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PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

Representative Committee Minutes

St. Mary's College, Moraga, California

SESSION 1 July 30, 1973 7:00 p.m.

The twenty-seventh session of Pacific Yearly Meeting began with a period of silent worship and a greeting from the Clerk, Ed Sanders. The Assistant Clerk, Shirley Tweed, called the roll. Monthly Meeting clerks or representatives, clerks of regional meetings, PYM committees and subcommittees, and PYM officers were asked to rise and introduce themselves.

Clerk's Report:

Stuart Innerst, Clerk of Friend-in-the-Orient Committee, would not be at Yearly Meeting because of ill health.

Three hundred copies of a reprint of the Howard Brinton memorial that appeared in Friends Journal were available. The cost to PYM was 15¢ each (\$45 total). After a brief discussion on ways of disposing of them, it was agreed to distribute them without cost at the Yearly Meeting Memorial Meeting. Other copies can be brought back to Monthly Meetings; additional reprints can be ordered.

Jim Lenhart asked for a report, with photos of PYM for Friends' Journal. He urged prompt reporting and a 600-word maximum. Anyone interested and able to do this should contact the Clerk.

Nan and Tom Brown, head of the Friends Council on Education in Philadelphia, were introduced to the Committee.

From the Executive Committee minutes, the following were recommended for Yearly Meeting approval:

- Rep 1 Approved: Lois Bailey, Clerk of Ministry and Oversight Subcommittee on Visitation.
- Rep 2 Approved: Beach Langston, Clerk, Laura Smalakis and Miriam Swift for Bulletin Committee.
- Rep 3 Approved: Ferner Nuhn, Ed Sanders, and Margaret Brooks as PYM's appointees to the six-member Committee on Faith and Life Conference to explore areas of agreement and difference between California and Pacific Yearly Meetings.

Rep 4 Approved: Ad hoc Committee to name three members to Nominating Committee and the Nominating Committee Chairman, Azenath Young! *reported:*

Marie Schutz, Palo Alto
 Ron Steelman, Orange Grove
 Jan Tappan (Alternate), Pasadena
Hal Tozer - Palo Alto

Subsequently, Jan Tappan was removed as Alternate by the action of Minute Rep 12. 17

Rep 5 Approved: Barbara Perry to continue as Nominating Committee Clerk, 1973-1974.

Pegge Lacey questioned the Executive Committee's procedure of naming the Nominating Committee. The Clerk suggested, and the Committee agreed, that we proceed with what has been done this year but check and carefully follow the Discipline next year.

Monthly and Regional Meeting Concerns, Reports:

The Clerk asked representatives to report their minutes of concern:

Honolulu Monthly Meeting: *John* George Salyer - Because of distance, it is impossible for Honolulu Monthly Meeting to be a part of a Quarterly Meeting. It does want to find ways of relating to other Friends. It was suggested that the Salyers meet with Ministry and Oversight Committee to explore this.

Phoenix Monthly Meeting: Although a member of Arizona Half Yearly Meeting which will withdraw from PYM at the end of this session, Phoenix Monthly Meeting will not withdraw from PYM but plans to be a part of both PYM and Arizona Half-Yearly Meeting.

Sacramento Monthly Meeting requested interest groups on nude swimming and child care centers.

College Park Quarterly Meeting:

1. CPQM has accepted Logan, Utah as a Preparative Meeting.
2. CPQM asks that there be a study of Grand Jury rolls and Friends' relationship to them. This was referred to the Social Order Committee.

New Monthly Meetings to Be Welcomed Into the Society

Redwood Forest, Sebastopol
Tempe, Arizona
Las Vegas, Nevada

Meeting Laid Down

Las Vegas, New Mexico Monthly Meeting. It is no longer a part of the New Mexico Quarterly Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ministry and Oversight: Stratton Jaquette

1. The three member Epistle Committee to be named by Ministry and Oversight recommends Brent Howell as its Convenor. Two other members are being sought.

