

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

Representative Committee Minutes

Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon

August 2, 1969

Representative Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting met for a period of worship at 7:00 p.m. on August 2, 1969 in the auditorium of Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore.

The meeting for worship was followed by a meeting for business.

The clerk, Francis Dart, opened the first business session by calling the roll of Meetings, which is attached to the official minutes.

Rep. 1 Committee to Name Nominating Committee: The following were named and approved
1969 as members of the ad hoc committee to name replacements to the Nominating Committee, Margaret Spear to act as convenor:

Margaret Spear
Esther Richards
Robert Vogel
Madge Seaver

The committee was asked to make their recommendation to the third session of the Representative Committee

Yearly Meeting Agenda: The proposed agenda for the Yearly Meeting was then considered. The clerk made specific mention of Session III: "Douglas Steere introducing consideration of State of Society." We are asking Douglas Steere to speak to us from his wide experience on the state of the Society beyond our own Yearly Meeting.

Douglas Steere will be introduced by the Ministry and Oversight Committee which will also introduce themselves at the beginning of the session. At the conclusion of Douglas Steere's comments it will be time for the meeting to respond to its listening with a discussion on the state of our own society. It is understood that Douglas Steere will not act as the leader of the discussion. Ministry and Oversight will be sensitive to the focus of the discussion.

There were some comments regarding the balance of the agenda which were passed on to the Agenda Review Committee:

Schedule a meeting of the Committee on Organization.
Schedule Social Order at one of the general sessions.
Schedule an open meeting of the Epistle Committee.

The final agenda will be made up and published late on Sunday, August 3. Any further comments regarding the agenda should be made directly to the Agenda Review Committee which is composed of the following: Madge Seaver, Tom Stevenson, Edwin Morgenroth and Lois Barton.

A question was raised regarding recognition and/or acceptance of new Monthly Meetings by the Yearly Meeting. Since it is not clear if we have indeed minuted a departure from our Discipline in this regard, we asked our archivist to research the matter and report to us whether or not we have minuted such a change.

The session adjourned until 8:30 a.m., August 3.

Francis Dart, Clerk
Richard Manners, Recording Clerk

SESSION 2 August 3, 1969

The minutes of the first session of Representative Committee were approved.

Report from Junior Yearly Meeting: Paul Dart, clerk of the Junior Yearly Meeting outlined the schedule of the Junior Yearly Meeting which will be published alongside the schedule of the general Yearly Meeting.

He listed the rules of the Junior Yearly Meeting:

No amplified noise after 11:00 p.m.

No bare feet in the dining hall.

No smoking except in dormitory rooms.

From 11:15 rooms are for sleeping.

There will be alternatives for those who do not wish to participate in the Worship Fellowship groups.

Worship Fellowship Groups: Hugh Campbell-Brown, chairman of Ministry and Oversight, reported that there are 21 Worship Fellowship groups and two larger groups of 25-35 people set up as more typical meetings for worship. Ministry and Oversight Committee recommended that the Worship Fellowship groups should be the care of a committee made up of people in the area of the Yearly Meeting, appointed by the Nominating Committee in close consultation with Ministry and Oversight.

Rep 2 Representative Committee authorized Ministry and Oversight to establish a sub-committee for Worship Fellowship groups, this committee to be appointed by the Nominating Committee in consultation with Ministry and Oversight, which can be composed of Friends not included in the membership of the Committee of Ministry and Oversight.

Visitation: Ministry and Oversight reports that visitation has functioned fairly well; however, the committee recommends that from now on it be the responsibility of a sub-committee of Ministry and Oversight whose membership would be the chairmen of the Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Oversight Committees, and co-ordinated by the chairman of the Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight Committee.

Rep 3 Representative Committee approved the organization of a sub-committee of Ministry and Oversight for Visitation, to be made up of chairmen of Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Oversight Committees, and co-ordinated by the Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight Committee chairman.

Fairbanks Friends: Hugh Campbell-Brown reported that he and his wife had visited a Friends worship group in Fairbanks, Alaska. They are a very vital group which centers in a completely silent worship, followed by a short sharing time. Beyond this there is no other meeting activity or organization.

Ministry and Oversight recommends that we invite this group to appoint a correspondent to the Friends Bulletin and suggest to them that we notify the Friends World Committee of the meeting so that they can be listed as a worship group.

Rep 4 Representative Committee agreed that Ministry and Oversight should write the Fairbanks Friends to name a correspondent to the Friends Bulletin and ask them if they wish to have their group listed by the Friends World Committee.

