

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING 1974

Representative Committee Minutes

St. Mary's College, Moraga, California

SESSION I August 12, 1974 7:30 p.m.

Clerk: Pegge Lacey
Assistant Clerk: Shirley Tweed

The meeting began with a period of worship.

Rep 1 The meeting approved the substitution of Sandra Farley for Rick Foster, Recording Clerk of Representative Committee, who has broken his writing arm.

The Clerk asked those present to stand and identify themselves by name as well as by function in the Representative Committee. It was noted that four former clerks of Pacific Yearly Meeting were present: Eubanks Carsner, Catherine Bruner, Ed Morgenroth, and Madge Seaver. It was also noted that Howard Bartram, General Secretary of the Friends General Conference, was present.

Clerk's Report

Pegge Lacey forwarded to the Committee the request of James Lenhart of the Friends Journal that someone be delegated to prepare a report of this Yearly Meeting to be published in that magazine. Suggestions and volunteers were solicited.

Individual Concerns

Leon Ray of Pima Meeting reported on Los Amigos de Mexicali, under the care of California Yearly Meeting, a group of "ex-Catholics and ex-pentacostals" interested in closer ties with Friends, who need financial assistance in order to attend the "18 monthly" (1-1/2 yearly) General Reunion of Friends in Mexico City. Because of the possible cross-jurisdiction with Intermountain and/or California Yearly Meetings:

Rep 2 It was approved that the proposal be referred to the Subcommittee on Visitation.

The Clerk received a request from Gretchen Tuthill, who will be traveling to England and Sweden, for a letter of introduction.

Rep 3 The meeting approved that the Clerk should write such a letter.

Rep 4 It was also approved that a special letter should be sent with Gretchen Tuthill to Sweden Yearly Meeting.

Those two letters follow:

Letter of Introduction for Gretchen Tuthill on the occasion of her traveling to England and Sweden soon after the close of Yearly Meeting:

To Friends Everywhere:

Our member, Gretchen Tuthill, will be traveling in England and Sweden during the fall months and plans to attend Sweden Yearly Meeting. She will be visiting with Friends in England who have worshiped with her at her own Palomar Meeting and with Erica and Inga Bergman in Sweden.

Gretchen Tuthill has been active in Friends' concerns through the American Friends Service Committee, the Friends Committee on National Legislation, Southern California Quarterly Meeting, and the Pacific Yearly Meeting which she has served in many ways. She is now clerk of our Consultative Committee on Organization and has been a source of help as Pacific Yearly Meeting has branched into North Pacific Yearly Meeting and the very new Intermountain Yearly Meeting. She presently serves as the first Clerk of Palomar Monthly Meeting.

We commend Gretchen Tuthill to you all and thank you for the hospitality you tender to her. With her she carries our loving greetings.

On behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting,

Peggemae H. Lacey
Clerk

Special greeting to Sweden Yearly Meeting:

Pacific Yearly Meeting sends you our special greetings as you gather for your Yearly Meeting through the kindness of our member, Gretchen Tuthill.

As you worship and share together in loving fellowship, we know you will find strength and vision with which to meet the challenges of a Quaker life in today's world through the power of that Presence which will be with you throughout your sessions.

It is always good to hear of Friends through the exchange of our annual Epistles, but it is especially satisfying to be able to send our loving thoughts in this personal way and know we shall hear of your gathering in the same manner.

On behalf of Pacific Yearly Meeting,

Peggemae H. Lacey
Clerk

A letter has been received from Donald Moon of the Friends World Committee which has been sponsoring Faith and Life Conferences the next one of which is to be held in Indianapolis and to which Pacific Yearly Meeting is sending two representatives. The Friends World Committee is now planning a large Western Hemisphere Friends Conference for the summer of 1977. The first planning meeting will be held just prior to the Indianapolis Conference, and we have been asked to send a representative.

Rep 5 Representative Committee approved sending Ed Morgenroth, one of our representatives to the Indianapolis Conference, to attend this planning meeting.

Items from Executive Committee

Rep 6 The Committee approved the Ex. C. 8 establishing sharing groups to be held during the same time as "interest groups" during Pacific Yearly Meeting. These groups are open only to those to whom their subject is addressed. There will be an evaluation made at the close of PYM 1974 as to their continuance as part of PYM. The Committee approved this minute with the expectation that, if at all possible, interest groups, open to all, be held in each of the sharing group subject areas.

Rep 7 The Committee approved the Ex. C. 13 regarding the creation of an ad hoc subcommittee of Ministry and Oversight on the issues, concerns, and ministry of women's sharing.

