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Pacific Yearly Meeting

INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

August 13, 14, 1963

Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon

1. The first session convened at 7:10 pm with a period of silence followed by introduction of those attending the Interim Committee for the first time.
2. A roll call of Meetings was taken by representatives signing a roster. Some 65 Friends were in attendance as officers, representatives, and observers. Ten Meetings were not represented at this session.
3. Edwin Morgenroth, Clerk, reviewed some 25 items proposed for the agenda, a list of which was circulated (see Attachment "A", file minutes).
4. Under the item of procedure, the Clerk spoke of the importance of promptness in beginning meetings and sessions at Yearly Meeting. Our ability to develop a sense of organic wholeness is fostered by being together for worship and speaking at the beginning. Friends were urged to observe the official bulletin boards for notices, hopefully not cluttered with personal concerns.
5. Kristina Etter was introduced as the head of the Pacific Yearly Meeting "secretariat." She invited volunteers to sign up and assist in various phases of secretarial assistance. The Clerk reminded committee chairmen and others of the need for advance submission in writing of reports, especially those requiring action by the Interim Committee and Pacific Yearly Meeting.
6. Ralph Pinney, Southern California Half Yearly Meeting chairman for the Site Committee for the 1964 Pacific Yearly Meeting session, reported difficulty in finding suitable facilities either because of dates available or camping arrangements. The tentative location is set for California Western University, San Diego, for August 15 to 20. Betty McInnes, Clerk of College Park Quarterly Meeting indicated a committee of three has been appointed to search for a site for the 1965 session of Pacific Yearly Meeting.
7. Ferner Nuhn, chairman of the Discipline Committee, reminded Friends of the article in the July, 1963 Friends Bulletin concerning Children's Membership.

INTERIM COMMITTEE REFERRED this statement to monthly meetings for consideration. Comments and suggestions are invited to be sent to the Discipline Committee chairman: Ferner Nuhn, 420 West 8th Street, Claremont.

8. The proposed schedule for Pacific Yearly Meeting program was reviewed with the following changes: the third session of Ministry and Oversight workshop should be listed as a general meeting of all members of Ministry and Oversight of monthly, regional and Pacific Yearly Meeting committees; the report on the Friend in the Orient by Catherine Bruner is to be scheduled as a separate item from the Peace Committee; the matter of including an interest group on Quaker Di-alcgues was referred to the following committee chairmen for consultation and report back to the Interim Committee on Wednesday morning: Ferner Nuhn, Beatrice Crouse, Herbert Foster, Olivia Davis. This group was also asked to suggest guide lines as to procedure in approving and scheduling other interest groups that may be requested subsequent to the Interim Committee action in setting up the Pacific Yearly Meeting program.

INTERIM COMMITTEE APPROVED the revised Pacific Yearly Meeting agenda (see attachment "B", file minutes)

9. Olivia Davis, chairman of the Education Committee, asked for consideration of the function of the Education Committee in relation to the children's program at Pacific Yearly Meeting sessions.

INTERIM COMMITTEE INSTRUCTED the Education Committee to pursue further consultation with those involved in the children's program at Pacific Yearly Meeting, including next year's chairman, as to the appropriate and most useful role to be taken by the Education Committee. A report is requested at the March Interim Committee.

10. The special committee on Equitable Travel Allowance, named by the Clerk (see Minute #35, March, 1963), has had to be re-named because of the inability to function. The following were named and asked to report to the 8/14 session of Interim Committee: Robert Young, convenor, Leonard Dart, Monette Thatcher, Phillip Wells.
11. The Social Order Committee, Herbert Foster, chairman, reported it was not at full strength and asked for assistance.

INTERIM COMMITTEE APPROVED Herbert Foster's consulting with the Nominating Committee chairman to add needed consultants to the committee during this session of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

12. It was reported that none of the Finance Committee is in attendance.

INTERIM COMMITTEE NAMED the following to serve as an interim Finance Committee during this session of PYM: Mildred Burck, convenor, Ellis Jump, Otto Heck, Robert Young.