- Rep 5 1969 Epistle Committee: Ministry and Oversight were authorized to appoint and name the Epistle Committee for the 1969 Yearly Meeting.
- Rep 6 1969 Education Committee: This committee recommended and Representative Committee approved that the Education Committee be reorganized with a membership of six members at large, with a three year term of office; that the membership be staggered so that two new members be chosen each year; and that regional Education Committee chairmen also serve on the committee for the term of their appointment by the regional meeting.
- Rep 7 1969 Discipline Committee: This committee recommended and Representative Committee approved that since there are only approximately 200 copies of the current Discipline in inventory, the Discipline Committee should work toward publishing a revision of the Discipline in 1971.
- Rep 8 1969 Finance Committee: Representative Committee approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Registrar for each annual session of Pacific Yearly Meeting be authorized to establish a bank account for managing that year's registration fees and facilities payments; the account to be in the name of "_____, Registrar, Pacific Yearly Meeting"; and the authorized signatures to be three in number: the Registrar or Chairman of Arrangements or Yearly Meeting Treasurer.
- Rep 9 1969 Representative Committee approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the authorized bank accounts for the general Yearly Meeting checking and savings accounts, the Bulletin, and the Registrar of a Yearly Meeting be at a location convenient to the responsible person.

Social Order: We agreed to instruct the Agenda Review Committee to make time available at a plenary session for a report from the Social Order Committee.

Organization Committee: In discussing the work of the Organization Committee, which is to report at a general session, it was concluded that "change will occur, but will it occur through planning?" and that our task is to determine "when it is time to make a decision."

- Rep 10 1969 Representative Committee asked both the Peace Committee and Social Order Committee to bring to the 1970 Executive Committee recommendations for reorganization of their committees, giving general principles of structure and regional responsibility.

SESSION 3 August 6, 1969

The third session opened with silence.

Pacific Yearly Meeting Holding Corporation: The report from Pacific Yearly Meeting Holding Corporation was approved for recommendation to the Yearly Meeting as follows:

- Rep 11 1969 The Board of Trustees may act without the holding of a formal meeting if each trustee is given notice of the subject matter to be considered, or executes a waiver of notice, and all the trustees sign the minutes recording the action taken.

Rep 12 1969 The corporation shall receive or accept real and personal property and shall sell, transfer and convey real and personal property by the delivery of an appropriate document signed by the president or a vice-president and by the secretary and/or an assistant secretary.

Finance Committee: Representative Committee approved recommending to Yearly Meeting the following from the Finance Committee:

Rep 13 1969 The present policy of travel payments on a mileage basis for designated officers, chairmen, etc. to attend Pacific Yearly Meeting and Executive Committee, shall continue as these meetings are known in advance, rides may be combined and hospitality may be available in March. However, authorized visitation or travel to specially called committee meetings, etc. may be reimbursed on the basis of actual costs. These costs should be separately itemized for fare, lodging and incidentals, so that the Yearly Meeting Finance Committee may accumulate data about such costs. The bill should be signed by the concerned Yearly Meeting committee chairman and presented to the Yearly Meeting treasurer for payment. In the event of need, the Yearly Meeting treasurer will advance a sum to cover estimated costs, and an accounting of actual expenses will be made as soon as possible.

Rep 14 1969 The criterion of allocation of funds by Yearly Meeting committees is that the activity is clearly a project of the entire Yearly Meeting or one in which Yearly Meeting concern predominates. It is assumed that Monthly, Quarterly and Half-Yearly Meetings will finance their own activities. Subsidizing a local concern would be, in effect, an assessment against the entire Yearly Meeting.

Rep 15 1969 The Clerk's Travel Fund reserve may be accumulated to a total of \$2,000.

Rep 16 1969 Funds collected by the Junior Yearly Meeting, together with any contributions, will help defray expenses of their programs. Travel funds are approved for Junior Yearly Meeting officers and their chairman of Ministry and Oversight Committee to Executive Committee meeting. Additional funds needed for the entire Junior Yearly Meeting program, such as those for advisors, dormitory counsellors and approved travel, will be provided from general Yearly Meeting funds.

Rep 17 1969 The Yearly Meeting treasurer is authorized to disburse funds to help meet expenses connected with the accident to Frances and Cecil Thomas in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. The treasurer is further authorized to receive funds from Meetings and individuals to reimburse the fund providing such advance.

Rep 18 1969 The suggested budget submitted by the Finance Committee was approved for submission to the Yearly Meeting.

Schools Committee: The Schools Committee report was accepted by the Representative Committee. (Attachment #1)

Rep 19 Peace Committee: Representative Committee accepted for recommendation to the Yearly Meeting the Peace Committee's proposal that we continue our affiliation with the Friends Coordinating Committee on Peace, and also their nomination of Jim Estes as our representative.

