

**Pacific Yearly Meeting  
of the Religious Society of Friends**

**1968  
Representative Committee  
Minutes**

**Held at  
St. Mary's College, Moraga, California  
August 18-23, 1968**

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George Mills, PYM Secretariat Clerk, 11/11/2019



## PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

### Representative Committee Minutes

St. Mary's College, Moraga, California

August 18, 1968

The roll call of representatives was answered by all Meeting representatives except Honolulu, Redlands, Santa Fe and Victoria.

Rep 1 Travel Endorsements: Representative Committee accepted on behalf of Yearly Meeting the endorsements to a travel minute prepared at the time of Executive Committee in March for Stuart and Gladys Innerst, which commended them to Meetings and Friends in New Zealand, Japan and other parts of Asia. The endorsements were signed by Friends in Christchurch and Wellington in New Zealand; in Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne and Hobart in Australia; in Hongkong and in Tokyo.

Vietnam Relief: In acknowledging our letter to the AFSC regarding the contribution which Pacific Yearly Meeting has sent for Vietnam relief through the Canadian Friends Service Committee, the AFSC advised us that they are again considering a civilian medical relief program to North Vietnam and the National Liberation Front, and will advise us of progress.

Rep 2 Invitation to Douglas and Dorothy Steere: Upon hearing from Douglas and Dorothy Steere that they would not be able to give a definite answer until November, 1968 to the invitation of the Executive Committee to attend and participate in the 1969 Yearly Meeting, it was agreed that we would communicate with them again at that time.

Rep 3 Ad Hoc Committee to Name Nominating Committee: Olin Tillotson, Clarence Cunningham and Edwin Morgenroth were appointed to bring forward the name of the chairman of the Nominating Committee in 1969 and the new members who will serve until 1972.

Junior Yearly Meeting: Bob Heilman reported that there are four Advisors and 12 Counselors to the Junior Yearly Meeting. Three members of the Schools Committee will act as consultants to the Advisors and Counselors.

The Junior High Group (7th through 8th grades) and the High School Group (9th through 12th grades) each have their own Executive Committee and individual programs.

Junior Friends have agreed to send two representatives to the adult sessions and invite adult Friends to attend their sessions. It was urged by one Friend that such persons should be able to listen warmly, rather than be anxious to advise. A strong plea was made that the Junior Friends be made aware of the needs of the newcomers to their group, and that they be as responsive and accepting of them as they would be to a girl wearing a kimono or to one whose skin is black.

Arrangements: Bob Barns reported for the Arrangements Committee that 880 were registered as of Thursday.

After describing the almost insupportable burdens we place upon our registrar, it was impressed on the Representative Committee that ways must be found to ease this load. It was suggested as one remedy that anyone failing to register before the three week deadline would be charged a double registration fee and not be entitled to the family maximum.

Rep 4 Arrangements: The Assistant Clerk was asked to convene an ad hoc committee to be made up of Bob Barns, members of next year's Arrangements Committee, representatives of the Junior Yearly Meeting and any previous registrars and Arrangements Committee chairmen as could be co-opted. The committee was asked to make recommendations to the spring, 1969, Executive Committee as to how the burdens of the registrar can be lightened.

SESSION 1 (cont'd)

Rep 5 1969 Yearly Meeting: Representative Committee approved setting the dates of August 2-7 for the 1969 Yearly Meeting, to be held at Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon.

Rep 6 Yearly Meeting Schedule: The schedule for the Yearly Meeting was approved as published, except for the following changes:

Interest Groups:

"Truth and the Visual Arts" - Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.  
"Race Relations Conference" - Thursday, 3:15 p.m.

Nominating Committee Open Session (after first posting of next year's nominations)

Thursday, 2:00 p.m., Dante 204

The interest group on "Keeping Records in Meetings" is to be cancelled with the same topic to be discussed at the Clerks' meeting. Ferner Nuhn will convene the meeting.

Education Committee: Ann Scott reported for the Education Committee that the committee had learned from their survey that the main need of Monthly Meetings in children's religious education is for curriculum and materials. As a consequence they had purchased items of this nature from the Friends General Conference which were now on display. There was no unity among Monthly Meetings on the idea of Yearly Meeting's having a staff person to travel among Monthly Meetings as a resource person for children's education. Monthly Meetings should call on the resources already available in the Yearly Meeting.

She also read a rich and varied list of workshops to be held at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21. The list of topics and places of meetings will be posted.