Rep 6. Approved: Brent Howell, Convenor of the Epistle Committee

2. Ministry and Oversight sponsors the following Interest Groups:
 - a. Mental Health - Denies Durky
 - b. The Homosexual - *Larry Jackson*
 - c. Concerns of Ministry and Oversight-Stratton Jaquette
 - d. Theology Workshop - Bill Scott
3. To be welcomed by Pacific Yearly Meeting are: New Monthly Meetings, Worship Groups and Preparative Meetings.
4. Meetings should make certain they have accurately reported the names of all those who have died within the past year so that they can be read at the Memorial Meeting.

Bulletin Committee: Beach La~~st~~yon

The Clerk of the Committee

1. Thanked Pacific Yearly Meeting for its gift of an addressograph;
2. Announced there will be an issue on Friends and the Arts
3. and an issue devoted to Young Friends

He pointed out a change in the typeface and a new method of folding that allows more space for copy. Appreciation and interest in the new Bulletin was expressed by Friends in Honolulu, Philadelphia and California.

Dennis Durby asked for approval of a \$2.50 increase on Bulletin subscriptions requiring Air Mail or First Class Postage. After brief discussion:

Rep. 7 Approved: To leave Postage costs to the discretion of the Bulletin Committee.

Nominating Committee: Barbara Perry

Recommends:

The subcommittee on Junior Yearly Meeting should become a Standing Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting. The Clerks of the subcommittees in Junior Yearly Meeting, Junior Yearly Meeting advisors, Junior Hi Advisors and the Education Committee are united in this request.

Rep. 8 Approved: The Sub-Committee on Junior Yearly Meeting should be a Standing Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

An eight member ad hoc committee is now working on a job description of this Committee.

Rep. 9 Approved: The recommendation that the position of Registrar(s) be appointed by the Nominating Committee rather than by the Arrangements Committee.

It was suggested that there be a definition of job duties of both Registrar(s) and Arrangements Committee to avoid overlap of duties.

Rep.10 Approved: 1. A position of apprentice Treasurer (Treasurer-in-training) be created to work with the Treasurer for one year before becoming Treasurer.
2. The Treasurer serve up to three years subject to yearly approval and with the possibility of a second three year term.

Details and further clarification are to be worked out by the Nominating Committee and those involved in this change.

Rep.11 Approved: Elimination of position of Assistant Historian-Archivist.

Discussion on the duties of archivist as separate from historian was discussed in some detail.

Rep.12 Approved: Pacific Yearly Meeting's sending a letter of appreciation to Walt Raitt and Jim Riddles.

Rep.13 Approved: Elimination of the position of alternate on the Nominating Committee. Nominating Committee meets three times a year. Alternates cannot function on a once-a-year basis. Those now labelled "Alternate" have in fact been functioning as members.

Rep. 14 Approved: The Nominating Committee add three members, but no alternate, to fill each years vacant positions.

Arrangements: Charles Swift

1. There may be a shortage of camping sites.
2. The distance between the home of the Arrangements Committee Clerk and the campers can make functioning difficult.

Registration: Frank Burnham

1. The mechanics of registration have moved more smoothly than ever
2. Smoking will be limited to the North Wall of the dining room.

Pacific Yearly Meeting Holding Corporation: Dick Ernst

The Corporation has worked out a document setting forth the basic principles for holding property for a Meeting and another document setting forth explicit details applying the general document to Santa Barbara's specific needs.

We have been consulted by Los Angeles Meeting regarding a substantial bequest and by Marloma Meeting regarding possible property acquisitions

Junior Yearly Meeting - *Steve Ray*

In the absence of the Junior Yearly Meeting Clerk, Steve Ray reported on Junior Friends plans. Field trips, interest groups, on "Self-Sufficiency", "Alternatives in the Public Schools" and "Quakerism" have been scheduled as well as Dialogues, Yoga and a Rock Dance. The Assistant Clerk commended Steve for the presentation of the well organized program.

