

Pacific Yearly Meeting

INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING

August 21, 1959

Jones Gulch, La Honda, California

The meeting opened at 10:10 a.m. with a period of worship in which we were reminded that our purpose was to follow the will of God and our clerk reminded us of our role as the "buoyant element."

A letter from Peter Gulbrandson was read in which he expressed the hope that as we move into the sixties we find courage, hope, and deeper love for one another and all mankind.

We were saddened by the report of the death of Robert Dann, August 18, 1959. The clerk referred to a recent letter received from him in which the phrase "affairs are in good hands" appeared.

As the names of Meetings were read, Friends rose and identified themselves. Attached list shows Friends who were present either as appointed members or attenders.

Robert Young, acting Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report (copy attached to official report.)

Friends approved sending \$100 from the 1958-59 budget to the U.N. work of the Friends World Committee.

Friends approved an increase in the 1958-59 budget of the Peace and Service Committee from \$50 to \$85.97.

The meeting approved the Treasurer's report, with appreciation to Robert Young for his acceptance of this responsibility as acting Treasurer due to the death of our beloved Friend, Robert Simkin.

The Nominating Committee was asked to increase its membership as needed at this Yearly Meeting session. The following Friends will serve:

Richard Broughton, Chairman
Madelino Stephenson
Madge Seavers
Asenath Young
William James
Stephen Young (for Young Friends)

The meeting encouraged Monthly Meetings to communicate with the Nominating Committee before the yearly meeting as to suggestions for appointments for the coming year.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee was instructed to write to the clerk of each Monthly Meeting, requesting suggestions of names of Friends who might be named to serve the Yearly Meeting. The use of specific forms was recommended.

It was agreed that the chairman of the Nominating Committee and the members be named by the August Interim Committee.

Young Friends were present and proposed the following items, all of which were approved by the Interim Committee:

- (1) The budget item for Young Friends is to be set at \$150.00.
- (2) A Young Friends chairman is to be appointed by the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee to function through the local arrangements committee for each Yearly Meeting session. Adult advisor (or advisors) are to be appointed by the local arrangements committee and work with this group.
- (3) A Committee of Correspondence is to be set up by Young Friends with a regional representation if possible. Meetings to be held at the same time as Interim Committee, if possible.
- (4) It is recommended that Young Friends begin to function through Quarterly or Half-Yearly Meetings.

The meeting approved Bill Acord's appointment as a representative to the Young Friends Conference in Kansas this summer.

The meeting instructed the Nominating Committee to name a Young Friend (college age) as a representative to Young Friends of North America to serve through their 1961 conference.

The Finance Committee was asked to consider a budget item for the Young Friends of North America.

At the request of the Interim Committee, the Committee on Ministry and Oversight appointed William and Anna James as a committee of oversight for the San Luis Obispo Meeting, looking forward to their request in one year to be recognized as an established monthly meeting of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

The Epistle Committee was approved as follows:

Hugh Campbell Brown, Chairman
Margaret Simkin
Phillip Wells

California meetings were referred to the California Civil Code, Section 79A, in reference to problems arising in the legal recording of marriages.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 to reconvene at 1:15 p.m.

The Interim Committee approved accepting the invitation of the Five Years Meeting of Friends to send a fraternal representative to the meeting at Earlham College, July 14-21, 1960.

The Finance Committee was instructed to budget an appropriate amount, also keeping in mind the General Conference Meeting in 1960.

The meeting considered a concern presented by the Claremont Monthly Meeting in regard to the Conference on Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, called by the Friends World Committee at Camp Miami, Germantown, Ohio, November 12-15, 1959. Pacific Yearly Meeting is invited to send two representatives. This concern is to be brought before the Yearly Meeting session at the time of the Friends World Committee Report, Monday morning at 10:30.

The revised agenda for the 1959 Yearly Meeting was approved. (Copy is attached to official record).

A letter from Stanley Shaw, Tacoma Monthly Meeting, and a concern from College Park Monthly Meeting referring to the implementation of our peace testimony were referred to the Peace and Service Committee to be incorporated in their report to the Yearly Meeting Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Orange Grove Monthly Meeting presented a concern regarding the World Refugee Year. Elinor Ashkenazy was requested to prepare a letter endorsing this concern and to present it during the Friends World Committee report Monday morning at 10:30.

