

**Representative Committee of PYM
Friday, March 2 – Sunday, March 4, 2012**

La Jolla Meetinghouse, La Jolla, CA

Friday, March 2, 2012

At 7:15pm we gathered in Worship

Clerk, Marilee Eusebio (Davis), welcomed us to this Representative Committee Meeting.

Roll Call was taken: It is attached.

Gathering game: Alyssa Nelson (Davis, and our Youth Program Coordinator) led us in a game of connections called the Human Machine and another called Introduce Your Neighbor. Both of these games are from the book Build It: A toolkit for Nurturing Intergenerational Spiritual Community produced by FGC. The Youth Program Committee has been distributing copies to all MMs and Worship Groups in Ca and NV.

Welcome from La Jolla Friends

Jack Leshefka (clerk of La Jolla MM) welcomed Representative Committee. He noted the garden in the back and the xeriscaping in the front of the meetinghouse. The meetinghouse has been here since 1952. There is a sound system in place to aid Friends in hearing ministry during meeting. RepCom thanked La Jolla Meeting for their warm hospitality.

Logistics/Paper Shuffling:

- The web site system for reports appears to be working well.
- Ed Flowers, Treasurer, gave information about reimbursement. Representatives are reimbursed at \$.25 per mile for travel to RepCom. Forms are available.
- Marilee Eusebio, clerk, noted that there are 20 copies of PYM Faith and Practice available for purchase for \$6 each. Friends are encouraged to get copies for their meetings, thus saving on shipping.

Nominating Committee: David Barrows, clerk, reported. For Registrar, the name of Joyce Samati, Strawberry Creek, was read once at the 2011 Annual Session and has now been seasoned.

Minute 2012.01: We approve as Registrar Joyce Samati, Strawberry Creek, for service to begin immediately and end with the Annual Session 2013.

For Arrangement Clerk, Nominating Committee presented for seasoning the name of Jim Avera, Redwood Forrest, for a term ending with the Annual Session 2013. This name will be presented a second time during this session for final action.

The Nominating Committee is asking that Yearly Meeting examine and develop an explicit process for selection and approval of a contracted registration service. The Clerk suggested that we form an ad hoc committee to develop a process. This committee would consist of the current registrar, the Treasurer and the clerk or a designee of Finance, Nominating and M&O committees. (The service is already taken care of for the 2012 Annual Session.)

*(Minutes approved by Presiding Clerk, Draft format here till complete Minutes and Reports package is compiled.
Reports referenced herein can be found at <http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/?p=1627>)*

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Minute 2012.2: An ad hoc committee is established to develop an explicit process for selection and approval of a registration service for Annual Session. This committee will consist of the current Registrar, the Treasurer and the clerk or a designee of Finance, Nominating and M&O Committees. The Registrar will be the convener.

SITE:

James G. Updegraff, Clerk of the Site Committee, wrote the report and Jim Eusebio, Assistant to the clerk, read the report. The Committee selected Walker Creek Ranch Conference Center as the site for the 2012 Annual Session. Work continues on a site for 2013. When the Committee has reached unity on a site for 2013, it will commence work on sites for the 2014 and 2015 Annual Sessions.

ARRANGEMENTS:

James G. Updegraff, Arrangements Clerk, wrote the report and Jim Eusebio, Assistant to the Clerk, read the report. The contract with Walker Creek Ranch Conference Center for the 2012 Annual Session has been signed. Preliminary work has begun on arrangements for the session.

Minutes were read and approved.

We closed with silent worship at 8:38pm.

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Saturday, March 3

Worship began at 9:10am.

Clerk Marilee Eusebio greeted us reminding us of the words of Martha Paxson-Grundy: "The 'lone Quaker' is an oxymoron. We are a Religious Society, a gathered people, who in community help each other listen, learn, and follow divine guidance. Our meetings provide encouragement and support. They supply warning and admonitions when we need them. And, because we are all human, our meetings also provide the laboratory in which we inevitably hurt each other and can also heal, forgive, and learn to live together within God's enfolding love."

Jim Eusebio (Assistant to the Clerk) called the roll of meetings not represented last night.

Naming the Naming Committee: The clerk asked for names to be offered from worship. No names were offered at this time.