Items from Regional Meetings

Rep 8 The Committee approved the following minute from College Park Quarterly Meeting: That a Brinton Visitor Fund be established within Pacific Yearly Meeting in recognition of the many gifts we have received from the Brintons. The fund will be used to establish an annual visit by Friends with special skills and insights to share with us. The program will be administered by the Ministry and Oversight Committee of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

It is recommended that at first the visits be arranged for winter and that the fund cover travel expense between the two quarterly meetings and possibly to the outlying meetings.

Rep 9 The Committee approved sending this concern to the Ministry and Oversight Committee for a report back on finance and organization, and with the commendation that "annual" not be a requirement.

Items from Monthly Meetings

Rep 10 The Committee approved sending the following minute from Palo Alto Meeting to the Social Order Committee:

To Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr. and all members of the congregation of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, and to Coretta Scott King, we have communicated our grief and deep sympathy. To the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change in Atlanta our Meeting has sent \$100 in memory of Mrs. King, Sr. and to further their work. We very much hope other meetings will also send funds to:

Coretta Scott King, President
Martin Luther King Center for Social Change
234 Sunset Avenue, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30314

Rep 11 A minute from La Jolla Meeting on world hunger was sent to the Peace Committee. The Clerk's action was approved.

Rep 12 A minute from La Jolla Meeting supporting John Woolman School was referred to the Schools Committee. The Clerk's action was approved.

A minute from Delta Meeting on the good order of Friends for the seasoning of concerns to be brought before the Yearly Meeting was referred back to the clerks for revision.

A letter from San Jose Meeting regarding Junior Yearly Meeting has been sent to the Junior Yearly Meeting advisory committee, and it was approved that discussion of the concern be held over to Session II.

John Fitz made announcements concerning arrangements.

Shirley Tweed read the list of interest groups.

Lee Steelman announced the format of the children's program.

Eva Kersey presented the plans for the worship-fellowship groups.

The Ad Hoc Committee on the PYM directory will meet Wednesday evening at 9:30--place to be announced.

The Clerk announced the place and time of our reconvening, and the meeting closed with some moments of silence.

SESSION II August 13, 1974 8:30 a.m.

The Clerk called the meeting to worship. The Clerk welcomed members of Representative Committee who were absent from the first session.

The Clerk read the revised guidelines for the seasoning of concerns leading to public statements by the Yearly Meeting.

Rep 13 The revised guidelines for the seasoning of concerns leading to public statements by the Yearly Meeting were approved as follows:

1. When one or more monthly or regional meetings have worked on a concern and built up a foundation of essential background information, and reached a clear conclusion embodied in a proposed minute, the minute should be forwarded to the appropriate P.Y.M. committee, with a copy to the clerk of P.Y.M. The committee will consider this minute, modifying it, if necessary, for the presentation to the Yearly Meeting.

2. Other concerns, which have not been seasoned in this manner, should be presented to the clerk of the appropriate P.Y.M. committee as far in advance of Yearly Meeting as possible. Ordinarily these committees have the option of consolidating these concerns and referring them back to Monthly Meetings for further seasoning, or, finding general consensus, developing them for presentation at the Yearly Meeting.

The minutes of the first session of Representative Committee were read and approved.

Brian Heilman reported on plans of the Junior Yearly Meeting: interest groups, meetings, hikes. The activities will be announced in the daily bulletin.

The Clerk read a letter from San Jose Meeting regarding Junior Yearly Meeting. The concern was on the quality of life of high school-aged people at Yearly Meeting and their involvement with the whole Yearly Meeting.

Rep 14 Representative Committee approved that an open interest group be held on the concerns raised in San Jose Meeting's letter.

Heather Raitt reported for Young Friends and extended an invitation to attend the Young Friends of North America conference in Colorado later this month.

Asenath Young, Clerk of Ministry and Oversight, requested that we add to her list of names of Friends who have died this year for reading at the Memorial Meeting--a meeting for worship to celebrate life. She reported that Dick Manners had agreed to convene the Epistle Committee.

Rep 15 This nomination was approved.

Rep 16 Friends also approved, carte blanche, the nomination of two other members of this committee.

Asenath Young announced two interest groups sponsored by Ministry and Oversight to be led by Robert and Margaret Blood and an open group on meeting the needs of members.

Lois Bailey reported for the Subcommittee on Visitation, indicating their willingness to maintain a relationship with the Friends General Conference advancement committee.

Dennis Durby reported from the Subcommittee on Homosexuality. He said that they are preparing a statement as a result of four or five meetings during the year and that it is pending with the Ministry and Oversight report.