La Jolla Monthly Meeting presented a minute from Seventh Month 26, 1958, in which the following questions were presented for consideration:

What is the relation of the individual Meeting to Pacific Yearly Meeting?

What holds the Society of Friends together?

Are there any standards that Pacific Yearly Meeting may set, such as the required reading of the Queries?

Does Pacific Yearly Meeting have the same relation to its Monthly Meetings as the Monthly Meeting has to its membership; does Pacific Yearly Meeting have any responsibility for the conduct of its members?

What is the purpose of the Discipline?

These questions are to be duplicated and circulated to the Yearly Meeting session for consideration at the last Yearly Meeting session on Tuesday.

At the request of the Committee on Ministry and Oversight, the question of the function of the Committee on Visitation was considered. It was agreed that these two committees would continue as separate committees (as they now are) and attempt to develop better communication between them.

Friends were encouraged to follow the practice of reporting to the proper person or persons (the appropriate chairman and/or treasurer) an accurate record of Yearly Meeting visitation expenditures whether these expenses are met personally or by the Meeting. This procedure will give us an accurate and honest picture of our expenditures. By following this recommendation individuals will continue to be selected because of the service they can perform. The Interim Committee approved this plan to be presented to the Yearly Meeting for action.

The Interim Committee approved of the recommendation that Yearly Meeting Visiting Friends carry travel minutes signed by the Chairman of the Visitation Committee or the Chairman of Ministry and Oversight.

The report of the Meeting House Fund Committee, prepared by the chairman, Ellis Jump, will be printed in the Bulletin. The Finance Committee and the Meeting House Fund Committee were instructed to explore the problem of the incorporation of the Yearly Meeting and report to the next Interim Committee meeting.

The Interim Committee approved the continuation of our practice of reporting Yearly Meeting business in an article in the Bulletin and mimeographing the full minutes for distribution to Monthly Meetings Friends Libraries, other Yearly Meetings and those individuals who wish their own copies.

Harold Carson, chairman of the Arrangements Committee, reported on two possible locations being considered for the 1960 Meeting. Friends were asked to consider these proposals (the College at McMinnville, Oregon or Seabeck near Seattle, Washington) and communicate their preferences to the chairman. If the Interim Committee does not meet again during this session, the final decision is to be made by the Arrangements Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

August 24, 1959 (Continuation of August 21 session)

Richard Broughton, chairman, reported for the Nominating Committee. It was recommended that, because of the increasing amount of Yearly Meeting business, the Alternate Clerk's duties be extended to include presiding over the Interim Committee. Interim Committee approved.

To correct an error in the printed discipline, Friends were reminded that the term Committee on Worship and Ministry is to be changed to Ministry and Oversight.

It was recommended that the FWC (Pacific Rim) be laid down. Interim Committee approved.

It was agreed that the Discipline Committee be instructed to study the problem of time of appointment of the chairman and members of the Nominating Committee. The length of the term of office is also to be reconsidered. The Discipline Committee is to report on this matter at the 1960 Fall Interim Committee.

The following Friends were named to continue on the Nominating Committee until the date indicated:

William James, Chairman and member (Spring 1960)
 Madeleine Stephenson (Spring 1960)
 Cleo Cox (Spring 1960)
 Lois Bailey (1961)
 Madge Seaver (1961)
 Asenath Young (1961)

It was agreed that consideration should be given to the publication of Howard Brinton's Lecture before the Yearly Meeting, August 23, 1958. The Spring Interim Committee is to consider this.

A special interest group, Ferner Nuhn, chairman, recommended that the Yearly Meeting continue the Committee on Inter-Yearly Meeting Relationships and to ask it to extend its activity to include an exploration of our relationship to the Christian Ecumenical Movement. Interim Committee approved this recommendation and referred it to the Yearly Meeting session for approval.

Ben Seaver presented a plan to establish support for a "Friend in Washington" to give particular attention to legislation on the crucial issue of world peace. The Committee agreed that Ben Seaver should be asked to present this plan to the Yearly Meeting session.

