

Pacific Yearly Meeting

INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING

March 25 and 26, 1961

Palo Alto Friends Meeting House

Palo Alto, California

1. The Meeting opened with a period of silent worship.
2. The name of each Monthly Meeting was called, at which time Friends rose in turn and announced their names and their duties in the Monthly and Yearly Meeting. Letters were read from those unable to attend. (Attached to the official minutes, are the names and addresses of those attending.)
3. It was approved that proposed alterations in structure, function, title, etc., of Interim Committee, Quarterly Meetings, and related committees, will, following a brief general discussion at this time, be referred to a special committee composed of the Discipline Committee, the Clerks of the Quarterly Meetings, past Clerks of the Yearly Meeting and any others later appointed by the Clerk.
4. It was approved that the four clerks of the Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings constitute a committee to recommend four new members of the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee.
5. James Dewees reported on plans for the 1961 Yearly Meeting. (A revision of the Yearly Meeting financial arrangements will be included in the finance report to be given later in the session.)
6. David Bruner, reporting for the Special Committee of Clerks of Half Yearly and Quarterly Meetings, recommended the following as members of the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee:
  - To expire 1964
  - E. Kellogg Peckham (Orange Grove Meeting)  
(Alternate: Etta Vogel (Orange Grove Meeting)
  - Ben Seavor (San Francisco Meeting)  
(Alternate: Anna Turner (Vancouver Meeting)
  - Hazel Johnson Legg (Vancouver Meeting)  
(Alternate: Richard Broughton (Victoria Meeting)
  
  - To expire 1963 (replacing Patricia Stewart, Palo Alto Meeting)
  - Margaret Sinkin (Los Angeles Meeting)  
(Alternate: Eubanks Carsner, Riverside-Rodlands Meeting)
  
  - Alternate for Charles Ludwig (University Meeting) is  
Liz Elkinton (Tacoma Meeting.)
7. Harriett Schaffran reported for the Peace Committee. She described the plan for a Friends to reside in the Orient for a year or two. She asked that Monthly Meetings and Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings consider this proposal before the time of Yearly Meeting and come prepared to make a decision at that time. Financial support for this proposal is to be considered a part of our approval of this project if Yearly Meeting so decides. Friends approved of this procedure. One Friend pointed out the importance of separating our basic budget from our funds for special concerns, which perhaps should be on a pledge basis from individuals or from Monthly Meetings. The Peace Committee agreed that this would be a desirable procedure.

8. Herbert Jones reported for the Committee on Incorporation of the Yearly Meeting. He recommended that the Yearly Meeting incorporate as a holding corporation in either San Francisco or Los Angeles County. He recommended seven trustees. There was considerable discussion on this matter and as unity was not reached, it was laid over until the evening meeting. The question of whether we should be organized for purposes of incorporation as a federation of Monthly Meetings or as a corporation of individual members of the Society of Friends was considered to be a matter placed in the by-laws.
9. Russell W. Thornburg presented a concern of the Willamette Valley Monthly Meeting and the Portland AFSC Indian Affairs Committee regarding the problems arising out of the program of Termination and the manner in which this program is being handled by the government. It was proposed that Emmett Gulley (AFSC Staff member) and a panel be asked to present this situation before the 1961 Yearly Meeting. Friends approved putting this item on the Yearly Meeting agenda. It was pointed out that recommendations for action to the Yearly Meeting should rightly come through the Yearly Meeting Committee on Indian Affairs.
10. A communication from Tucson Monthly Meeting noting their acceptance in California Yearly Meeting was read. Friends expressed a hope that they would find their new affiliation satisfactory and rewarding.
11. Franklin Zahn reported for the Social Order Committee. He spoke briefly on the purpose of his Committee (all social concerns but Peace and Indians) and then gave an account of the activities to date: Twenty five Meetings have reported to this Committee regarding a variety of concerns, such as: The Kenya Work Camp; the House Unamerican Activities Committee; Bay Area Student Defense Fund. No action was required on these items. Friends expressed appreciation for the report.
12. Olivia Davis reported for the Committee on Ministry and Oversight:
  - a. It was recommended that Monthly Meeting reports on the State of the Society be directed to the Clerks of Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings and that the latter prepare written reports to be presented at Yearly Meeting. Monthly Meetings not in a Quarterly or Half-Yearly Meeting area might combine their reports before or at Yearly Meeting at the call of the Yearly Meeting Clerk. (i.e. Arizona and New Mexico Monthly Meetings could well present a combined report.) Interim Committee strongly urges that this recommendation be followed. \*\*\* See page 8 for instructions
  - b. Ministry and Oversight is preparing a statement on the Function of Clerk which will be sent to the Discipline Committee for consideration.
  - c. Ministry and Oversight is giving consideration to recommendations regarding problems growing out of relationships between two individuals within a Monthly Meeting; and problems relating to procedures in laying down a meeting.
  - d. The question of consolidating the Committee on Ministry and Oversight and the Visitation Committee was considered. The Interim Committee approved the continued combination of the two committees by holding joint meetings and referred the matter for final action to the 1961 Yearly Meeting.
  - e. Several concerns have been presented to the Yearly Meeting for consideration at the 1961 sessions. (Eubanks Carsner, "Friends and the Bible"; Gretchen Rudnick, "How Friends Care for One Another"; Elinor Ashkenazy, "What responsibilities do Friends have to help give birth to a new Spiritual Age if its time has come?" and "How can Friends be faithful to their spiritual heritage and find a proper response to Communism and to the hysteria surrounding anti-Communism?")