Billie Hamilton spoke for the Subcommittee on Women's Sharing. She reported that over 200 women in P.Y.M. have been involved in some form of women's sharing during the year. She announced and plugged the interest and sharing groups sponsored by this committee at P.Y.M. Sue Brune, co-convenor of the subcommittee, thanked the Yearly Meeting for permitting the experiment with sharing groups on the agenda.

Bill Scott reported on the Theology Conference held last weekend sponsored by the College Park Quarterly Meeting attended by Friends from both Quarterlies. The topic was "Who prays and to whom?"

Eva Kersey suggested that there be an orientation as to program and financial responsibility in each of the Monthly Meetings for those who will be attending Yearly Meeting.

Rep 17 Representative Committee approved making this request to Monthly Meetings. Yearly Meeting clerks will provide the necessary materials.

Barbara Perry reported for the Nominating Committee.

Rep 18 The meeting approved the Nominating Committee's minute (1), that the Nominating Committee meet in consultation with the Schools Committee and members of the Discipline Committee to re-examine the function of the Schools Committee and propose the number of members, length of terms of service, and qualifications for members.

Rep 19 The Representative Committee approved the Executive Committee minute on the restructuring of the Bulletin Committee:

1. The Bulletin Committee shall consist of nine members: six from the geographic area served and three from the immediate area of the editor.
2. The Committee shall make policy and solve problems as specified in Faith and Practice.

Rep 23 We accepted the offer of North Pacific Yearly Meeting to cover the travel expense of the NPYM sub-editor.

The Bulletin Committee requested that names be submitted in nomination for the position of editor of the Bulletin. The Committee will write up a clear job description for both Editor and Committee.

Several announcements were made.

The meeting closed in silence.

SESSION III August 16, 1974 10:00 a.m.

The meeting of the Representative Committee gathered in silence.

The minutes were read. The report of the Bulletin Committee was reopened. Several clarifications were made.

The minutes were approved.

Jean Taylor reported from the interest group on aging.

Rep 24 The Representative Committee approved the request for an ad hoc committee to explore a Quaker View of Aging.

A report from the interest group was circulated.

The Ad hoc committee was advised to look into their financial needs with the Finance Committee.

Sandy Farley reported for the ad hoc committee to name the Nominating Committee.

Rep 25 The meeting approved the following nominations:

1976	Ron Steelman (Orange County) (currently serving) to be Clerk
1977	Dorene Barns (Davis)
1977	Catherine Bruner (Delta)
1977	Jonathan Vogel (Santa Cruz)

Barbara Perry reported from Nominating Committee on the restructuring of the Friends Schools Committee.

3. Members shall be Friends, active in meetings, able to encourage contributions, themselves to serve as correspondents and contributors.
4. Terms shall be three years, overlapping, with three appointments per year.
5. The three members in close proximity to the editor will be, in addition, working members to assist the editor in production of the Bulletin.

Rep 20 The Representative Committee approved Nominating Committee minute 3 requesting a special meeting of those who have served as representatives of the Yearly Meeting to Friends organizations to discuss the value of the practice, means of making representation more effective, and how to handle financial aspects. The Clerk of P.Y.M. will call such a meeting at PYM. The concern will be referred to the Executive Committee.

Gretchen Tuthill reported from the Consultative Committee on Organization. Three letters are needed: Phoenix has requested withdrawal from Pacific Yearly Meeting. Santa Fe requests a confirmation of their release. New Mexico Quarterly Meeting wishes to affiliate with the Intermountain Yearly Meeting and wishes a letter affirming their release.

Earle Reynolds reported for the Peace Committee on the concerns that they will bring to the Yearly Meeting plenary session.

Jean Flores reported from the Social Order Committee on the concerns that they will bring to the Yearly Meeting.

Catherine Bruner gave the report for the Friend-in-the-Orient Committee in the absence of Stuart Innerst and announced that, for the first time, the Friend-in-the-Orient Committee will bring a minute to the Yearly Meeting.

Shirley Tweed, convenor of the new Bulletin Committee, shared some of the difficulties encountered by the Bulletin this year. They reported their decision to change editors. With deep sorrow over the combination of events which has made this action necessary, Friends were reminded that, for the most part, we have failed to support the editor by getting material to him in time to meet the publication deadlines.

Rep 21 The Clerk asked for and received interim approval of the Bulletin Committee as now constituted: Shirley Tweed, Eubanks Carsner, Molly Morgenroth, Miriam Swift.

Rep 22 The following minute from North Pacific Yearly Meeting requesting a sub-editor was approved: North Pacific Yearly Meeting will appoint a Friend to act as a sub-editor, responsible for reporting NPYM's activities at all levels, to encourage the submission of articles of opinion, inspiration, and challenge, and in general to be responsible editorially for a portion of the Bulletin to be determined in consultation with the editor. The appointment will be for three years.