Shirley Tweed commented briefly on Interest Groups, which will be listed on the Pacific Yearly Meeting schedule and called an Agenda Committee Meeting at the rise of the Representative Committee Session.

After a period of silence the Meeting closed at 9:40 p.m.

SESSION II Tuesday, July 31, 1973

8:30 a.m.

After a period of silent worship the Clerk asked the Clerks and Representatives of Monthly Meetings and Clerks of the Pacific Yearly Meeting Committees who were not present at Session I to introduce themselves.

Action Minutes of Session I were read and approved.

The Clerk called for the following Committee Reports.

Committee to Explore Faith and Life Conference: Margaret Brooks

The Concerece to explore areas of agreement and difference between California and Pacific Yearly Meeting plans to meet at Ben Lomond on the last week-end in September. At its May meeting, the College Park Quarterly Meeting Minute read: "The Meeting approved the plans for the Conference and urges Pacific Yearly Meeting to do likewise. We welcome such a Conference." In May, Southern California Quarterly Meeting minuted: "Quarterly Meeting approves the proposal of the Joint Committee for a Faith and Life Conference to be held September 28, 29 and 30, 1973, at Ben Lomond and recommends its approval to PYM."

The Conference will be limited to a total of 50 participants, 25 from each Yearly Meeting.

The tentative program includes the following:

Friday: Worship

Speakers from PYM-CYM on the Topic "How we got where we are, a Historical Summary."

Saturday: Small Worship-Discussion Groups

Talks: "Roots of our Faith"
"Therefore"

Sunday: Unprogrammed Worship

Fellowship Groups to explore:

"What can I learn from your tradition,
what I dislike most in your Yearly Meeting."

Our Clerk described actions necessary to implement the mechanics of setting up such a Conference, pointing out the shortage of time between now and the Conference date. They are:

1. Approve that we go forward with the Conference.
2. Approve a PYM Committee to go forward with preparations.
3. Establish a basis on which to choose the participants from Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Ferner Nuhn commented that this was a breakthrough on interchange between the two groups under the leading of the Spirit and an outgrowth of the dialogue begun in Faith and Life Conference in St. Louis.

It was suggested that those selected from the Monthly Meetings, represent differing ages, sex and geographic location and that they have a depth of concern for this kind of dialogue.

Rep 15 Approved: We participate in the Ben Lomond Faith and Life Conference.

Rep 16 Approved: That the Clerk name three members of a Committee to plan the Conference allowing them to co-opt others for their Committee. This Committee would then determine the participants to the Conference and report to Wednesday's Plenary Session on how to implement the mechanics and participation in the Conference.

Rep 17 Approved: Committee members named by the Clerk: Ferner Nuhn, Margaret Brooks and Ed Morgenroth.

Discipline Committee: Lowell Tozer

Lowell Tozer reported that 3500 copies of the new discipline, now called Guide To Faith And Practice were available at \$1.00 a copy to meetings only and could be purchased throughout the year at

1. A.F.S.C. Office in Pasadena, 980 North Fair Oaks, 91103
2. Friends Center, 2160 Lake Street, San Francisco 94121
3. University Friends Center, 4001 9th Ave. N.E., Seattle Washington, 98105

He thanked Friends for their suggestions, thanked the Palo Alto Friends for four years hospitality, as well as the individual members of the Discipline Committee. He briefly described the "job" as "impossible and challenging, like snapping a photo of a waterfall." In the future he urged the Committee to be scrupulous in its keeping of minutes of Executive Committee and Yearly Meeting Committees to assure that actions and concerns relating to our guide to Faith and Practice be reflected in future revisions of the Guide.

After some discussion on the purpose of the Guide To Faith and Practice

Rep 18 Approved: Molly Morganroth, a member of the Discipline Committee will write a minute to be read at Plenary Session. and included in these minutes.

