

Interim Committee Meeting

February 28, 1959

1830 Sutter Street
San Francisco, Calif.

The meeting opened at 9:30 a.m. with a period of worship in which Friends spoke of their deep affection for Robert Simkin and of their realization of his contribution to the Society of Friends and the world. "We must become sensitive to our calling."

"For now the practick Part is called for. For the people must not be always Talking and Hearing, but they must come into Obedience to the Great God of Heaven and Earth." (George Fox)

As the names of the Meetings were read, Friends rose and identified themselves. Attached list shows Friends who were present, together with the Meetings represented.

- 1) Ruth Schmoer reported for the Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Oversight that Multnomah and Tacoma Meetings had been visited during the past year.
- 2) Vern James, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of Robert Young, Acting Treasurer. (Copy attached to official report.) Friends accepted the Acting Treasurer's report with thanks to Robert Young for his being so willing to help in an emergency.

The following items were presented for consideration via a letter from Rob't Young:

- a) The question as to whether officers of the Yearly Meeting who handle money should be bonded was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and decision.
 - b) Friends agreed that those who travel to Interim Committee and Yearly Meeting who are paid to attend as representatives or officers, should be covered by liability insurance. The Finance Committee is to decide where the "home office" of the Yearly Meeting is located in order to obtain insurance as indicated.
 - c) Robert Young was asked to prepare a proposal for auditing the Yearly Meeting books. This is to be considered at Yearly Meeting in August. It is hoped that he will indicate what he specifically recommends for our action and what the cost for an audit would be.
 - d) The Finance Committee was authorized to decide which officers are "required" to attend Interim and Yearly Meeting, according to the needs of the agenda, and how the present allowance of 2¢ per mile can be extended for the officers named.
- 3) Friends heard and approved a report by Esther Richards, Friends Bulletin editor. Income of \$1,399.14; expenditures of \$1,200.26; and a balance of \$198.88 was reported. Friends were asked to consider how we can use the Bulletin more effectively.
- 4) The following Friends were named to serve as a Nominating Committee for this session:

Harold Carson, Chairman
Beulah Thornburg
John Ullman
Alice Plympton
William James
Connie Berry

5) Elizabeth Cunningham, Chairman of the 1959 Yearly Meeting Arrangements Committee reported. The YMCA camp in Jones Gulch, La Honda, California, has been engaged for August 21-25 (Friday through Tuesday). Rates are as follows:

Meals and lodging: \$18 per person for the four days (includes insurance).*

Individual meals:

Breakfast	\$.75
Lunch	\$1.00
Dinner	\$1.50

Camping: 50¢ ground fee per person per day (includes insurance).

No charge for children under 5 years if members of full-time participating families.

Friends accepted this report with warm thanks to a diligent and hard-working committee (*The Arrangements Committee raised the rate to \$4.50 to avoid a deficit, we hope.)

6) The Clerk announced that Howard and Anna Brinton had been invited to attend the 1959 Yearly Meeting. Friends endorsed this action of the Clerk and approved the suggestion that the Finance Committee receive contributions to a special fund to help cover expenses for our guests.

7) Walt Raitt reported an increasing interest in the formation of a Southern California Quarterly Meeting and announced a called meeting to be held May 17, 1959 at Orange Grove Meeting to explore the depth of interest in this concern.

8) Gretchen Rudnick, Chairman of the Yearly Meeting Education Committee, reported as follows:

a) An evening session at Yearly Meeting under the care of the Education Committee was requested.

b) It is recommended that the opening session (late Friday afternoon) consist of a general session of singing and worship in which children and adults join as families.

The meeting approved the above recommendations.

9) Friends approved the plan to continue the Worship-Fellowship groups at the 1959 Yearly Meeting. The Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry & Oversight is to be responsible for appointing leaders and scheduling meeting places upon consultation with the Coordinator, Harold Carson.

10) The following committees, so far, are scheduled for reports at Yearly Meeting (either in general sessions or special interest groups).

- a) Yearly Meeting Committee on Peace and Service.
- b) Yearly Meeting Indian Affairs Committee.
- c) Friends Committee on National Legislation.
- d) Friends World Committee
- e) American Friends Service Committee

11) Friends agreed that the Yearly Meeting minutes should be reported in an article in the Bulletin similar to the 1958 report. Minutes in full are to be mimeographed as in 1958.

12) At our morning session Will James reported that he had received a letter from Tayako Yamanouchi, a Japanese Friend, who had been asked to contact Friends in Shanghai. Her letter reported that on Dec. 28, 1958 she received a letter from a member of Shanghai Meeting which said, in part: "We don't attend any more Sunday service since last August because we have no more meeting place... We don't see our old members very much since we don't worship together." Friends expressed the hope that the meeting was merely "dormant" and that a nucleus might remain to restore it

at a later time.

Friends agreed that the Clerk should send a letter of thanks to: Tayeko Yamanouchi, 14 1-Chome, Mita Dai Machi, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan, expressing our thanks to her for sending our greetings and love to those Friends in Shanghai whom she could reach.