Treasurer

Ed Flowers (Treasurer) gave the report. He reminded us that the reimbursement form is at the registration table. The full report and accompanying spreadsheet is appended.

There were concerns raised about Wells Fargo as an institution. Hope was expressed that we could find a socially responsible bank with which to do business. Credit Unions were suggested. It is essential that there be availability to the account throughout the state. Suggestions for suitable banks should be made to Ed Flowers.

Questions were raised regarding the pricing of Faith & Practice. Later in the day we will be exploring issues related to the sale and storage of Faith & Practice. The Los Angeles office of the AFSC wishes to eliminate their inventory of approximately 1237 copies.

It was noted that it would be beneficial to have additional funds in the session account as a cushion. The ideal balance would be enough funds to make the deposit for the following year's Annual Session.

The report was accepted with gratitude.

Finance: Donna Smith, Committee Clerk, reported

a. The budgeted amount of \$800 for Unity with Nature was not sufficient to cover estimated travel committee expenses and additional conference calls.

Minute 2012.3 : We approve an augmentation of \$300 to Unity with Nature, Expense Account #5235, bringing the total to \$1100.

b. The budgeted amount of \$4100 for Ministry and Oversight was not sufficient to cover committee transportation due a Mexico City member attending a third meeting and \$600 in additional expense for travel from Mexico and \$250 for travel expenses for 2 invited Friends to present at a M&O Workshop.

Minute 2012. 4: We approve an augmentation of \$850 for M&O Committee, Expense Account #5228, bringing the total to \$4950.

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Annual Session (aka Annual Gathering) Budget and Fee Schedule: Donna Smith continued reporting.

AS Budget:

There was an error on the distributed papers: The line account number for Registrar's Expenses should be 6220.

Donna explained that the contingency line, #6235, is to cover unexpected costs, under-participation, and to build a reserve.

The total amount we need from AS fees is \$119,150.

Minute 2012.5: We approve the budget for the Annual Session.

Fee schedule notes: The lower fee of the teens was extended to the 18-25 year olds. The extra cost will be distributed among the older participants. The amount shown under the heading Fee is the total cost for the week (registration, food and lodging).

Two additions were made to the Fee Schedule: Semi-private rooms are available for an additional cost of \$33 per day (\$165 for the week). Private rooms are available for an extra \$70 per day (\$350 for the week).

Friends expressed concern about costs prohibiting the participation of many Friends. Some MMs have their own scholarships available. Last year we issued \$6093 of an available \$7000 in PYM scholarships in addition to \$825 to Young Friends of \$2000 budgeted. The budgeted amounts can be increased if the demand starts to exceed the supply. We need to do a better job of expressing our support for all Friends who wish to attend AS. (Scholarship process questions or concerns should be referred to M&O.) Redwood Forest is considering complete scholarships for all children in their meeting.

Friends asked that we continue to consider costs, sliding scales based on income, types of accommodations, options for camping and cooking, the use of resources and our carbon footprint.

Minute 2012.6 : We approve the Fee Schedule as recommended by Finance.

The clerk expressed appreciation for the kind of discussion and listening that has been happening at this session.

Announcements: Sarah Rose House-Lightner (Orange Grove) has provided information about the 6th World Conference of Friends sponsored by the Friends World Committee on Consultation. The PYM Friends attending would like to hear what messages you want to send and what you want them to bring back.

Stretch Break

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Ministry and Oversight Committee: Barbara Babin, clerk, acknowledged the rest of the committee. The committee meetings included study of the evaluation information from the Annual Session, and refinement of the job descriptions of two new subcommittees on Representative Support and Experimentation and Implementation. They also selected Friends to those subcommittees (job descriptions are on-line)

Barbara introduced the two subcommittees to report.

Subcommittee on Experimentation and Implementation:

Paul Harris, clerk, gave the report. The working paper (appended) was presented to RepCom. The report focuses on changes to the Annual Session. A future report will concern itself with PYM structure as a whole.

The committee has guided its work through spiritual focus and has worked to address the information from the evaluations and reports from attenders at the 2011 Annual Session. The committee is making several recommendations for the Annual Session. These have been integrated into the draft schedule for this year (appended).