Lowell Tozer presented the 1973 Guide To Faith and Practice for acceptance by the Representative Committee. Faith and Practice contains the distilled wisdom and experience of Pacific Yearly Meeting Friends and the tradition from which we sprang. The current revision has been developed over a period of four years by a strong committee whose procedures have involved consulting with all Meetings for suggestions and revisions of the former Discipline. Faith and Practice has been accepted by the Representative Committee which sends it forward with a recommendation that all Meetings consider using this key document for serious study during the coming year.

Rep 19

Lowell Toxer, Clerk of the Discipline Committee, was thanked by Representative Committee for his dedicated, sensitive guidance in bringing a very challenging and difficult assignment to its conclusion.

Thanks was expressed to San Francisco Monthly Meeting for agreeing to stock the current supply of Guide To Faith And Practice at 2160 Lake Street, CA 94121

Education Committee: Lee Steelman

The Committee recommends:

1. That Junior Yearly Meeting subcommittee be designated a Standing Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting.
2. The Committee is reviewing books in the Religious Education Library in Pacific Yearly Meeting
3. An interest group on First Day Schools has been scheduled.
4. The Committee is working on a Religious Education Guide for Monthly Meetings and hopes to find a resource person to visit the various Meetings In Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Finance Committee: Isaiah Meyer

The Committee reported working on the following concerns:

1. A visitation plan which would enable members of the Finance Committee and its Clerk to meet periodically to keep up-to-date on their financial needs.
2. Assesment problems relative to members who do not participate in the life of the Meeting.
3. The need to set up a formula to subsidize the Bulletin including its circulation in the North Pacific Yearly Mtg.
4. A request from Friends World Committee for \$1.10 per member of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

The Finance Committee Clerk questioned the value of sending Representatives to other Friends Groups in the United States without planning carefully in advance. After some discussion it was suggested by the Clerk of Nominating Committee that Nominating and Finance Committees meet to deal with this problem at this Yearly Meeting.

There will be an open meeting to discuss the problem of expenses.

Ministry and Oversight: Stratton Jacquette

Rep 20 Approved: Richard Manners to be on the Epistle Committee.

Rep 21 Approved: Ministry and Oversight have the authority to name the 3rd member of the Epistle Committee without coming back to Representative Committee.

Peace Committee: Earl Reynolds

The Clerk of the Peace Committee indicated that the following would be presented to the 6th Plenary Session.

1. A report of the December called meeting.
2. A plan for action should the August 15 deadline for cessation of the Cambodian bombing not materialize.
3. A report of La Jolla Meetings 1972 minuted concern for rehabilitation of Vietnam.
4. Comment on South Pacific Atomic Tests by France.
5. Concern for political prisons in North Vietnam.
6. A request to Pacific Yearly Meeting for sponsorship of a conference to be held at John Woolman School in 1974 prior to Pacific Yearly Meeting to explore Peace Studies, and a possible request for funds for this purpose.
7. A report by Franklin Zahn of the Friends Coordinating Committee on Peace which met in Washington last September. What is our relation to it? Are funds available for it?
8. A report on the Ecumenical Peace Institute.
9. Problems of the Philippines and their relation to the Friend in the Orient and Peace Committee.
10. Pacific Yearly Meeting will be asked to consider a minute from Orange Grove Meeting recommending unconditional amnesty for those who for reasons of conscience violated military and civil laws in causes pro or con the war.
11. A letter from the minutes of East Whittier Church responding to Pacific Yearly Meeting's Peace Committee proposed minute on President Nixon will be read.
12. A peace Interest Group will discuss the "Future of the Peace Movement" and report its suggestions to Monthly Meetings.
13. AFSC films on the Vietnam war will be shown.

It was suggested that minutes to be considered by the Pacific Yearly Meeting be printed and distributed before the Wednesday evening session.

In the absence of Stuart Innerst, Ed Sanders conveyed Stuart's hope that we might in some way acknowledge FCNL's 30th Anniversary. Since it was pointed out that FCL is 20 years old, it was agreed that we announce these facts to Yearly Meeting Session IV.