Rep 7 Children's Program Coordinator: Representative Committee approved the recommendation from the Education Committee that the Yearly Meeting hire a person to coordinate and administer the children's program at Yearly Meeting. This person will be selected by the Education Committee and will be given a salary of \$500 annually, plus his expenses. The person chosen would be expected to serve for several years to give continuity.

Rep 8 Education Committee Budget: The Education Committee requested an increase in their budget from \$550 to \$1,000. The new budget is broken down as follows:

Books	\$200
Travel	\$400
Publications	\$ 50
Clerical	\$100
Honoraria	\$250

This was approved.

Rep 9 Interim Appointment: Lois Barton was named as Assistant Recording Clerk. This appointment is for these Yearly Meeting sessions only.

The meeting closed after a short period of worship.

Madge T. Seaver, Clerk

Richard Manners, Recording Clerk

## SESSION 2

Robert McInnes opened the meeting of the Representative Committee on August 19, 1968 at 8:30 a.m. with a brief period of worship.

Rep 10 The minutes from the evening session, held at 8:00 p.m. August 18, were read and approved.

Dan Blickenstaff noted, in commenting on the minute from last night's meeting, that Junior Friends do not wish a formal representation in Yearly Meeting plenary sessions, but understand that they are welcome to attend those sessions. Adults are equally welcome to attend their plenary sessions. Adults who wish to attend Junior Friends meetings are asked to report to Helen Stevenson.

Representative from Honolulu: There was present a representative from Honolulu Meeting.

Nominating Committee: Walt Raitt reported the following recommendations on behalf of the Nominating Committee:

Rep 11 That the Assistant Clerk be considered as an administrative assistant to the Clerk, to be paid on a part time basis. This new arrangement will be tried for a year and reviewed in 1969. This was approved.

Rep 12 That an Assistant Recording Clerk should be appointed to help with recording minutes at Yearly Meeting. This was approved.

Rep 13 That one representative to the FCNL should have the additional responsibility of serving on the Consultative Board of William Penn House in Washington, D.C. This was approved.

Rep 14 That the members of the Peace and the Education Committees named by regional Meetings should be appointed by the regions in the spring so that their names will be available to the chairmen of these committees by the time of Yearly Meeting. This was approved.

Rep 15 That the Yearly Meeting should appoint a representative and provide travel funds to a conference of the Historic Peace Churches for November 19-21, 1968 at the Brethren Headquarters in Maryland. This was approved.

Rep 16 That the Yearly Meeting appoint three representatives to a Friends National Conference on the Draft and Conscription called by the Friends Coordinating Committee on Peace to be held in October at Earlham College. The three representatives should be given travel allowances. This was approved. The Nominating Committee was asked to consider the importance of this topic to Friends and the need for reporting to all areas of the Yearly Meeting. Those having suggestions for these appointments should see the chairman of Nominating Committee.

Finance Committee: Paton Crouse reported for the Finance Committee. This committee needs the decision of the Representative Committee in regard to the following:

Rep 17 The name of the committee whose budget will include an item for the Junior Yearly Meeting Coordinator. The Representative Committee approved the budget amount but postponed a decision as to whether this item should be included in the Schools Committee budget.

Rep 18 Continuance of the contribution to William Penn House. The Representative Committee approved this contribution.

## SESSION 2 ( cont'd)

Rep 19 The salary suggested for the Assistant Clerk is \$1,000 with \$500 for expenses for both clerks. This was approved for the Finance Committee budget report.

History Committee: Walt Raitt reported for the History Committee that all copies of the Friends Bulletin are in the files except number 8 issued in 1939, and pages 3 and 4 of the December, 1945 issue. Walt Raitt asked that anyone who can locate these items should let him know.

Edwin Morgenroth made three recommendations on behalf of the History Committee:

Rep 20 The History Committee should be laid down.

Rep 21 The position of historian-archivist should be made an officer of the Yearly Meeting.

Rep 22 The Historian-Archivist should be an ex-officio member of the Discipline Committee.

These recommendations were approved.

Edwin Morgenroth expressed the warm gratitude of the Yearly Meeting to Walt Raitt for his successful efforts in carrying out the commission of the History Committee.

Ministry and Oversight: Hugh Campbell-Brown reported for the Ministry and Oversight Committee:

The Epistle Committee will consist of Francis Dart, Mary Campbell and Connie Jump.