13) Floyd Schmoer, Chairman, reported for the Committee on Peace and Service. An all day meeting will be held March 1, 1959 to consider the direction the committee should take. There is a need to clarify the function of this committee since, when it was set up in 1957 it was not considered to be an action committee; yet, the 1958 Yearly Meeting instructed this committee to take certain specific action.

Friends approved increasing the budget allowance for the Committee on Peace and Service from \$25.00 to \$50.00.

14) Friends approved sending a letter in the name of the Yearly Meeting to the President of the United States (copies to the Acting Secretary of State and Elmore Jackson) urging continued efforts at Geneva for agreements to end nuclear testing. The letter is to be drawn up by the Committee on Peace and Service and signed by the Yearly Meeting Clerk. It was also agreed that Monthly Meetings be encouraged to send similar letters and that copies are to be sent to Mexican and Canadian Meetings to endorse if they wish to do so and forward to their own governments.

15) The Clerk read the excellent letter sent by Mexico City Meeting to President Lopez Mateos of Mexico, embodying the substance of the Yearly Meeting letter concerning appointment of a commission to study the conditions of peace and adding their congratulations to the President on Mexico's pacific treatment of Guatemala in the recent troubles.

16) Friends agreed that the Pacific Yearly Meeting Indian Affairs Committee is to be asked to study the problem of the Klamath Falls Indians and make any appropriate recommendations to the AFSC for action. Russell Thornburg, who presented this concern, emphasized the urgency of the problems inherent in the proposed shift from reservation control to "assimilation" within the next two years.

17) John Ullman, who attended the Friends World Committee sessions in Bad PYrmont, told of his experiences at these sessions and also returned his minute from Pacific Yearly Meeting as endorsed by Lewis E. Waddilove, Acting Chairman, Friends World Committee.

18) The Pacific Yearly Meeting Committee on Inter-Yearly Meeting Organizations (Bob Boyd, Chairman; Eubanks Carsner, William James, Ferner Nuhn, Harold Carson) was asked to respond to a letter from the Friends world Committee requesting information regarding our relationship to Christian ecumenical bodies and non-Christian groups. A reply is requested to certain specific factual questions by 2-15-60.

19) Friends accepted Harold Carson's resignation from the Inter-Yearly Meeting Organizations Committee. The Nominating Committee is to name a replacement.

20) Ferner Nuhn reported on sessions in Richmond, Indiana, of the New Meetings Committee of the Friends World Committee. Thirty Meetings and 90 worship groups are now under the care of the New Meetings Committee (formerly Fellowship Council). It is hoped that these new Meetings on the "growing edge" of Quakerism can find a Yearly Meeting affiliation.

21) Friends were reminded that Leadership Grants for study and travel are available to those who show promise of leadership in their Monthly Meetings. Applications for this year are to reach James Walker by April 1, 1959.

22) Friends agreed to ask Stanley Shaw to be our representative at the Third Annual National Church Peace Mission Conference, Evanston, Illinois, April 20-23, 1959. It was agreed to contribute to his expenses and share with the Fellowship of Reconciliation according to Stanley Shaw's judgment in this matter.

23) A letter from Edmund Goerke, Jr., member of the Prison Committee, New York Yearly Meeting, asked us to join New York Yearly Meeting and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting in a request to the Friends World Committee to sponsor a conference on Crime and Delinquency. In the discussion of this concern Friends agreed with Edmund Goerke that such a conference might do better to limit its consideration to the "treatment of the offender."

The meeting expressed a deep interest in the problem of crime and delinquency but felt that distance and local commitments prevented us from fully participating in a national conference at this time.

24) Charles Coe presented a concern that Meetings develop a calendar coordinating concerns and services of all religious organizations in a given community. This suggestion was referred to the Monthly Meetings.

25) Harold Carson, Chairman, presented the following report for the Nominating Committee:

a) Representatives to the Young Friends Conference, Junction City, Kansas, August 22-29, 1959: Connie Barry; Jane Wells; Darryl Davis; George Millikan.

The meeting approved these Young Friends as our representatives and recommended that the \$750 budgeted for travel and expenses be administered by Connie Barry and budgeted as needed.

b) Committee for Young Friends program at Yearly Meeting:

ADULT MEMBERS: Chester Spurrier }
Eugenia Sorenson } Coordinators

Hal Stallings)
Jane Stallings) High School

John Way)
Emily Burns) Junior High School

YOUNG FRIENDS MEMBERS:

Connie Berry)
Darryl Davis)
George Millikan)
Jeff Gritzner) College

Nedra Winans)
Jim Baldrige)
Stephen Young)
Steven Schaffran)
Jean Prideaux)
Melody James) Senior High School

Bill Bruff)
Nancy Pinney)
Adele Polifroni)
Edith Barton)
Nina Dodd) Junior High School

Friends approved these recommendations from the Nominating Committee.

c) Robert Young was asked to continue as Acting Treasurer until the Nominating Committee can make another appointment to this office.

26) Olivia Davis, Chairman of Ministry and Oversight, presented the following recommendations for membership on the Nominating Committee for 1959-60: Harold Carson, Asenath Young, Mildred Burck.