Social Order: Jean Flores

The following will be brought to Plenary Session:

1. A minute from Orange Grove Meeting asking that indictments be dropped against the Wounded Knee Indians.
2. Minutes of concern on the function of Grand Juries and Friends' relation to them. Secrecy, Farm Labor, Watergate, etc., also have minutes of concern for Friends to consider.
3. An interest group on Early Childhood Education and how it influences the Family and Society as a whole.

Site Committee: 1975: Ron Steelman

After some discussion on the pros and cons of searching for a Southern site after 1975 - the time and cost involved, it was:

Rep 22 Approved:

1. That we return to St. Mary's in 1975.
2. That we ask Nominating Committee to appoint a Site Committee to see what may be available to us after 1975.

John Pizzo, Young Friends Clerk was recognized as present.

After a period of silence the meeting closed at 10:30 a.m.

SESSION III August 3 10 a.m.

The Clerk summarized the business to be considered at the third session and informed the Committee that Representative Committee minutes of Session II were in the process of being mimeographed. The one action minute of Session II to be considered at Session III related to an approval of our return to St. Mary's in 1975 and the naming of a Site Committee by Nominating Committee to explore a possible meeting site in Southern California for the 1976 PYM.

During the discussion that followed, one friend questioned the high cost of the campus facility, another the possibility of finding a different northern site for 1975. After further considering these and other questions,

Rep 23 Approved: We return to St. Mary's in 1975. Reaffirmed.

The Clerk announced that the outcome of the two PYM meetings scheduled for Clerks was a decision to hold a retreat for Monthly Meeting Clerks during 1973-1974.

The Clerk called for the following reports:

Consultative Committee on Organization: Gretchen Tuthill reporting

1. A minute from New Mexico Quarterly Meeting, signed by its Clerk, Ted Church, informed us that Las Vegas Monthly Meeting was laid down. Friends in this Meeting were too few and too scattered to carry on the responsibilities of a Monthly Meeting.
2. Letters written by PYM to meetings withdrawing from PYM were read for approval. These will be sent to Tacoma, Corvallis, Multnomah, and Eastside which will become part of NPYM; Albuquerque, Flagstaff, and Arizona Half-Yearly Meeting which join in the Intermountain Friends Fellowship.
3. A letter from Pima Monthly Meeting requested that, immediately following PYM 1973, machinery be implemented for their gradual withdrawal of the funds of its Meeting which are now involved in programs of PYM. Hopefully the changeover can be completed by the end of PYM 1974.
4. University Meeting is considering membership in both PYM and NPYM on a trial basis. It looks ahead to the possibility of forming an Association of Friends which would link the two Yearly Meetings. The Consultative Committee on Organization feels that a formation of such a body would be within the province of the Committee but suggested that at the appropriate time an independent committee be named composed of members of NPYM plus one representative of PYM Consultative Committee.

Rep 24 Approved: Letters of response from PYM as read by Gretchen Tuthill.

Rep 25 Approved: That one member of the Consultative Committee on Organization work with an independent committee at the appropriate future time.

Finance Committee: Isaiah Meyer

Isaiah Meyer presented two minutes:

Minute #1 - Reimbursement to PYM representatives to the AFSC Corporation Annual Meeting shall be limited to an amount sufficient for two representatives.

The discussion that followed questioned limiting travel to two of the four members on the AFSC Corporation, and asked questions like, "How do you determine who travels and who does not? Why shouldn't all members participate in a meeting?"

The Finance Clerk suggested the minute be withdrawn. The budget figure will remain as presented.

Minute #2 -

Rep 26 Approved: Because of dual membership in PYM and NPYM, University Meeting's annual assessment for PYM shall be \$5 per adult member instead of \$7.

Representative Committee accepted the Treasurer's Report.

Rep 27 Approved: The Budget, with thanks to the Committee.