Rep 20 Representative Committee also agreed to recommend to Yearly Meeting the
1969 Peace Committee proposal that the Yearly Meeting send the following telegram to President Nixon.

"Just as the United States has achieved the seemingly impossible goal of landing men on the moon; so we urge you to take bold initiatives to end the war in Southeast Asia. We call on you to withdraw all U. S. troops in a clearly announced policy; to end all military assistance, and to offer aid to all Vietnamese in rebuilding their country and their shattered lives."

Rep 21 Social Order Committee: The minute from this committee recommending
1969 study and re-thinking of Friends' testimony on prisons was approved for forwarding to general session with the recommendation that it be sent to all regional and Monthly Meetings. (See PYM minutes, Attachment #3)

Rep 22 Organization Committee: The report of this committee (Attachment #2) was
1969 approved for forwarding to the Yearly Meeting.

Rep 23 Representative Committee approved recommending to the Yearly Meeting that
1969 the Organization Committee be laid down.

Ad Hoc Committee on New Styles of Life: This committee presented a report (Attachment #3) and Representative Committee minutes its appreciation that the committee told us about their action.

Bookstore: Ed Sanders spoke about the bookstore and suggested that the AFSC office in Pasadena be a year-round repository of books for Pacific Yearly Meeting, suggestions for new books to be sent to the committee chairman in the Southern California Quarter (Betty Schinzinger).

Representative Committee was adjourned until August 15, 1970.

Francis Dart, Clerk

Richard Manners, Recording Clerk

July, 1969

The Schools Committee, composed of Friends in public education, as well as Friends de y committed to Friends education programs on the west coast, met and enjoyed the hospital-ity of the Kellogg families in Gold Hill, Oregon.

As an opening exercise, those who cared to shared insight which had proven significant dur- ing the year since we had been together last. We recognized, as the evening developed, that there is a need for growth in the educator in order to support the growth of students

Out of the evening's exchange we were led to recognize our need to consider and be aware of the changes in our society which are producing such modern developments as drugs, new family patterns, and new value systems.

We looked at the desire of many of our seeking young people for help in reaching "instant enlightenment" and recognized our inability to give this, and the undesirability of try- ing. However, we did stress the importance of maintaining our integrity as an indispen- sible ingredient in our educational attempts; for our acts carry so much more impact than do our words.

Borrowing a question from The Temporary Society by Bennis and Slater, we spent a period of time considering, "How can we develop intense and deep human relationships quickly and to 'let go'." Soon we found a rich double meaning in the last two words, each of which was worth considering. One insight in searching for ways of letting go some rela- tionships came from the realization that if there is that of God in every man, then the relationship we leave can be replaced by a new one with another valuable person.

We were acutely aware of our double task: to try to educate for the world to be, whil trying to prepare to meet the world as if it is. One of the common elements in each Friends' effort in education which became apparent to us is that we are each trying to create a climate in which competencies can be discovered, strengthened and developed. A recurring theme was the discovery of the self as a stepping stone to growth in many other areas.

We are all concerned and are implementing the concern to have an effect on the larger pub- lic school system. We hope that in many ways we are carrying on pilot projects which may apply to the larger school population. We need to search for more ways to communicate with those in public education. Specifically, we have a concern to find a vehicle for Friends in public education to come together to share and strengthen their insights.

One evening of our time was spent non-verbally. How can one report on such an evening? New vistas, new feelings, as well as old covered ones came out. We felt the warmth of closeness through pain, anger, aloneness and joy experienced, shared and accepted.

We were delighted with the love made manifest by the hospitality of the Kellogg families in sharing their homes with our committee.

Decisions and thoughts coming out of discussions:

- *1) Bob and Marilyn Heilman and Ogden and Marjorie Kellogg were asked to explore the pos- sibility of having interest group(s) in Yearly Meeting 1970 for Friends in education.
- *2) Ed Morgenroth, Mary Jorgensen and John Stevenson were asked to be a subcommittee to investigate the possibility of establishing a scholarship fund which might be used fo children of Pacific Yearly Meeting Friends. The report of this committee was approved and is attached.