The State of the Meeting session on August 19 will open with a welcoming of the three new Monthly Meetings. Ken Saltsberg will introduce Westwood Meeting; Margaret Brooks, Marin Meeting; and Mary Minor, Flagstaff. Then members of the Ministry and Oversight will speak on the state of the Meeting from the floor along with other members of the Yearly Meeting to encourage greater participation.

Ministry and Oversight requests the help and cooperation of all Friends in gathering quietly at the opening of all meetings.

Olivia Davis will carry on Phil Wells' work in having the oversight of Worship-Fellowship groups. Notices about locations will be on the bulletin board.

Peace Committee: Alan Strain reported for the Peace Committee. The Peace Committee has suffered through lack of a chairman during the past year; consequently no mid-year conference was held. The committee feels it may be able to facilitate communication between Meetings and be of service to the Yearly Meeting by sharing problems confronting various Meetings. To this end they are planning a series of workshops to be held as interest groups covering the following topics:

- 1) Emigration to Canada.
- 2) Supporting men in military service who become conscientious objectors or draft resisters.
- 3) War tax protest and what Friends and Meetings are doing about this.
- 4) Counselling service for young men on draft-related problems.

SESSION 2 (cont'd)

Peace Committee (cont'd):

- 5) The wider field of draft education.
- 6) Aid and support for those who suffer for conscience' sake.
- 7) Political action of Friends on peace concerns.
- 8) The Friends' Peace Testimony and civil disorders and violence.
- 9) Alternative service opportunities for conscientious objectors and what part Meetings can play here.

An open meeting of the Peace Committee is scheduled for 12:00 noon today where final arrangements for these workshops will be made.

The Peace Committee's portion of the Thursday evening session will be devoted to sharing with the Yearly Meeting what is going on in various Meetings.

Social Order Committee: Anne Mackinney reported for the Social Order Committee. The committee hopes to present details of a conference to be held on the West Coast when the committee's report is given to the Yearly Meeting.

Regional Concerns: Willamette Quarterly Meeting asked for clarification on Yearly Meeting arrangements. They particularly needed to know the responsibility of outlying areas for Yearly Meeting arrangements when Yearly Meetings alternate between St. Mary's and Linfield College.

Rep 23 Friends approved asking the committee appointed last evening to make recommendations about Yearly Meeting to also bring to the Executive Committee specific recommendations about the role of outlying areas in Yearly Meeting arrangement responsibilities. The committee is asked to coopt members from these areas to help work out these recommendations.

Rep 24 Permanent Site Committee: Since we have agreed on alternate sites for alternate years, and no permanent site has been forthcoming, Representative Committee approved laying down the Permanent Site Committee for the present (with committee concurrence). Friends expressed deep appreciation to hard working members of the committee.

Rep 25 Committee on a Permanent Edition of Pacific Yearly Meeting Minutes: Approval was given for this committee to be laid down.

Rep 26 Committee on New Ways of Bringing Friends Together in Meetings: The Representative Committee approved the laying down of this committee at the close of these Yearly Meeting sessions.

Rep 27 Visitation Committee: It also approved placing the work of the Visitation Committee under the care of Ministry and Oversight.

Rep 28 Ad Hoc Organization Committee: The Representative Committee approved the appointment of an ad hoc Organization Committee to study the organizational needs of Pacific Yearly Meeting. The Organization Committee is requested to make a preliminary report to Executive Committee next spring and report to Yearly Meeting in 1968.

## SESSION 2 (cont'd)

Rep 29 Minutes for Presentation to Plenary Sessions: The committee approved authorizing the clerks to select appropriate items of business from the Representative Committee minutes for presentation to the plenary session of Yearly Meeting.

The meeting closed after a reading of the rough draft of these minutes and a brief period of worship.

Madge T. Seaver, Clerk

Lois Barton, Assistant Recording Clerk

## SESSION 3

Held Thursday, August 22 at 3:15 p.m.

Rep 30 Olin Tillotson reported for the ad hoc committee appointed by the Representative Committee to name the Nominating Committee. Clara Hurn was approved as chairman of Nominating Committee.

Rep 31 Friends approved asking the clerk to write to Phillip Wells on behalf of this committee expressing our concern and good wishes.

Rep 32 It was approved that Peace Committee members present at Yearly Meeting arrange a box for collection of funds for aid to Biafra and be responsible for transmitting funds collected to the AFSC.