In response to a question concerning the financing of the Site Committee, it was explained that money for the Site Committee comes out of the Clerks' Budget. It is not included in the PYM Budget because it is an ad hoc committee, not a standing committee.

Nominating Committee: Barbara Perry

The Committee recommends that PYM appoint two recording clerks for plenary sessions. Each would record every other session in the manner of London Yearly Meeting. There was brief discussion on this and a suggestion that minutes be written and immediately read back to the session for approval (Philadelphia's procedure.) Clerk of Nominating Committee suggested that this subject be explored at the Executive Committee Meeting in 1974. Meeting agreed.

Reading of Monthly Meeting and Interest Group Minutes

Two minutes from Honolulu Meeting were read:

Minute #1: The Executive Committee shall consist of the Yearly Meeting officers; Clerks of the regional meetings and representatives, as may be agreed upon, of meetings in areas lacking a regional meeting . . .

Faith and Practice, page 46.

The representatives of Honolulu Friends Meeting have carried a message of concern from the monthly meeting to increase the involvement of the meeting and its members in the life and activities of Pacific Yearly Meeting. Due to distance it is inconvenient for members to be nominated to active committees of the Yearly Meeting. Therefore it is felt that we should, according to the above section of Faith and Practice, seek representation through the Executive Committee.

John and Ann Salyer, on behalf
of Honolulu Friends Meeting

Representative Committee agreed that the Clerk or a designated representative of Honolulu Meeting be invited by PYM Clerk to attend the Executive Committee meetings of PYM.

Minute #2: Three members of Honolulu Friends Meeting now in attendance at Pacific Yearly Meeting have noted that there is no site selected for the 1976 sessions of the Yearly Meeting. These three members would like to offer a tentative invitation for the sessions to be held in Honolulu that year.

We would like to request a period of six months to approach Honolulu Friends Meeting, to locate suitable accommodations and to prepare tentative arrangements.

Realizing the increase in costs of transportation and living arrangements, attenders at the sessions of Pacific Yearly Meeting may feel that this is entirely too expensive. However, charter flights from the West Coast to Hawaii are presently available at around \$125 round trip. It is hoped that arrangements can be made to allow fairly unlimited camping.

John and Ann Salyer, Sam Cox

After a brief discussion:

Rep 28 Approved: Forwarding the above minute to the Site Committee for exploration.

Berkeley Monthly Meeting Minutes:

Minute #1 was read by George Turner:

To Pacific Yearly Meeting Representative Committee:

At its regular Meeting for Business on July 8, 1973, the Berkeley Monthly Meeting approved the following minute:

Berkeley Monthly Meeting hereby minutes its concern over the requirement of the Clerk's signature on applications to Pacific Yearly Meeting. We feel that, while it might be considered appropriate to require a signature for attenders of the Meeting, it is entirely inappropriate to require such signature for members of Monthly Meetings.

Larry Perry asked to be recorded as standing aside.

During a later conversation with the Clerk of Berkeley Meeting, I learned that the Registrar apparently does not have lists of members of Monthly Meetings. This is a deficiency which seemed to both of us to be correctable, and would allow the inclusion of regular attenders as well as official members.

John Fitz
Acting Recording Clerk
July Monthly Meeting
Berkeley Society of Friends

There was considerable discussion on the pro's and con's of our registration procedure. Barbara Perry pointed out that the registrars should not have to check those who were or were not members. The Clerk read a summary from the July-August 1971 Bulletin which gave reasons for instituting the procedure (others were cited by John Draper and Micki Graham). Because the Registrar was not present at the meeting, it was suggested that discussion be postponed until they could be included.

Representative Committee agreed to put discussion of registration procedures on the Executive March meeting agenda.