- 3) We hope that way will open for funds to be made available for individuals from minority groups to participate in Friends Educational programs.
- 4) Members are encouraged to share information with each other and with Meetings about visitors who might prove valuable and who plan to travel in the west. Among these, we hope will be Tom Brown of the Friends Council on Education and Kenneth Barnes of England
- 5) It is hoped that records of previous meetings may be gathered in one place, and that each annual committee meeting open with a summary of the immediately preceding year's discussion.
- *6) We would like to encourage the staff members to submit articles to the Friends Bulletin when we have material which would be of wide interest to those in public and private education.
- 7) We plan to help with transportation to the Schools Committee meeting next year for those who need this help.
- 8) We plan to meet next year at The Farm preceding Yearly Meeting. Mio Polifroni will act as alternate clerk at meeting if appointed by Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Gems That Defy Classification

In the field of observation, chance favors the mind that is prepared.

Education is an exercise in imagination.

We should not be trying to make contact with student's mistakes in their past, but be providers of an open door to growth.

I'm not clear today who is imprisoned and who is free.

We have met the enemy, and he is us.

We are trying to tie together the whole of growing: plants, animals and people in the ecology of the world.

Our need to achieve gets hung up on our inability to face failure as a growing, not a devastating experience. People are afraid of choice because of this failure-success bag.

The trouble with our school is everything is related to everything.

Show me a man with both feet on the ground and I'll show you a man who can't take his pants off.

Schools Sub-Committee on Financial Aid

We approve the recommendation to Pacific Yearly Meeting that on approval of Yearly Meeting a Financial Aid Fund for Friends Education be established.

- 1) We recommend that the Pacific Yearly Meeting Treasurer be authorized to collect funds for this fund.
- 2) We anticipate that money will be raised from contributions, bequests, and endowments, as well as grants from foundations and corporations.
- 3) A selection committee be established to select recipients. This committee shall include: the chairman of Yearly Meeting Education Committee, the clerk of Yearly Meeting or a member designated by the clerk, and three members selected by the Yearly Meeting Schools Committee.
- 4) Among items to be considered as criteria to be used by the selection committee are:
 - (a) Funds to be awarded to children of members of Pacific Yearly Meeting. Priorities need to be established by Pacific Yearly Meeting Schools Committee.
 - (b) Funds to be used to help children of elementary and high school age to participate in Friends' educational programs.

Schools Committee needs to establish guidelines for determining programs which fit the category. Among these we consider schools present here to fit these guidelines.
 - (c) Schools Committee will establish detailed priorities, with need being the fundamental factor of decision.

REPORT OF ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE AUGUST 6, 1969

We suggest that the Yearly Meeting minute its willingness to have Quarterly and/or regional Meetings form their own Yearly Meeting.

We ask that the Representative Committee and the Yearly Meeting consider the following for action:

- 1) The initiative for planning how regional Meetings are to function as a Yearly Meeting rests with the regional Meetings.
- 2) A consultative committee with area representation be established by the Yearly Meeting to which regional bodies may go for advice as they plan their own development.
- 3) The Organization Committee should be laid down with appreciative thanks.

We believe that the response of many Friends in Pacific Yearly Meeting to the question of reorganization is such that this Yearly Meeting session should look forward to our growth in numbers and in ways of meeting our organizational needs.

-- Harold Carson

Memo to Representative Committee of PYM from Ad Hoc Committee on New Styles of Life

We have a concern to which expression has partially been given in the reports of the Peace and Social Order Committees. Both reports suggested to us that the gravity of today's problems calls for a revision of our fundamental approach to living in today's world and of western society itself. In the course of sharing our concerns about this, particularly with young friends, there have been two meetings of about thirty persons during which a common commitment has emerged. Roughly speaking, this commitment is to putting our lives in a position where we can do something effective about the basic social ills of our society, of which we today see increasing manifestations.

In attempting this we very much feel the need of kindred spirits in close proximity and in a location where those who refuse to be drafted or to pay taxes and yet won't allow themselves to be imprisoned, can also reside and work. We seek, therefore, a physical location outside the U.S., a location where we might first congregate and then organize, as the spirit moves and permits. As a first step, we are looking toward a location in Canada in the semi-rural area south of Vancouver.

Because our purpose in locating in Canada is not to simply "escape" and since our all-too-limited resources will be strained in what we are attempting, we do not anticipate giving any significant aid to draft refusers and deserters as such. Our commitment is to deal with those ills that allow the draft and other injustices to operate in the first place.

At this stage we are simply encouraging those who share this concern, both individuals and families, to move to the area mentioned and to start talking and working with those already there. We envision many degrees and levels of involvement, depending on personal situations. We hope that a friendly community of kindred spirits will develop to undergird a variety of individual and group efforts.

A statement will be made for the Bulletin. The Peace Committee will include our materials in their mailings, and we may develop a newsletter. We would appreciate any help or suggestions which Representative Committee can give at this or some later time.

In fellowship,
Alfred Andersen, Berkeley
Olin Tillotson, Vancouver,
Co-chairmen