13. Harold Carson, chairman, presented a mimeographed revised report of the special Committee to Study the Functions of the Interim Committee (see Attachment "C", file minutes). Interim Committee heard comments and suggestions concerning this report. These were referred to the committee for consideration for a report on August 14.

INTERIM COMMITTEE APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE the idea of a smaller executive body for the March meeting and a larger, representative body for the meetings preceding PYM sessions.

14. A request from the newly formed Australia Yearly Meeting for a delegate from PYM was presented by the Clerk.

INTERIM COMMITTEE APPROVED asking Helen Scheiber of University Meeting, now residing in Sydney, to represent PYM and present personally our letter of greetings.

Anna James hopes to be able to attend the 1965 Yearly Meeting.

15. At the Clerk's suggestion,

INTERIM COMMITTEE ASKED the Finance Committee to consider budget items for the delayed visit of Dong Suk Cho from Korea and for a possible delegate or delegates to the ninth session of the Friends World Committee for Consultation in July, 1964.

16. Following the meeting for business, which was marked by considerable restlessness, the closing time of worship was found to be more restful and unifying. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

#### INTERIM COMMITTEE, August 14, 1963

17. The second session of Interim Committee convened at 9 a.m. after a gathered time of worship. Representatives from Honolulu and College Park Meetings were present, in addition to the Meetings represented Tuesday evening.
18. INTERIM COMMITTEE NAMED the following to serve as the Epistle Committee for this session of PYM: Esther Richards, convenor, Francis Dart, Madge Seaver.
19. The Recording Clerk read the minutes of the August 13 session, which were approved with minor additions.

20. Harold Carson again brought the report of the Committee to Study the Functions of the Interim Committee. Following a full and clear presentation,

INTERIM COMMITTEE APPROVED RECOMMENDING TO YEARLY MEETING, effective Spring, 1964, the changes in the name and structure of the Interim Committee as set forth in the circulated committee report, with the following changes:

- a) The number 59 be changed to 60 in the first sentence of Paragraph 5.
- b) The following sentence be added to that paragraph: "To increase membership participation, Monthly Meetings are urged to rotate representatives when it seems desirable."
- c) The opening sentence of Paragraph 7 to read: "... Monthly Meeting may" in place of "would".
- d) The last two sentences of the final paragraph are to be deleted, with the committee being asked to re-formulate the matter of Standing Committee meetings in connection with the new Executive Committee Spring meetings. (See Attachment "D", file minutes.)

Additional matters mentioned for the record include:

- a) An understanding that Honolulu and Mexico City Meetings would be welcome to have representatives present at any session of the Executive Committee when feasible.
- b) Monthly Meetings will need to be more attentive to forwarding concerns to the Executive Committee when they do not have members on that committee.
- c) The Nominating Committee should, whenever possible, spread the chairmen of committees among as many Monthly Meetings as possible.
- d) The question of a paid PYM secretary be laid over as a concern for subsequent consideration.
- e) The matter of length of tenure of officers and committee members also be laid over for later consideration.

Appreciation was expressed to Harold Carson and the committee for diligent and productive achievement.

21. Returning travel minutes are to be scheduled for reporting and comments as follows:

- a) Caroline Estes, Race Relations Conference, in connection with the Social Order Committee report to PYM.
- b) Harold Carson, Five Years Meeting, in connection with the report to Interim Committee on "Conversations Between PYM and California and Oregon Yearly Meetings."
- c) Lois Bailey, AFSC project in Tanganyika, in connection with the AFSC report to PYM.

22. Ruth Schmoe read an enlarged interpretive statement prepared on the basis of responses to the circulated statement on the "Function of Monthly Meeting Clerks." This report was heard with interest and appreciation.

INTERIM COMMITTEE APPROVED having the statement circulated among members of PYM for study and consideration and referred to the Discipline Committee for whatever appropriate use it may be able to make of the statement.

23. The Social Order Committee reported that the Saturday afternoon session of its workshops would be devoted to Indian Affairs, with Mrs. Marie Potts from the Federated Indians of California and the National Indian Congress as a resource person.

24. Caroline Estes spoke of the activities of the History Committee in its efforts to build a record of PYM activities through the use of moving pictures, slides and the taking of tape recordings of "remembrances" of those instrumental in the founding of PYM.