The Committee on Ministry and Oversight was instructed to gather background material on these concerns and circulate it in advance of Yearly Meeting as preparation for the Worship-Fellowship groups. The Bulletin is recommended as a means to do this. Interim Committee also approved of the proposal that special interest groups could be formed around these concerns if Friends in attendance at Yearly Meeting do desired.

However, the Worship-Fellowship groups at Yearly Meeting are to remain unprogrammed with assignment at the time of registration upon arrival at Yearly Meeting, following procedures developed in previous sessions, the leaders will not be listed.

13. Ellis Jump reported for the Finance Committee.
- a. The Treasurer's Interim Report was circulated. It was pointed out that 30% of the budgeted amount has been received to date. At the time of this report, eighteen Meetings have sent no contributions to the Treasurer. It was approved by the Interim Committee that we establish a procedure of reminding Clerks of Monthly Meetings that one-half of the Monthly Meetings contribution to the Yearly Meeting should rightly reach the Yearly Meeting Treasurer by January 1st of each year and that the balance reach him (hopefully!) by June 1st.
  - b. Friends were reminded that the Yearly Meeting will have to come to terms with problems arising out of competition between items on an "action" or program budget and items having to do with the normal "operating" business of the Meeting.
  - c. The Bulletin finances are in good shape. Local Meetings are reminded that the Yearly Meeting general budget can be greatly assisted by increasing the number of individual subscriptions within a Monthly Meeting.
  - d. The Interim Committee authorized the continuation of deposit of funds in Pasadena Main Office, Security First National Bank, and revoked the authorization of Catherine Bruner to endorse payments or draw payments from such account, and established signatories for such draw purposes, namely: Harold Carson, Clerk and Robert T. Young, Treasurer or either of them acting alone.
  - e. The Interim Committee authorized the continuation of deposit of funds at the San Marino Branch of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of South Pasadena, and revoked the authorization of Catherine Bruner to endorse payments or draw payments from such account, and established signatories for such purposes, namely: Harold Carson, Clerk, and Robert T. Young, Treasurer, or either of them acting alone.
  - f. Young Friends were commended for their successful fundraising activities to carry out their projects of visitation.
14. It was reported that Ed Sanders (Orange Grove Meeting) and Robert Lyons (New England Yearly Meeting) have been invited to attend Cuba Yearly Meeting. Ed Sanders will carry a travel minute from the Pacific Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight Committee. The Interim Committee concurred with the recommendation that \$50.00 be allocated to the funds being collected for this visitation. Peace Committee \$25.00, Ministry and Oversight \$25.00.

The Interim Committee requested the Clerk to prepare a letter of greeting to Cuba Yearly Meeting to be sent with Ed Sanders.

