conference on the west coast. The Superintendents of California and North West Yearly Meetings have already approved.

Ferner Nuhn gave reasons for our support: It is a project of the entire Society of Friends; it is good for initiative to come from Yearly Meetings rather than AFSC; the world is frustrated by many aspects of war and may be more open to ways of peacemaking; ways of peacemaking are needed; Quakers are recognized in peacemaking; and it is time for a witness to the world. The continuing committee supporting this project came out of the St. Louis Faith and Life Conference. The F. and L. panel continues separately to sponsor dialogue on our witness in the world. (This project is not an ongoing peace committee.) Russell Jorgensen pointed out that a project such as this is a good way to develop closer relations among the various branches of Friends. Friends approved recommendation to PYM supporting the project and asking Nominating Committee to appoint two representatives, and a possible alternate to the project.

Lee Steelman reported on behalf of Stuart Mulford for Southern California QM. The Mid-Winter Fellowship has been charged with more sharing of concerns and fellowship and only one session for business. She referred to problems of the children's program at Quarterly Meetings, and expressed concern both that there is duplication of effort at the QM and YM level and that there is confusion between child care and Religious Education. The clerk suggested that the YM Education Committee get the QM groups together at the next YM session. SCQM paid expenses for Ed Sanders to come out to share with them.

Gerri House reported on Friends in Guatemala, in contact with need but without help in the disaster.

Rose Lewis reported on University Meeting. It is trying to reactivate some of its committees. Social Order locally is opposing the Trident sub-base, nationally is concerned with amnesty, and internationally with Korea. The First Day School is blossoming. The meeting is examining the meaning of membership. There are many visitors to meetings for worship, and a fair number of applications for membership. There are now 60 members.

Friends are invited to North Pacific Yearly Meeting July 29 - August 1 at Collegio Cesar Chavez, Southeast of Portland. A Friend in Residence is invited at each YM, (Elizabeth Watson and John Sullivan in the past). Because of the FWCC Triennial Meeting NPYM has invited up to 10 overseas visitors this year.

Ben Norris spoke on behalf of Honolulu Meeting. It is flourishing, including the First Day School, with thanks to Elaine Bell. Colin and Elaine Bell are now replaced by Mike and Margaret Yarrow. Hospitality is offered for Friends passing through Honolulu. The pressing issue for Honolulu Meeting is the question of its continuing relation to PYM. However, there is neither unity nor great discomfort on this matter. The problem seems to be money, but the real issues are different. The fraction of their budget contributed to PYM is a problem, especially because of the large number of absent members. Many members feel their concerns have not been fully heard. Virginia Heck suggested urging visiting Honolulu Friends to seek more actively to find hospitality and to spend time among PYM Friends. Ben Norris said the orientation session at YM could be a considerable help. PYM is "frightening" to some -- a weighty charismatic not-well-understood quality seems to be floating around. Friends who could offer before-and-after hospitality should make contact with the registrar, so as to be able to inform YM attenders from the distant meetings.

Rep 76-12

The meeting reaffirmed its joy in having Honolulu as part of the PYM family. Chloe Winans spoke briefly of a visit to Mexico City Meeting.

A request was read from Marin Meeting, from Tom and Sandra Farley, for a traveling minute for their group called "Spontaneous Combustion" -- six Friends with a concern for spontaneity in worship based on the Farleys' improvisation workshops. The meeting approved asking the Clerk to draft a travel minute for consideration in the morning.

Rep 76-13

A letter was read from John Fitz, Clerk of Berkeley meeting referring to passages of Faith and Practice referring to the responsibility of membership and asking that signatures of clerks not be required on YM registration forms from members, but still to be required for non-members. The clerk referred to actions of last YM which essentially decided that this practice is appropriate. The meeting approved asking the clerk to correspond with Berkeley Meeting clarifying our action of last summer.