25. Portions of the statement from the Mexico Reunion of Friends were read concerning the project of a Quaker Seminar in Mexico in the near future over concerns regarding Friends in Cuba and other Latin American countries. The following were named to consider our response to this concern and bring a report to the afternoon session: Floyd Schmoe, convenor; Ignacio Gonzales, Ken Stevens, Alice Newton, Mary Dart and Mitch Dodd.

26. The special committee on the matter of Quaker Dialogues interest group reported its feeling that these should be scheduled.

INTERIM COMMITTEE APPROVED including duplicate sessions as follows: first session 1:15 p.m. Thursday, second session 3:30 p.m. Friday. The matter of procedure concerning the clearance and scheduling of subsequent requests for interest groups was referred back to the committee for a further report.

The Interim Committee adjourned at 10:35, to reconvene after lunch.

INTERIM COMMITTEE, 1:15 p.m., August 14, 1963:

27. INTERIM COMMITTEE APPROVED adding as interim appointments to the Nominating Committee during this session of PYM: Ralph or Dorothy Pinney, John Stevenson.
- (Paton Crouse has agreed to serve as chairman of the interim Finance Committee.)
28. The Peace Committee report was given by Harriet Schaffran, chairman. The following recommendations of the committee were approved:
- a) INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS continued PYM endorsement of the Friend in Washington project. The Peace Committee is instructed to ascertain from Monthly Meetings what their interest is financially in supporting this project and to forward the total pledged by Meetings as a goal figure to the FCNL in Washington.
- b) INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS continued PYM endorsement of the Friend in the Orient by designating Russell and Ann MacArthur of Calgary Meeting for 1963-64, while they are stationed in Singapore, under a Colombo Plan project appointment, on leave from the University of Alberta. For 1964-65, it is hoped they may be able to serve under appointment from PYM for a year in mainland China, if arrangements can be made and "way opens." It is understood that no financial consideration will be necessary for the first year. Considerable assistance may be necessary if the second year program materializes.
- THE TREASURER IS AUTHORIZED to continue to receive funds designated for the Friend in the Orient project for possible use in 1964-65.
29. Travel minutes were approved for Clifford Maser and Francis Dart in connection with their AFSC assignments in Germany.
30. Announcement was made of a special meeting of clerks of Monthly, regional and Yearly Meetings to convene at 3:15 p.m. Friday, August 16, in Room 304, Melrose Hall.
31. The committee dealing with the question of the relationship of Standing Committees to the new Executive Committee brought forward its report (see Minute #20).

INTERIM COMMITTEE APPROVED the report as follows: PYM committees which need to meet between sessions of Yearly Meeting should include money for travel to such a meeting in their regular budget requests. It is urged that these meetings not be held at the same time as the Executive Committee. However, in the event that the Clerk and a committee chairman feel that a special meeting of a committee at the time of Executive Committee meeting is necessary and would benefit the work of the Executive Committee, they are authorized to draw on special travel funds for this purpose.

32. Robert Young reported for the special Committee to Consider Equitable Travel Allowance. A copy of the report is to be circulated in advance of PYM consideration (see Attachment "E", file minutes).

INTERIM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED the following:

- a) Representative Committee (in August), for each Monthly Meeting delegate coming from 200 to 1,000 miles @ 2 cents per mile each way; for delegates coming from over 1,000 miles, 3 cents per mile each way.
  - b) Executive Committee (in Spring), for each member coming over 100 miles, 4 cents per mile each way.
  - c) Standing Committees are to include a travel item in their budget requests @ 4 cents per mile for members coming over 100 miles for any anticipated special meeting not in connection with Yearly Meeting.
  - d) Expenses for program resource people for PYM sessions should be provided in the appropriate committee's budget request; or in special cases, if there is no budgeted item, special funds may be raised for such expenses by a committee if approved by the Clerk in consultation with the Finance Committee chairman.
  - e) The Finance Committee is asked to include in the budget a Clerk's Contingency Travel Fund to be used as indicated in d) above and in Minute #31.
33. James Estes, chairman, reported for the Bulletin Committee. A carefully prepared proposal concerning the funding of expenses for the Friends Bulletin was circulated and thoughtfully weighed (see Attachment "F", file minutes).