(The Meeting adjourned for dinner served in the Student Union at Stanford University.)

15. The Meeting discussed the problem of financing the travel of three Friends to the Friends World Committee meeting in Kenya this year. The 1960 Yearly Meeting appointed the following Friends to represent Pacific Yearly Meeting at the Kenya Committee Meeting in the order of listing as follows:

Floyd Schmoer (University Meeting)

Ferner Nuhn (Claremont)

Gretchen Tuthill (La Jolla)

After careful consideration the Interim Committee reaffirmed the 1960 Yearly Meeting minute authorizing the underwriting of the expenses of the first named Friend to the extent of \$1400 as budgeted for the past three years.

The Finance Committee was authorized to solicit funds outside of the budget to assist in the travel expenses of the second named representative.

It was recommended that the representatives attending the Kenya Meeting report to the Yearly Meeting via the Bulletin and that they make themselves available to Monthly and/or Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings for personal visits.

16. The Meeting heard many carefully prepared plans for the 1961 Yearly Meeting from the Young Friends Interim Committee and approved their report which continues to indicate their ability to work creatively with their adult advisers and the Interim Committee of the Yearly Meeting.

The Nominating Committee was asked to name a person or persons to convene a college-age group at the Yearly Meeting sessions if there is a request for such action.

The Meeting heard a request from Young Friends for additional funds for scholarships for the house-parents for the Senior High School group at Yearly Meeting. This matter was referred for decision to the Arrangements and the Finance Committees.

James Riddles presented the following report for the Nominating Committee:  
Young Friends Advisers

High School: 1962 Hal Stallings (Alt. Bruce Ergood)  
1963 Vanita Meyer (Sacramento)  
(Alt. Mary Jorgenson, Berkeley)

Junior High: 1962 Ruane Scott (Tacoma)  
(Alt. Clara Hurn, Phoenix)  
1963 Howard Scott (Tacoma)  
(Alt. Ed Sanders, Orange Grove)

These recommendations were approved by the Interim Committee and by the Young Friends Interim Committee.

17. Friends heard a concluding report from the Peace Committee, Harriett Schaffran, chairman.

Jim Harker from the staff of the Friends Committee on National Legislation reported on the Friend in Washington project, expressing the appreciation of the Washington office for the services of Stuart Innerst. The action of Pacific Yearly Meeting in establishing funds for this purpose has precipitated the interest and support of eight other yearly meetings.

The Peace Committee recommended that \$4000.00 be raised outside of the budget for the 1961-62 Friend in Washington project. Under this plan the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting would be authorized to collect and transmit funds for this purpose. Decision on this matter was postponed until the August 1961 Interim Committee with the recommendation that Monthly Meetings consider this project and come prepared to pledge an exact amount at the August Meeting.

The Finance Committee was instructed to collect and transmit to Monthly Meetings information on tax-exemptions for contributions to the Yearly Meeting for the Friend in Washington project. This information is to reach Monthly Meetings in time to assist them in coming to decisions about their support of the project.

A Friends Coordinating Committee on Peace has been formed and the Interim Committee approved the Yearly Meeting Peace Committee joining the over-all Friends committee.

The Meeting heard the following statement from the Peace Committee: Friends are not in accord in the precise manner of witnessing for Peace. Each one must act as way opens. We encourage Friends to pursue this matter in their Monthly Meetings. We hope that time will be made available to consider this further at Yearly Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P. M. to re-convene Sunday Morning, March 25, 1961 at 8:30 A. M.