Rep 26 Her report was approved as follows:

The Friends Schools Committee exists to bring people from Friends Schools within the Pacific Yearly Meeting together for nurture; to give support to Friends endeavoring to establish new Friends schools within the Yearly Meeting; to provide opportunities for teachers who are Friends to meet; to inform members of the Pacific Yearly Meeting of the nature of Friends' education; and to administer the scholarship funds of the Pacific Yearly Meeting.

The Committee will have nine members appointed, three per year for overlapping three-year terms. Care shall be taken that the committee members represent the wide geographic area of the Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk announced that Pacific Yearly Meeting 1975 will be held August 11-16 at St. Mary's College in Moraga.

Larry Perry of the 1976 Site Committee reported that they have not found a new site, though St. Mary's is still available. They are looking for less expensive facilities. The Committee seeks assistance.

Rep 27 We approved asking the Site Committee 1976 to continue.

Rep 28 We approved the establishment of a Standing Site Committee for Yearly Meeting.

Rep 29 We approved asking the Nominating Committee to report to Executive Committee: the description of the duties and membership; the number of members; and the overlap of terms. The Committee may nominate additional members at that time subject to the approval of Yearly Meeting.

Steve Burnham reported a regret that 50% of the Yearly Meeting attenders registered late.

Joachim Leppmann reported for the Discipline Committee. The Committee will request that Inter-Mountain Yearly Meeting be asked if they wish to appoint a representative to the committee.

The Representative Committee felt no need to reprint the advices and queries section, but that we should disseminate Faith and Practice more widely.

Discipline Committee requests copies of seasoned minutes regarding advices and any changes in Faith and Practice, especially regarding dissolution of marriage, parent-child and meeting-child relationships.

Gretchen Tuthill requested that the Consultative Committee on Organization be laid down.

Rep 30 The Representative Committee laid down this committee with considerable appreciation for the work done.

Asenath Young, Ministry and Oversight Clerk, reported that the ad hoc subcommittee on homosexuality has presented a paper, completing their work.

Rep 31 The Representative Committee approved laying down this subcommittee.

Rep 32 We accepted their report with the understanding that publication will be forthcoming at a time agreed upon in consultation with the editor of the Bulletin.

Robert Vogel and Ted Cooper reported a great interest in the publication of a Yearly Meeting directory.

Rep 33 The Representative Committee approved the establishment of a Yearly Meeting directory committee charged with preparing a form for use to obtain data, and to oversee the production of a Yearly Meeting directory. The committee will include the Statistical Clerk, the compiler of Quarterly Meeting directories, statistical clerks of local meetings or persons familiar with meeting membership, and a member of the Bulletin Committee.

Robert Young, Treasurer, reported a deficit in each of the last four years and that our assessment has not increased since 1965. We have exhausted our resources. He made three recommendations:

- A. That the per capita assessment be increased from \$7 to \$9.
- B. That the Site Committee give renewed consideration to a simpler, less expensive site.
- C. That the Yearly Meeting assist the Finance Committee to reduce the budget by \$3,000.

The Representative Committee expressed a desire for a balanced budget and fiscal responsibility.

- Rep 34 Therefore, the Representative Committee approved an increase in assessment from \$7 to \$12 per year per adult member.
- Rep 35 The Representative Committee approved the following minute facilitating the transfer to the new Treasurer:

This organization establish in its name one or more deposit accounts with the south Reno or other convenient branch of Nevada National Bank, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon with said bank, and that the Presiding Clerk and Treasurer of this organization be and they are hereby authorized to establish such an account or accounts.

Resolved that: Peggemae Lacey, Presiding Clerk

or Frank Burnham, Treasurer

or Harry H. Bailey, Clerk of Finance
Committee

of this organization be and they are hereby authorized to withdraw funds of this organization from the said account or accounts upon checks of this organization, signed as provided herein with signatures duly certified by a Recording Clerk of this organization, and said bank is hereby authorized to honor and pay any and all checks so signed, including those drawn to the individual area of any officer or other person authorized to sign the same.

- Rep 36 The Representative Committee approved that, since the Friends group in Mexicali is currently under the care of California Yearly Meeting, we contact the officers of California Yearly Meeting to lay the concern of their attendance at the General Reunion in Mexico City on the doorstep of California Yearly Meeting.

We encourage Spanish-speaking members of this Yearly Meeting to visit the Mexicali Friends.

The meeting closed in silent worship.

Sandra Farley
Sub-recording clerk