Minute 2: Nude Swimming

John Fitz read the following Berkeley Monthly Meeting minute:

STATEMENT OF CONCERN TO REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE
PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING 1973

While many Friends are concerned that nudity be accepted as a beautiful thing and not as an evil one, we are more concerned at the present time with the way in which the question has been handled for Yearly Meeting. There is an important principle of good order involved, and we would urge Friends not to let their preconceptions about nude swimming cloud that fact for them.

There has been no minute approved by Yearly Meeting for or against nude swimming, although there was by Executive Committee. In the absence of such clear directive from the entire body of Friends, it seems no more appropriate for there to be a prohibition than for there to be permission. Specifically, if the question were put, Should nude swimming be prohibited, there would be no unity on that question, any more than there is on the question, Should nude swimming be permitted. That question has not been put to Yearly Meeting, and thus there is no problem about changing a prior decision, and it is manifestly unfair for the prohibition to be enforced, particularly since the activity is a voluntary one and those who do not wish to participate do not have to.

Some Friends have argued that this is a trivial matter of "creaturely comfort or convenience" and ought not to be brought to Yearly Meeting. It becomes a matter of principle, however, when the arguments put forward against nude swimming are presented as based on moral principle. It should be recognized that there are also arguments from moral principle held by Friends also in favor of it, and in the absence of unity it is wrong for one group of Friends to have their point of view enforced on other Friends who do not share that point of view. It needs to be re-emphasized that this is a voluntary activity, and those who do not wish to participate do not need to.

John Fitz, alternate Representative,
Berkeley Meeting
John Bird, Berkeley Meeting
David Munro, Orange Grove Meeting

John Fitz commented that few who were against nude swimming were present at the Interest Group to discuss it.

After some discussion, the Friends who signed the Berkeley minute suggested that Representative Committee authorize a small group to pursue ways in which Friends at this PYM could swim nude.

After some discussion and criticism of Executive Committee for not endorsing nude swimming as a volunteer activity, Shirley Tweed stepped out of her role of Assistant Clerk to point out that Executive Committee has the power to determine a 'yes' or 'no' on nude swimming. The subject was discussed in Monthly Meetings; there is not unity on the subject. We are not running over one another's concerns, but are trying to be sensitive to all. Other comments: Palo Alto Meeting did not give its approval to those who wanted to participate in it on an individual basis. To prohibit something that has not been instituted is not prohibition.

The Clerk then called on Stratton Jacquette to report on the Interest Group on Nude Swimming. The group, Dick Ernst standing aside, approved the minute. However, one Monthly Meeting has responded with a 'no.' Since we are not in unity, we should not approve nude swimming now. The issue is similar to a host of others which are not approved at PYM, e.g., use of marijuana, alcohol.

The Clerk suggested that local meetings should recommend support or non-support for the issue of nudity and report to Executive (Rep) Committee. The whole YM is under the guidance of Monthly Meetings.

Dick Ernst indicated that those who felt uncomfortable with the substance of the minute stood aside so that the subject could be discussed and acted upon in the good order of Friends.

Barbara Perry would like to see Friends come together in a large group and, without the pressure of time, to talk about Friends' business procedures in the same warm spirit in which the subject of nude swimming was being discussed.

Peggy Spear will take the issue back to her meeting with the minute of Carla Taylor.

Another Friend wished our Assistant Clerk's remarks to be recorded because they reflected the good order of Friends.

Rep 29 Approved: Monthly Meetings discuss the issue of nude swimming and report to PYM Ministry and Oversight Committee.

Friends General Conference: Larry Perry

Friends General Conference would be interested in exploring a FGC-PYM conference on the West Coast. Several Friends expressed support for such a dialogue.

Rep 30 Approved: Ministry and Oversight Committee of PYM explore the possibility of setting up such an FGC-PYM conference.

Since there was no time for a complete report from Ministry and Oversight to Representative Committee, it was agreed that this business would be taken up at the 1:30 p.m. plenary session.

Meeting closed at 12:45 p.m. after a brief period of silence.

Edwin Sanders, Clerk

Van Ernst, Recording Clerk
Representative Committee