6 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

18. The Meeting was informed that the Friends Retirement Association is now under the care of Orange Grove Meeting.
19. Ruth Schmoo sent a written report from the Committee to Oversee the new Calgary Monthly Meeting (Edmonton Preparative Meeting). Friends expressed appreciation for the organization and careful preparation of the report. It was suggested that it might well be used as a pattern for reports of this nature.
20. Northwest Half Yearly Meeting reported with pleasure that Eastside Monthly Meeting has been accepted as an established meeting. Friends approved sending this report forward for acceptance by the Yearly Meeting.
21. The Clerk was asked to name a committee to study problems arising from (dual) membership in two Yearly Meetings.
22. The Program for the 1961 Yearly Meeting was discussed:
  - I. The General Sessions
    1. Peace Concerns: a full session is to be set aside with a request to the Peace Committee to plan carefully and remain within the time limit. Some concern was expressed for a balanced presentation taking in to account the minute 1960-27.
    2. Social Order concerns
    3. Indian Affairs (Willamette Valley Meeting concern)  
(panel discussion- Emmott Gulloy)
    4. Reports from FCNL; FWC; AFSC; Canadian S.C.; Mexico S.C..  
(Some concern was expressed that AFSC reports encourage a consideration of basic problems such as the relationship of the Service Committee to the Yearly Meeting and to the Monthly Meetings; rather than an accounting of projects and work undertaken.)

5. Young Friends
  6. Reports on the State of the Society
  7. Finance and Budget (with a consideration of the problem of financing projects.)
  8. Ed Sanders on Cuba Yearly Meeting
  9. Ministry and Oversight and Visitation Committee Report.
- II. Special Interest Groups to be scheduled as requested:
1. "How do Friends Care for each other?"--Gretchen Rudnik
  - 2.
- III. For Information and Announcement
1. Friends Retirement Association
  - 2.
- IV. "Business" Items
1. Incorporation
  2. Policy and Procedure Study Committee (Structure and Function)

The Interim Committee approved of the following policy regarding Standing Committee reports to the Yearly Meetings:

1. Reports are to be written and only action items are to be brought to the floor of the Yearly Meeting after having been presented to Interim Committee before the Yearly Meeting sessions.
2. Reports to be prepared in advance of Yearly Meeting and either mimeographed for circulation or printed in the Bulletin.

23. The Incorporation Study Committee's report was given further consideration.

It was agreed that the Study Committee be instructed to prepare a carefully drawn letter to the Monthly Meetings describing what incorporation will and will not do...why it is considered desirable or undesirable. This letter is to ask for guidance from the Monthly Meetings. Representatives should come to Yearly Meeting prepared to make a decision on the floor of the Yearly Meeting. It is clear that this is a Yearly Meeting decision and is not to be accomplished by "ratification" by Monthly Meetings.

The Interim Committee re-confirmed the 1960-22 Minute and accepted the "presumption" that we are moving toward incorporation.

24. Catherine Bruner reported on the following items for the Discipline Committee:
1. The function of the Interim Committee: Should an Executive Committee be established? Should the Interim Committee be reduced in size?
  2. The Structure of Committees: Should Ministry and Oversight become Ministry and Worship? What is the proper relationship between Monthly Meeting, Quarterly Meeting, Half-Yearly Meeting and Yearly Meeting Committees? Do we need a re-statement of the purpose of each standing committee?
  3. Procedure for considering concerns: How can our big general sessions at Yearly Meeting remain open, creative and at the same time give consideration to "seasoned" concerns that have weathered the consideration and prayers of Monthly Meetings, Quarterly and Half-Yearly Meetings before being presented to the entire Yearly Meeting at a general session?

The Clerk was instructed to appoint five Friends to a Policy and Procedure Study Committee to report to the August 1961 Interim Committee on the problems raised above.

Those appointed by the Clerk are as follows:

- Ed Morgenroth (
- Catherine Bruner (Delta)
- Margaret Jump (Multnomah)
- Walt Raitt (Orange Grove)
- Ruth Schmoo (University)

25. The Clerk expressed our appreciation to Palo Alto Friends for providing for our comfort during these sessions extending from informal talks on Friday evening through the last business session on Sunday Morning.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

- Harold Carson, Clerk
- James Dewees, Alternate Clerk
- Gretchen Rudnick, acting Recording Clerk
- Edwin C. Morgenroth, Recording Clerk
- David Bruner, Reading Clerk