Friends Schools Committee: Helen Stevenson, reporting for the Friends Schools Committee, noted that this is a new committee giving their first written report.

Rep 33 The committee recommended that Junior Friends Program at Yearly Meeting be placed under a subcommittee of Schools Committee for the present. This was approved.

Concern from Delta Meeting: A letter from Delta Meeting raised a question about our manner of support for the Friends World Committee for Consultation. It was the sense of the Representative Committee that this is not a concern for our action at this time.

Funds for Junior Friends at Yearly Meeting: A minute from La Jolla Monthly Meeting asked for clarification of Yearly Meeting policy regarding funds for Junior Friends at Yearly Meeting, and the source of these funds. Several Friends spoke to this concern.

Rep 34 The Finance Committee was asked to bring to Executive Committee a report on past practice, and recommendations for the guidance of Monthly Meetings, to be worked out in consultation with Junior Friends for the future.

Representative to Friends General Conference: The clerk read a letter from John Ullman regarding the representative to Friends General Conference.

Rep 35 Friends agreed that our delegate should attend whichever conference -- Cape May or Michigan -- is the working conference. The matter was referred to our Executive Committee, by which time we hope to have more complete information. In case we do wish to send a representative in 1969 such representative can be appointed in March, but the budget was approved as of now.

## SESSION 2 (cont'd)

Arrangements With St. Mary's: Bob Barns, Arrangements Committee chairman, asked the Representative Committee to approve a "Letter of Intent" directed to St. Mary's College providing an option for biennial gatherings on the St. Mary's campus.

Rep 36 The letter was approved with authorization to the Clerk and Bob Barns to sign the Letter of Intent on behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Bob Barns was asked to represent us at a meeting with the college trustees. Friends requested that a copy of our Epistle be sent to the president of St. Mary's College.

Friends recommended to the new Arrangements Committee for another year at St. Mary's that Pacific Yearly Meeting offer remuneration to a regular staff person to supervise library use to forestall misuse.

Press Notices: A concern that we invite religious editors to attend Pacific Yearly Meeting was considered. We were advised that the handbook of responsibility of the Assistant Clerk includes arrangement for suitable publicity at Yearly Meeting time.

Rep 38 Friends approved asking the Arrangements Committee to work with the Assistant Clerk and make a recommendation to Executive Committee about the advisability of appointing a press secretary -- e.g., John Sullivan.

Executive Committee Corrections: To clarify errors in the last Executive Committee minutes, note is made here of these items:

Class of 1969:

Anna James (Monterey Peninsula)  
Nancy Nelson (La Jolla)  
Jane Walker (Berkeley)  
Asenath Young (Pacific Ackworth)

Alternates: Agnes Schmoe  
James Dewees

Class of 1970:

Jeanne Etter (Eugene)  
Clara Hurn (Phoenix)  
David Bruner (Delta)

Alternate: Marguerite Wells (Pacific Ackworth)

New Ways Committee Report: The following New Ways Committee report was given by Mildred Burck:

"We are pleased that so many of the recommendations of this committee have already been implemented by the Yearly Meeting and the Quarterly Meetings. The Quarterly Meetings are taking more responsibility, cutting down on the burden at Yearly Meeting. The Yearly Meeting has arranged more help for the children's program, including a director with continuing responsibility. The clerks have been given assistance. The Assistant Clerk has been given more responsibility with financial help. The structure of the Junior Yearly Meeting has been aided by a more permanent adult coordinator and with more house parents.

SESSION 2 (Cont'd)

New Ways Committee Report (Cont'd):

"Twelve of the 45 Meetings sent in reactions to our reports. Only a few of these favored an Executive Secretary at the present time. A few thought we should be giving more thought to the problems of growth.

"At this time more and more Friends are willing to give consideration to the possibility of multiple Yearly Meetings.

"We urge each representative to return to his Meeting and keep alive the consideration of the problems of our increasing size and complexity.

"We hope that more Friends will send comments and suggestions to the new Committee on Organization of Yearly Meeting."

Rep 40 The report was accepted with commendation to the committee. The Clerk was requested to include this commendation in the letter to Phillip Wells.

Worship-Fellowship: We discussed possible variations for worship-fellowship groups during a brief evaluation period.

The meeting adjourned after a period of worship.

Lois Barton,  
Interim Assistant Recording Clerk

Madge T. Seaver, Clerk