Rep 76-14

Virginia Heck asked about the mechanism for inviting speakers and resource people to YM. Harry Bailey said the Agenda Review Committee can authorize; however Pegge pointed out that we have no planning committee for the adult part of YM. It appeared to be a policy question, and was laid over for further thought.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45. Reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Sunday with a short period of worship.

The matter of the report on Creative Aging was taken up.

Rep 76-15

Friends approved referring the question of the use of PYM Holding Corporation funds for a nursing home-meeting house project was referred to that body.

Rep 76-16

The meeting approved recommending to Yearly Meeting that the Committee on Creative Aging become a standing committee of YM and that it not be divided but use such subcommittees as it sees fit. The recommendation is further

Rep 76-17

approved that a core group of members be named by the Nominating Committee, according to a plan to be presented by the Nominating Committee at the next

Representative Committee session. A number of diverse opinions were expressed concerning the committee's proposal for a pamphlet. The meeting expressed interest in the preparation by the Committee on Creative Aging at their discretion of written reports to YM on any of their objectives and insights.

The Clerk asked members of Representative Committee to provide her with suggestions of names to add to the Committee on Creative Aging.

The Clerk asked for nominations of an Ad Hoc Committee to name new members to the Nominating Committee including a replacement for Brian Upshur and to name the Convenor of Nominating Committee. Sheila Davis, Esther Morgan and Gretchen Rudwick, were asked to serve, with Robert Schutz and Gretchen Tuthill as alternates, in that order.

Rep 76-18

The Clerk proposed the following traveling minute for the Farleys' group:

To Friends Across North America:

Laurelyn Barns, Sarah Cole, Paul McKinney, Michael Turner, and Tom and Sandra Farley are six Friends of Pacific Yearly Meeting who are called as a group, "Spontaneous Combustion." They are travelling throughout the summer among Friends groups with a concern to develop spontaneity in our religious expression and in our daily lives.

To this end they hope to share improvisational techniques which they have been developing and which they believe have demonstrated a potential for unifying diverse personalities and ages. They further believe they have discovered activities which develop the trust, cooperation and support necessary for group sharing at a deep level.

These Friends will be at YFNA and at pre-Triennial conferences. They hope to visit Pendle Hill and Friends Meetings and schools across the continent following which they will join us at our Yearly Meeting in Mid-August.

We commend these young people to you and thank you for your care and hospitality for them.

On behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting,

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Concerns were expressed that perhaps the minute is too cautious, that approval of a travelling minute should involve a prior sharing with us and careful consideration of the proposal, that the proposal comes to us in an irregular way without proper Monthly Meeting consideration, and that a travel minute implies our endorsement whereas a letter of introduction implies that the group is doing its own thing rather than the Yearly Meeting's. There being no unity on a travelling minute, Friends approved asking the Clerk to write a letter of introduction for these Friends. The Clerk was also asked to encourage these Friends to get minutes from their own Monthly Meetings.

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The Clerk asked that the list of Monthly Meeting clerks be brought up to date. She reminded us of the proposal that Monthly Meetings have orientation meetings for those going to the YM sessions, and the importance of discussion of the restraints and discipline required in getting the business of the YM accomplished.

It was announced that Redwood Forest Meeting has moved its meeting place to the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Santa Rosa, with a meeting being continued to be held at St. Joseph's School in Cotati.

Ferner Nuhn brought some more considerations about the Faith and Life Movement and the F & L panel. The panel, of which Ferner Nuhn is a member, is a group of nine Friends appointed by the continuing committee of the St. Louis F & L conference. Some of the ultimate questions concerned by this panel were mentioned, and a few copies distributed of a paper "The Quaker Way and the Judeo-Christian Tradition: An Approach to Eschatology."

The meeting expressed appreciation to Berkeley Meeting for the use of its Meeting House, for the fine lunch provided by members of the meeting, and for the hospitality afforded to many of the committee members.

Representative Committee Meeting concluded at 10:15 with a brief period of worship.

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