Attendees at Interim Committee, March 1961

- Brink, Virginia
- Bruner, David and Catherine
- Burck, Mildred
- Burns, Emily
- Carsner, Eubanks
- Chaffee, Walter and Charity
- Cooper, Charles and Edris
- Davis, Olivia
- Dewees, Jim and Edith
- Dodd, Alura
- Estes, Caroline
- Foster, Eleanor
- Hewitt, Eloise
- James, Anna
- James, Vern
- Jones, Herbert
- Jump, Ellis
- Kramer, Marion
- Lohmann, Jeanne
- McAlister, Mildred
- Morgenroth, Ed
- Nuhn, Ferner
- Raitt, Walt
- Richards, Esther
- Riddles, James and Marge
- Rippin, Naomi
- Rudnick, Gretchen
- Salyer, John
- Schaffran, Harriet
- Schmoe, Floyd and Ruth
- Schooler, Ruth
- Scott, Emma
- Shaw, Stanley and Clara
- Simkin, Margaret



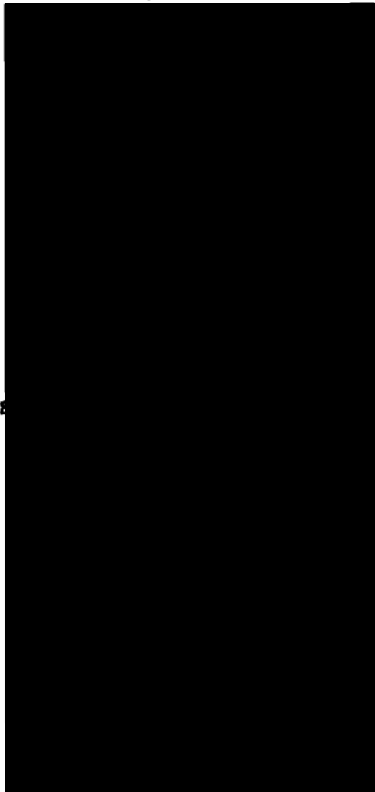
- o, Calif.
- ockton, Calif.
- lis, Oregon
- ko City 16, Utah
- rside, Calif.
- Obispo, Calif.
- ta Barbara, Calif.
- n Grove, Calif.
- Phoenix, Ariz.
- tt, Wash.
- n Francisco, Calif.
- Cruz, Calif.
- dona, Calif.
- Alto, Calif.
- se, Calif.
- land 12, Ore.
- ity, Calif.
- ncisco 18, Calif.
- e City 3, Utah
- el Mar, Calif.
- Calif.
- , Calif.
- d, Ore.
- n, Calif.
- alif.
- la, Calif.
- Ariz.
- ito, Calif.
- e 55, Wash.
- to, Calif.
- l, Calif.
- acoma 7, Wash.
- Angeles 43, Calif.

Attendees (continued)

Smith, Virginia  
 Thatcher, Edward  
 Thomas, Cecil  
 Thornburg, Russell  
 Tweed, Shirley  
 Ullman, John and Stephanie  
 Wallen, Rachel  
 Wells, Marjorie  
 Zahn, Franklin  
 Carson, Harold

Young Friends

Bruff, Bill Jr.  
 Clark, Rega  
 Dodd, Nina  
 Hurn, Paula  
 Jump, Connie  
 Prideaux, Tom  
 Thatcher, Ellen  
 Thomas, Dave  
 Wallen, Kim  
 Prideaux, Beth (Advisor)



amento, Calif.  
 ne, Ore.  
 Calif.  
 Ore.  
 Mesa, Calif.  
 Diego 9, Calif.  
 land, Ore.  
 ona, Calif.  
 na, Calif.  
 ington

tier, Calif.  
 adena, Calif.  
 tt, Wash.  
 le, Arizona  
 land 12, Ore.  
 e, Ore.  
 Ore.  
 land, Ore.

\*\* Minute # 12 a page # 2 Additional information

It is suggested that each Monthly Meeting be asked to focus its report on the spiritual life of the Meeting including the fruits of the spirit only when this has had particular significance for that year. These letters should be confined to not over 500 words. Each Meeting should appoint a committee to formulate the letter, encouraging suggestions from the membership. These letters should be forwarded by May 15th to the appropriate Quarterly Meeting Clerk (where structure permits) where they can be individually presented and later reworded into a single report on the state of Society of that Quarter (also not over 500 words) to the Yearly Meeting.

Where structure does not permit, a person will be appointed to do the work of condensing. These letters will then be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting Clerk.