- The time for business has been lessened for this year, with additional time for 'Seasoning Sessions.'
- The timing of sessions has been adjusted to allow for age-related differences. It is recommended that younger Friends be brought into the Senior Yearly Meeting (SYM) (aka, the adult gathering) through a mentoring program. In addition, the committee recommends that the policy of the Children's Program picking up and delivering children to parents at meal times be carried forward.
- Several suggestions were made to insure that mealtimes can be enhanced as a community building time.
- A recommended Committee Time each day would allow for more efficient work, and avoid committees struggling to meet at other times.

The schedule was reviewed in light of the suggestions made by the committee.

It was noted that the clerk has discretion for setting the schedule for the Annual Session. RepCom is not responsible for setting the schedule.

Friends were invited to give feedback on the schedule (read in the review of the record and appended). This feedback has been noted and forwarded to the committee as a memorandum from RepCom.

The spirit of experimentation was appreciated, and deep gratitude was expressed for the work of the committee.

Subcommittee on Representative Support: Sandy Kewman (Grass Valley), clerk of the subcommittee reported. Sandy introduced the members of the subcommittee and referred to the subcommittee draft job description which is on the website and is determined by M&O.

This subcommittee will assist all reps to best represent their meetings in 2 way communications between MMs and the Yearly Meeting. Tele-conferencing and individual phone calls from the subcommittee to representatives have helped with feedback regarding this information flow and the relationships with the yearly meeting.

Sandy read the draft job description for Representatives (it is on the website).

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The following changes were proposed:

- take out reference to the “Future’s Committee report” which recommendations did not find unity among Friends, and add that “background information” will be provided as needed
- the term “gathering” needs to be clarified – it seems to refer to different things at different points.
- some Friends have some difficulty with the term “observer” as passive and uninvolved. One suggestion was to use the term “designee”.

(M&O report on website)

Lunch Break

M&O: Committee Clerk Barbara Babin continued: She thanked us all for our input and welcomed further comments and suggestions. She highlighted the work on the Visiting Friend program, support of Mexico City MM, the Fund for Concerns, dealing with “difficult behavior” and the development of the skill of true eldering, and four Interest Groups at AS. (full report online)

Clerks of the Experimentation and Implementation subcommittee, the Representative Support subcommittee, Ministry and Oversight committees of College Park and Southern California Quarterly Meetings, PYM’s M&O committee, the Youth Program Coordinator, and the presiding clerk met in mid-January to improve communication between the Quarters and to review the status of the two subcommittees. We responded to the queries below and listened to the needs of our various constituent groups.

- How do Quaker gatherings (ex. Annual Session, Yearly Meeting, Quarterly Meeting, committee work) deeply nourish my spirit and what am I hungry for now?
- In what ways do Quaker gatherings drain and deplete me (if they do), and how does that impact my awareness of the Divine working in me and others?

They encourage MMs to consider these queries and send responses to M&O.

A Ben Lomond Quaker Center workshop (flyer online) called Partners in Healing: Racial Dynamics Among Friends is sponsored by the Racial Justice Subcommittee of Pacific Yearly Meeting on April 20-22, 2012.

June 1-3 Mexico City Monthly Meeting is hosting the Reunión General de los Amigos en México and is inviting us to attend. Information is available at www.cuaquerosmexicodf.org

Book sales at AS: Friends have proposed having a book store at AS to make available F&P, quarterly directories, and a variety of child and adult literature. This is new territory for us since we have relied on AFSC for so many years. We have no process in place for deciding how to handle this. Friends present felt that RepCom could make this decision, at least for the coming AS.

We heard a proposal for a book store to be based on the AFSC model (attached). This is an offer from Tom and Sandy Farley who are experienced book sellers and will be responsible for tax liabilities, fees and licenses. Who owns the inventory (it will not be PYM) and to whom the checks would be written is still to be determined.

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PYM is not responsible for the stock. An AS bookstore is a service to make literature available to Friends. This service would have no cost to PYM other than providing a room.

Minute 2012.7: We approve the proposed contract for a Book Store at AS to be run by Tom and Sandy Farley who accept all tax liability. This approval is contingent on the rest of the details being supplied to and approved by the Treasurer and the Presiding Clerk.

Workshop: Writing Minutes with History in Mind – a repeat of a session at 2011 AS. What detail is needed in minutes? Carolyn Stephenson and Eric Moon of Discipline Committee presented.

