

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

Interim Committee Minutes - August 6, 1958 - Redlands University

PRESENT: William Acord, Connie Berry, Robert Boyd, Richard Broughton, Ruth Brown, Dorothy Bruff, David Bruner, Emily Hahn Burns, Hugh Campbell-Brown, Mary Campbell-Brown, Harold Carson, Jean Cope, Olivia Davis, Edith Dewees, Herbert Foster, Charles Gritzner, Herbert Harris, Virginia Harris, Anna James, William James, Vern James, Julia Jenks, Hazel Johnston, Albert Kramer, Margaret Lorenz, Mildred McAlister, Ferner Nuhn, Betty Jane Peckham, Alice Plympton, Cleo Cox Purdin, James Riddles, Esther Richards, Naomi Ripplin, Gretchen Rudnick, Ed Sanders, Zoe Savage, Ben Seaver, Madge Seaver, Clara Shaw, Stanley Shaw, Margaret Simkin, Robert Simkin, Madeleine Stephenson, Stephen Thiermann, John Ullman, Marjorie Weber, Catherine Bruner, Edwin Morgenroth, Mildred Burck.

The meeting opened at 9:30 with a period of worship during which the clerk read a portion of a letter from Martha Vallance. "He is not very far from every one of us."

- 1) Yearly Meeting Agenda: A suggestion that Friends might disperse on Sunday morning to attend nearby Meetings instead of meeting as a large group was referred to the Committee on Ministry and Oversight. The comment was made that the worship-fellowship groups had helped to strengthen the final meeting at Linfield. Still another suggestion, that the worship be held at an hour earlier than eleven, was not acted upon but held over for next year.
- 2) Worship-Fellowship Groups: It was felt desirable to leave the worship-fellowship groups entirely spontaneous. Members of the groups might act as recorders, in order to compare notes, with the possibility of calling a special meeting where there appears to be a common problem.
- 3) The meeting considered the suggestion that Marjorie Sykes' study paper entitled "Friends and World Religions" (written for the Bad Pymont meeting) be presented to Yearly Meeting. Since it had been read by only a few of those present, the group did not feel in a position to act on the suggestion. John Ullman was asked to convene those Friends who are interested in this subject and wish to discuss it.
- 4) Fun Session: The committee for a fun session following the Saturday evening meeting was named as follows: Bob Boyd, Jim Riddles, Foy Van Dolsen and Dorothy Bruff. The representative from Young Friends is Hal Stallings.
- 5) Epistle Committee: The following were appointed to write this year's epistle: Ed Sanders, Hugh Campbell-Brown, Madge Seaver.
- 6) Announcing Clerk: David Bruner was asked to serve in this capacity.
- 7) Nominating Committee: Alice Plympton was asked to serve at this session in the place of Beulah Thornburg.
- 8) Co-ordinating Committee on Arrangements: The Nominating Committee was asked to appoint an ongoing committee for Yearly Meeting arrangements. This committee is to be made up of three members with three-year terms. It is asked to see that local committees are formed to find a location for Yearly Meeting, take charge of arrangements at Yearly Meeting and arrange the programs for the children. This committee will also see that accumulated experience is recorded and passed on from one arrangement committee to the next. The 1960 arrangements committee is to be appointed by the new committee.
- 9) Registration Fee: The Interim Committee felt that the expenses of Yearly Meeting should be met through the Yearly Meeting budget, rather than by means of a registration fee.

10) Arrangements Committee for Yearly Meeting, 1959: This committee offered three suggestions for a choice: Asilomar at \$6.50 per day per person, College of the Pacific at \$6.00, and La Honda at \$4.15, as compared with \$4.50 charged here at Redlands. A prolonged discussion ensued relative to the rising cost of Yearly Meeting accommodations, particularly for the large family and those on pensions who cannot meet the entire expense. Situations providing camping facilities seem to best suit this need, although those requiring more comfortable accommodations need also to be considered. Since accommodations suitable to the needs of both are not always available, the committee gave much thought to various means of assisting individuals or families without coming to any practical conclusions about how this might be accomplished. It was felt that we should apply the Quaker testimony on simplicity to our Yearly Meeting arrangements and hopefully secure accommodations which permit camping, in close reach of more comfortable quarters for those who need them. The committee was asked to explore and choose the most suitable place in the Santa Cruz mountains, La Honda being one possibility.

11) Young Friends: It was suggested that there be a Young Friends Secretary responsible for the coordination of Young Friends programs throughout the year. Bob Boyd was asked to convene a group of those who have had some experience with Young Friends to consider the functions of a Young Friends Secretary. The new coordinating committee for Yearly Meeting Planning was asked to appoint a couple from the area where Yearly Meeting is held to work with a high school Young Friend and a Junior High Young Friend appointed by these groups to plan the Yearly Meeting program. Three regional Young Friends' correspondents are appointed each year.

Representatives to the Young Friends of North America will be an older high school student and a college student who have been active in the Yearly Meeting. These are appointed by the Nominating Committee with suggestions from the groups.

12) Second Race Relations Conference: This conference will meet at Westtown School on August 29. The Race Relations Conference is supplying \$150 for one delegate and the Finance Committee was authorized to spend another \$150 in order to have two representatives. Charles Gritzner and Red Stephenson were appointed to go.

13) Yearly Meeting Minutes are to be printed or mimeographed separately from the Bulletin. The number printed will be left to the Bulletin and Finance Committees.

14) Handbook for Y.M. Committees: The Discipline Committee was asked to work on developing an expanded discussion of the duties of Yearly Meeting Committees.

15) Singing: There will be singing as a special interest group prior to the evening session in some place other than the meeting room.

16) Bob Boyd will call a meeting of those interested in the relation of Friends to the arts.

17) Fund for Sufferings: It was suggested that there is a need for Yearly Meeting funds, to be loaned to Monthly Meetings to help where the need is greater than the meeting can handle independently. The Ministry & Oversight Committee is asked to explore the idea and the need. The concern was previously presented to the Interim Committee on March 9, 1957.

18) Bad Pyrmont Conference: Jane Baumann will be unable to go. Rega Engelsberg is in Europe at the present time and will be asked to take her place. The Finance Committee is authorized to assist her financially if she needs it and in proportion to the aid given others.

Mildred M. Burck
Secretary