There was considerable expression of approval of the plan of increasing the quota to include all of the costs of the Bulletin. It was recognized that the present practice of taking Meeting census for subscriptions has proved helpful, but it was also recognized that the present practice takes a major part of the Editor's time in the solicitation of funds which might otherwise be given to content and coverage of the articles.

As Meetings seem to desire to retain their individuality in this matter, the Clerk charged Meetings to act responsibly as individual entities in the support of this key instrument of communication among Friends in PYM. Since there was not complete unity on the present proposal, it was laid over for subsequent consideration.

34. The special committee appointed to consider the request from the Mexico Reunion of Friends concerning a Quaker Seminar (see Minute #25) reported with much favor that PYM actively support and arrange for participation, pending receipt of more detailed information from Mexico.

INTERIM COMMITTEE ENDORSED the proposal of PYM's participation in this seminar through financial support and appointment of delegates. The committee is asked to report to Yearly Meeting.

35. Paton Crouse, acting chairman, reported for the Finance Committee.
- a) INTERIM COMMITTEE APPROVED a contribution of \$300 from reserve funds toward the expenses of Dong Suk Cho for his year's study at Pendle Hill. This amount is to be forwarded to the F.W.C.C., which is underwriting his expenses. It was further agreed that hospitality expenses be provided for Dong Suk Cho while at PYM.
- Additional funds will be needed for travel within California. Caroline Estes, for the Bay Area, and Ferner Nuhn, for Southern California, have been designated to receive individual and Meeting contributions for this purpose.
- b) INTERIM COMMITTEE APPROVED including an item in the budget for delegate(s) to the Friends World Committee meeting in Ireland in July, 1964.

36. The committee heard with special interest the reports regarding conversations that have been held among representatives from PYM and California Yearly Meeting and also with Oregon Yearly Meeting. Ferner Nuhn told of a series of three meetings which included five leading Friends from each Yearly Meeting in Southern California. Both Clerks were included. These were congenial and frank discussions facing up to differences and some misunderstandings with a spirit of genuine friendliness. Harold Carson spoke of a similar venture with Oregon Friends, including the Superintendent of Oregon Yearly Meeting and the president of George Fox College. Both groups found the presence of Marshall Sutton, FWCC Midwest Secretary, to be helpful in finding common ground for understanding and fellowship. In both cases, informal intervisitations of each other's Yearly Meetings are planned.

37. The Clerk read a letter from Pemba Yearly Meeting, Zanzibar, Africa, telling of the need to reconstruct its Meetinghouse.

INTERIM COMMITTEE INSTRUCTED the Finance Committee to include a modest sum for this purpose in the budget.

38. A letter from Suzanne Sein indicates that because of the change in dates for the U.N. Seminar on the Status of Women in Family Law to December in Bogota, she may not be able to attend under PYM appointment. She requested approval of an alternate in her place, in case this was necessary.

INTERIM COMMITTEE APPROVED naming Emma Martinez de Moreno, a member of Mexico City Meeting, as this alternate. The Clerk was instructed to send a letter to Suzanne Sein to this effect.

39. On the recommendation of the Social Order Committee,

INTERIM COMMITTEE APPROVED continued support for the FWCC Race Relations Conferences with an item to be included as previously in the budget. The question of a budget item for travel was referred back to the Social Order Committee for possible inclusion in its budget request to the Finance Committee. Nominating Committee is asked to be on the look-out for possible delegates, including the possibility of college Friends from PYM at Earlham.

40. Herbert Foster reported that the letter authorized by the March Interim Committee concerning renewal of KPFA's license had not yet been sent, due to lack of communication among those to write it. The Social Order Committee was authorized to approve a letter for PYM to now be sent.
41. Ferner Nuhn, reporting for the Discipline Committee, indicated that the gradually depleting supply of copies of the last printing of the Discipline has led the committee to set as a goal a newly revised and enlarged Discipline for 1965.

The Interim Committee adjourned at 3:40 p.m., following a moment of silence.

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Recording Clerk