Action Minutes and Minutes of Exercise are the two that are dealt with in F&P. Since there are many other kinds of minutes, such as minutes on marriage, memorials and the like as well as the ordinary “narrative” or descriptive minutes - the “who did what” that records the meeting’s work – this workshop focused on Action minutes and ordinary narrative minutes.

Action minutes should include why are taking this action, what are we doing, who is going to do it, where and when it will be done, and to whom it will be directed.

Action minutes need to be brought in a timely and orderly fashion. Generally they come through a committee and are seasoned as widely a possible (committee to monthly to quarterly to yearly, etc.). Like a tree, a seasoned minute gets stronger over time and may be changed by and is enriched by the process.

Minutes of Exercise record what we got “exercised” about but on which we did not get to unity. We need to record the discussion points so that we don’t have to repeat the exercise.

We sell ourselves short if we look at the reading of the minutes as an unpleasant duty. Rather they are a record of where we have found unity and a plan of action. Do they tell the story of who we are and what we care about? Consider “Meeting” as a character in a story: a character of faith and trust but also having contradictory pulls. Do we capture this character’s challenges, passion and growth?

When we listen to the minutes, what spirit or spirits do we hear? Do we hear the spirit of helpfulness or the spirit of need to be heard and appreciated? Do the minutes express our hope and our intentions?

If we want to have others willing to serve as recording clerks, we must not make the task unreasonable. Minutes are the responsibility of the meeting as a whole with the presiding clerk taking special responsibility for final approval and making sure that the minutes reflect the sense of the meeting.

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During the discussion these points were made:

- No time pressure outside the meeting should impose an imperative to take action without unity or to force an artificial unity.
- Too many details in the minutes make them dreary to hear read back. They need to reflect a sense of the vitality of the meeting.
- Decisions that have been made based on erroneous information can be revisited at a later date. Meetings will have to explore how that can be done with sensitivity.
- When the minutes are read back, the Clerk and Recording Clerk work together so that the written document reflects the sense of the meeting as perceived by the Clerk.
- Minutes express not just a hope but a commitment.
- We must be careful that we do not submit to the tyranny of the majority. This is a broader issue of the true nature of unity.

Youth Program Coordinator Supervisory Committee: Steve Leeds (San Francisco), Jim Summers (La Jolla), Alyssa Nelson (Davis, and Youth Program Coordinator) gave the reports. (appended) It was noted that the Youth Program Coordinator Supervisory Committee is looking for 2 additional teen members and a Young Friend. Meeting representatives are asked to check in with their meeting's "Custodian of the Book" (i.e., The FGC Toolkit) for feedback on how their meeting's youth program is utilizing this resource.

The Youth Program Coordinator and Supervisory Committee members reported on the many activities and objectives being forwarded by the program. There is consciousness on the committee that this is a three year trial – in addition to the on-going program and personnel evaluations, there will be a major program and personnel evaluation forthcoming to assist PYM in evaluating the success of the experiment.

The committee noted to RepCom that we are facing an issue regarding the calendaring of the three year trial period given to the Youth Program Coordinator position by Pacific Yearly Meeting in 2009. Unfortunately, at that time the Annual Session overlooked defining the start and the end dates of the trial. The conservative estimate would define the three years as the Annual Sessions 2009-2012. However, no money was spent until April 2010, when Sarah Buetal was hired. We thus have had a Youth Program Coordinator for barely 2 years as of this date. There is concern that this does not reflect our commitment to our youth. In April 2013, we will have had a Youth Program Coordinator for 3 years.

It was also noted that the current Youth Program Coordinator took her position after the Annual Session of 2011, so the upcoming Annual Session 2012 will be her first Annual Session as Youth Program Coordinator, when a great deal of the youth programming takes place. It therefore makes sense to the committee to have the program calendar begin in April of 2010 and continue through the Annual Session of 2013. This plan allows adequate time for an in-depth program evaluation, as well as allowing time for the current Youth Program Coordinator to develop the program throughout the monthly, quarterly and yearly meetings under her care. Alyssa has committed to the Youth Program Coordinator position for the duration of the trial, however long that is determined to be. She is open to where Spirit is leading us in regard to the program.