Floyd Schmoer reported on a concern to request the AFSC to continue to explore the possibility of calling a meeting "at the summit" of moral and religious leaders in the world. The Interim Committee approved presentation of this concern to the Yearly Meeting session.

The Peace and Service Committee presented the following minute:

We recommend that the Committee on Peace and Service of Pacific Yearly Meeting be known as the Peace Committee and that a separate Committee on the Social Order be formed as growing concerns in this area demand it.

The Interim Committee approved this minute and recommended that it be presented to the Yearly Meeting session.

The Interim Committee received a Claremont Monthly Meeting concern regarding an invitation to send representatives to a Conference on Crime and Treatment of the Offender called by the FWC at Camp Miami, Germantown, Ohio, November 1959. Because the Yearly Meeting has no committee to which representatives would report at this time, it was agreed that we recommend writing a letter to the FWC endorsing the conference, but not naming a representative. This decision and the concern are to be presented to the Yearly Meeting session.

It was agreed that a telegram from the Yearly Meeting to President Eisenhower, commending him for his announced decision to continue the ban on nuclear tests, be prepared and presented to Yearly Meeting for approval.

A press release reporting activities of this Yearly Meeting was read and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35.

Edwin C. Morgenroth
Recording Clerk

Catherine Bruner, Clerk

LIST OF ATTENDERS

*indicates appointed member

ALBUQUERQUE

*Marian B. Hoge

ARGENTA

no representative

BERKELEY

Elizabeth Cunningham

Mary Davenport

*William C. James

*Madeleine Stephenson

CLAREMONT

Leonard Dart

David Griggs

*Ferner Nuhn

Roger Williams Perkins

COLLEGE PARK (San Jose)

Chester Spurrier

*Eleanor Foster

DELTA

Catherine Bruner

Naomi Rippin

*Olin L. Tillotson

EUGENE

Anna Alexander

*Albert D. Leinbach

HONOLULU

no representative

LA JOLLA

Olivia Davis

*James Riddles

*Stephanie Ullmann

John Ullmann

LOS ANGELES

*Margaret T. Simkin

MEXICO CITY

*Jorge Hernandez M.

MONTEREY PENINSULA

no representative

ORANGE GROVE

Elinor Ashkenazy

Edwin Morgenroth

Dorothy Pinney

*Nancy Pinney

*Mary Raitt

ORANGE GROVE (cont'd)

Ronnie Raitt

*Walt Raitt

Hal Stallings

Robert T. Young

Steve Young

PALO ALTO

*Eugenia Sorenson

Patricia R. Stewart

*Pauline Straka

Phillip H. Wells

PHOENIX

*Edith L. Dewees

*James E. Dewees

Miriam Dewees

Paula Hurn

RIVERSIDE-REDLANDS

*Eubanks Carsner

SALT LAKE CITY

D. M. Burns

*Emily H. Burns

SAN FERNANDO

Esther Morgan

Kenneth Morgan

SAN FRANCISCO

*Caroline Estes

James Estes

*Virginia B. Harris

Madge T. Seaver

SANTA FE

*Jane H. Baumann

SANTA MONICA

no representative

SHANGHAI

no representative

TUCSON

Julia Jenks

UNIVERSITY (SEATTLE)

Benjamin Darling

*Alura Dodd

Nina Dodd

*Floyd Schmoee

VANCOUVER

*Hugh Campbell-Brown
*Margaret Lorenz

VICTORIA

*Richard Broughton

WHITLEAF

*Egbert M. Hayes
*Katheryn Hayes

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Clifford E. Maser
*Margaret Oettinger
Jean Prideaux

EASTSIDE PREPARATIVE (Seattle)

Harold Carson
Melody James

MULTNOMAH (Portland)

Ellis Jump
*Margaret Jump
*Virgil Moore
Esther Richards

TACOMA

*Clara J. Shaw

SACRAMENTO PREPARATIVE

Ronald Chinn

SAN LUIS OBISPO

*Charity Chaffee

FRESNO

Charles W. Davis