Harold Carson asked to be excused because of his duties as Coordinator for the Yearly Meeting sessions. Friends accepted his decision with regret and profound gratitude for his services during the last two years. Lois Bailey was recommended as an alternate.

The meeting approved the report of the committee. The composition of the Nominating Committee for 1959-60 now stands as follows:

Richard Broughton, Chairman	(1 year)	
Cleo Purdin	(1 year)	Completing terms from
Madeleine Stevenson	(1 year)	previous appointment.
Lois Bailey	(2 years)	
Mildred Burck	(2 years)	
Asenath Young	(2 years)	

Monthly Meeting concerns were presented as follows:

27) From San Fernando Meeting came the question: How can we finance a meeting house? This question was referred to the Meeting House Fund Committee, Ellis Jump, Chairman.

28) Esther Richards reported for Multnomah Meeting that the status of a "sojourning member" in their Meeting has been established. A Friend bringing a sojourning minute from another Meeting will be accepted into full membership as a sojourner until such time as he returns to his original Meeting.

29) Virgil Moore, Multnomah Meeting, reported that their Meeting has studied the problems arising from a request that the Meeting act as guardians for children of members in case of death of the member or members. After obtaining legal counsel their Meeting has agreed to accept responsibility to recommend a suitable guardian to the court only if the will of the member specifically requests such action.

Friends asked the Discipline Committee to consider including a statement in regard to this problem in the Advices.

30) Ferner Nuhn, Claremont Meeting, raised the question of appropriate forms for recording Quaker marriages. A new bill in the California legislature (SB #588) should be examined as to whether it affects Quaker marriage procedures. The Clerk is to ask Coleman Blease, Friends Committee on Legislation, for advice as to the need for more recognition of our practice than now exists.

31) Walt Raitt, Orange Grove, reported that information is available on the Friends Retirement Home in Southern California which has been incorporated.

32) Gretchen Rudnick appealed to Friends to write articles and send in material for publication in the Yearly Meeting Education Committee Bulletin. She asked: Should the Yearly Meeting Education Bulletin be combined with the Friends Bulletin? Should there be a page for Young Friends?

33) It was recommended that all representatives to Yearly Meeting in 1959 be encouraged to read Howard Brinton's REACHING DECISIONS, Pendle Hill Pamphlet #65.

After a period of worship the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. to meet at La Honda, California on the morning of August 21, 1959.

Edwin C. Morgenroth, Recording Clerk
Catherine Bruner, Clerk

LIST OF ATTENDEES

ALBUQUERQUE:

Marian B. Hoge

ARGENTIA:

Ruth Boyd

BERKELEY:

William C. James

Anna James (Y.M. Arrangements)

Elizabeth Cunningham (Arrangements)

Clarence Cunningham (Min & Oversight)

CLAREMONT:

Bill Accord

Ferner Wahn (Chairman, Discipline)

COLLEGE PARK (San Jose): Not represented

DELTA:

Naomi Rippin

Olin Tillotson

Catherine Bruner (Clerk)

EUGENE:

Lucille Byerly

Olin Byerly

HONOLULU: Not represented

LA JOLLA:

John Ullman

Stephanie Ullman

Jim Riddles (Education)

Gretchen Rudnick (Chairman, Education)

Olivia Davis (Chairman, Min. & O.)

LOS ANGELES:

Margaret T. Simkin

MEXICO CITY: Not represented

MONTEREY PENINSULA

Clarence E. Fawcett

ORANGE GROVE:

Mary Raitt

Walt Raitt

Amy Howell

Eswin Morgenroth (Recording Clerk)

PALO ALTO:

Marjorie Weber

Patricia Stewart (Min. & Oversight)

Phillip Wells (Bulletin)

Vern James (Finance)

PHOENIX:

Edith L. Dewees

Catharine (Kay) Newton

RIVERSIDE-REDLANDS

Eubanks Carsner (Min. & Oversight)

Alma Brown (Wash. D.C. Meeting)

SALT LAKE CITY:

Emily E. Burns

SAN FERNANDO:

Ralph M. Rutledge

Ruth L. Rutledge

SAN FRANCISCO:

Caroline Estes

Virginia B. Harris

Madge Seaver (Chairman, Bulletin)

SANTA FE: Not represented

SANTA MONICA:

Connie Berry

SHANGHAI: Not represented.

TUCSON:

Florence S. Fawcett

Clifford J. Fawcett

UNIVERSITY (Seattle):

Charles E. Coe

Margarete Coe (Bulletin)

Alura Dodel

Floyd Schmoe (Chairman, Peace & Service)

Ruth Schmoe (Min. & Oversight)

VANCOUVER: Not represented

VICTORIA: Not represented

WHITLEAF:

Egbert M. Hayes

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Alice Plympton

Beulah M. Thornburg

Russell Thornburg

EASTSIDE PREPARATIVE (Seattle)

Harold Carson (Nominating, Arrangements)

MULTNOMAH (Portland)

Virgil Moore

Esther Richards

TACOMA:

Clara J. Shaw (Min. & Oversight)

SACRAMENTO PREPARATIVE:

Margaret Brooks

SAN LUIS OBISPO:

Walter R. Chaffee

John Accord