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It was noted that the expenses of the Youth Program Coordinator are fully budgeted for this year. The assessment on Meetings will have to be evaluated by the Finance Committee under the different calendaring options. It will be important in gauging the overall success of the trial to get additional data from the monthly meetings on the impacts of the assessments needed to fund the program. A full accounting of all the funds - past, present and future - will need to be presented to the upcoming Annual Session.

The youth in the room spoke of needing the time to more fully evaluate the program under the current Youth Program Coordinator.

Minute 2012.8: To allow for a full evaluation and understanding of the experiment of funding a Youth Program Coordinator for Pacific Yearly Meeting, we recommend to the Annual Session 2012 of Pacific Yearly Meeting that the calendaring of the three year Youth Program Coordinator position start in April 2010 and end at the conclusion of the fiscal year 2013 (9/30/2013).
Approved.

Unity with Nature: Renie Wong Lindley, co Clerk, reported. (full report attached) She reminded us that the "eco" in "ecology" come from the Greek word "oikos" which means "household" or "home". Renie asked us to take a moment to think about what homeland means to each of us. She also asked us to reflect on the choices we make in living in our environment. Work in the committee has included

- encouraging committee members to write articles that could be published in Western Friends, perhaps from interviewing a Friend
- fundraising to expand the mini-grant program (items could be sold at AS)
- planning for the interest groups at 2012 AS
- preparation for providing a "carbon footprint" table for various means of transportation to Walker Creek to go into the registration packet

Murial Strand (Sacramento) will facilitate an interest group inviting Friends to visualize a sustainable future.

Maia Wolff (Central Coast) spoke about "greening" the AS. In 2009 at Walker Creek the focus was on food. There were some problems with special needs so this year the plan is to have a checklist in the registration packet that could be tallied by computer. Maia worked intensely with the Walker Creek cooks but hopes that clear directions will eliminate the need for such close coordination.

Friends would like the registrars and the arrangements clerk to encourage and organize carpooling. "Van pooling" from southern California may be possible.

There is support for Unity with Nature Committee's work to bring awareness of how food and transportation choices at the Annual Session affect the environment.

Oversight of copies of Faith & Practice

We have been asked by the AFSC to remove the copies of Faith & Practice from the Los Angeles AFSC office by September 12, 2012.

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Minute 2012.9: Because AFSC will no longer be distributing copies of the PYM Faith & Practice, Representative Committee approves establishing an ad hoc committee of the clerks of Ministry and Oversight and Discipline Committees to oversee the transition of the existing copies of Faith & Practice from the AFSC Los Angeles office.

Naming the Naming Committee: We need the names of 4 individuals to identify 3 Friends to name to the Nominating Committee at Annual Session. The Naming Committee will also continue as needed until RepCom in 2013. Names presented were Eric Sableman (Palo Alto), Jim Summers (La Jolla), Jean Lester (Orange Grove), Kathy Runyun (Santa Cruz), Jane Blount (La Jolla), Kate Carpenter (Orange Grove), Charleen Krueger-Pitassi (Claremont). The clerk will coordinate calls to these Friends to determine if they are willing to accept these nominations.

Minutes were approved.
Closing Worship

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Sunday, March 4

We began worship at 8:30am.

Naming Committee: Jim Summers (La Jolla) is willing to serve, and Eric Sableman (Palo Alto) is willing to be an alternate.

The clerk asked for a few other names and these were offered from the floor: Joe Magruder (Berkeley), Mary Ann Percy (La Jolla), Lanny Jay (Redwood Forest), Elizabeth Boardman (Davis), Anthony Chang (Honolulu), Jane Peers (La Jolla)

Nominating Committee:

Minute 2012:10 We approve the nomination of Jim Avera (Redwood Forest MM), Arrangements clerk to serve through Annual Session 2013.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee: Jeff Krober, committee clerk, reported: The committee proposes the following for Annual Session at Walker Creek Ranch:

four Interest groups

1. Friends Peace Teams
2. Affordable housing and abolition of homelessness
3. undocumented students (co-sponsored with Latin American Concerns committee)
4. Human Slavery and the Chocolate Trade

and two affinity groups;

1. Prison ministry,
2. the Occupy Movement

The committee is working closely with Alyssa Nelson to open and extend the dialog with younger friends and bring them into active partnership. (full report attached)

Southern California Quarterly Meeting:

Dan Strickland, co-Clerk for Southern California Quarterly Meeting, gave the report. Southern California Quarterly Meeting held their annual fall fellowship at Temescal Canyon with the theme, "Bearing Witness." The retreat opened with a panel of eloquent keynote speakers from across the Quarter. The retreat also included several interest groups and a threshing session of how the various levels of Quakerism interrelate and support Friends.

The winter retreat in Joshua Tree drew fewer participants, but strengthened Friends in their shared hardiness. Ministry & Council hosted a workshop with Claire Gorfinkel (Orange Grove MM) on aging. Claire's work is sponsored by Friends Association for Services to the Elderly (FASE) and Friends are encouraged to invite Claire to their meetings. It was also noted that Mary Anne Percy (La Jolla MM) is offering a session on Death and Dying.

The Southern California Quarter's Spring gathering is coming up in April. This one day session is focused on the state of the meeting reports.

It was announced that Claremont Meeting is also hosting Claire Gorfinkel next weekend for a workshop on spirituality and aging.

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College Park Quarterly Meeting:

Bob Runyan, CPQM Clerk, reported and also announced an upcoming workshop on Aging at Ben Lomond.

CPQM concerns include coordinating the activities of committees and officers for quarterly gatherings. It has helped to develop a schedule for preparation time needed for various activities. NomCom is doing a great job considering names well ahead of Q meeting. M&O is working on how to best support the three corporations that are under the care of CPQM. The theme for the fall weekend gathering at Sierra Friends Center was "Our Short Precious Lives": what are we doing with the life we are given? Winter quarter was a one day gathering with the theme "Grounding and Growing our Monthly Meetings". Although 80-100 were expected, there were 148 participants. Spring Quarter will be a weekend gathering in the redwoods of Ben Lomond Quaker Center with a theme not determined yet.

Latin American Concerns: Barbara Babin (Red MM) and Donna Smith (MM) gave the report as written by Dottie Vura-Weis, Clerk, Latin America Concerns Committee, who was not able to attend. (full report is attached and see website: www.LatinAmerica.PacificYearlyMeeting.org)

The Latin American Concerns Committee continues to work on increasing awareness regarding the unprogrammed monthly meetings and worships groups in Latin America and related projects. They are holding concerns related to migration and immigration.

The committee met twice this year once by conference call and once face-to-face in December. The second meeting was attended by almost all members, including Jill Anderson from Mexico City and Margaret Bean from the Guatemala meeting. They discussed sharing the Spanish version of advices and queries (Consejos y Preguntas) and Faith and Practice (Fe y Práctica) that was translated by the Mexico City Meeting.

At AS 2012, Miguel Angel Costop, director, will address a plenary about the Guatemalan Scholarship Program, Progresá. The Committee will cosponsor, with the Peace and Social Order Committee, an Interest Group on Sacramento Meeting's Undocumented Student Program.

Gratitude was given for the all the support for the committee's work, especially in the sale of crafts. Friends are encouraged to check out the web page, and invited to visit any of the projects or meetings or worship groups in Latin America. For the past three years a very successful ESL tutoring program has been on-going in Antigua. The one week experience has been deeply meaningful to many Friends.

In response to a Friend's concern regarding possible proselytizing via giving out written materials, it was noted that Fe y Práctica and the Spanish advices and queries are given out in response to inquiries and requests. The concern will be relayed to the project directors, with emphasis on using care and sensitivity in how these materials are used.

Don Bean reported on the on-line Spanish version of Faith & Practice (Fe y Práctica). There is a widget under development on the web site that will allow the user to translate the text in Faith & Practice to over 50 languages! He hopes to have this ready before this year's Annual Session.

The committee invites further comments on how the committee can be helpful to our meetings.

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Job Description for Representatives of Monthly Meetings: Sandy Kewman, clerk of the Representative Support Subcommittee: Sandy presented a rewrite of the job description that reflected the concerns expressed earlier in this session. We added to the first task the phrase “and directly to the committees and officers of PYM” (full text is attached)

Minute 2012.11: We approved the Job Description for Monthly Meetings Representatives to PYM.

Meeting resumed at 12:00 after Meeting for Worship and lunch.

Marilee Eusebio reported on the Naming Committee nominations. We are waiting to hear the responses from suggested committee members. These nominations are in process.

Jane Peers (La Jolla MM) agreed to serve on the committee. Jim Summers (La Jolla MM) is unable to be the convener. Marilee asked for the ability to appoint the convener for this committee. The gathering agreed to this request.

Discipline Committee: Carolyn Stephenson (clerk, Discipline Committee, Honolulu MM) gave the report.

The committee's discernment regarding the revision of Faith & Practice has led to a sense that this process is still in the – as yet to be determined – future. The committee has also spent some time in seeking a sense of unity in recognizing an Earthcare Testimony. That sense is rising, but has not yet come to fruition. In addition, in response to Friends' feedback, the committee has been looking at expanding the section on Minutes in Faith & Practice.

There have been three separate meetings over the last year and a half on the possible revision of the Advices & Queries. The committee has discovered that there are strong feelings and disparate views on this matter. One possibility being explored is separating the advices from the queries. Please see members of the Discipline Committee to share your views on this matter.

The committee will be asking for one interest group at Annual Session this year.

As a follow up on the transfer of Faith & Practice out of the LA AFSC office, the committee reports that 32 boxes have been moved to the San Francisco AFSC office (pmr@afsc.org), Southern California Quarterly Meeting will take roughly half, and the Farleys and meetings in San Diego will possibly take the remainder. The Spanish versions of Faith & Practice (Fe y Práctica) and the Spanish Advices and Queries will be moved to a future location as yet to be determined.

JYM Report: Rose Mackenzie (Orange Grove, co-clerk of JYM) introduced the report which covered many activities and plans. Augie Brinker (Santa Cruz), Clare Griese (La Jolla), Emma Castanedo (La Jolla), and Tommy Rios (La Jolla, co-clerk of JYM) also participated in sharing the report.

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Excerpts from the report included:

- change of language from “community expectations” to “our community values”
- improving support groups to provide support in smaller groups and immediately after events that tend to evoke strong reactions including the Meeting for Memorials.
- intergenerational activities including interest groups and “chat boxes”
- a service project is still being planned for AS and may be in collaboration with the P&SC committee and will include an educational component
- working to improve the experience of FAP’s (Friendly Adult Presence). If interested in being a FAP you can contact Alyssa or Stephen Myers. There are 2 workshops this spring planned by the Youth Program committee.
- respectful relationships – these are the highest rated activities in JYM. Alyssa has participated in a facilitators workshop called “Our Whole Lives”, a faith based curriculum on sexuality. She trained in the section with emphasis on the middle school and high school age range and will bring some of this material to JYM.
- the Dance will run by JYM with help from Young Friends. For the “Dance of the Decades” all Friends will be encouraged to bring the music they think would be good for the dance.
- response to the proposed schedule for AS: JYM especially appreciates the expanded space for intergenerational activities. However, they do feel that they need to have staff meetings at breakfast as it is the only time the Adult Committee, the JYM co-clerks, the JYM M&O co-clerks, and the day and night FAPS can meet. Some suggested that Bible Study and Transformative Quakers could be included in the Intergenerational Activities schedule slots.

A JYMer’s thoughts regarding the YPC: Big successes over the period of the YPC experiment thus far were the fun and bonding of the 3 day camping trip to Big Sur in Aug 2010, the growth in feeling comfortable asking for help because they know that Alyssa’s time is dedicated to this and she is not being imposed on, and the great addition of FAP workshops. They would like to see more “work camps” and more help on middle schoolers transitioning to JYM.

Stephen Myers (Sacramento MM), incoming clerk of JYM adult committee, introduced himself, noting that he will not be able to attend Annual Session this year. Please see Stephen with any ideas or questions about JYM!

The proposed JYM schedule for AS 2012 was presented (see attachment)

JYM closing activity:

Alyssa Nelson, YPC, and Stephen Myers, (Sacramento MM) led us in a rendition of the song “Bong-A-Low” as a closing activity.

The Clerk announced that Interest Groups must be requested by April 30. They must go to PYM Assistant to the Clerk after going through either a PYM committee or a MM and QM process. M&O will determine how many slots will be given to specific committees or concerns and how many groups will be scheduled in each time slot.

The minutes were approved.

The Clerk closed the meeting with silent worship.