

MINUTES
PYM Representative Committee
Saturday, March 6, 1982
Berkeley, California

The Meeting opened in silent worship: those who go out are one with those who remain at home; hold us all in the Light.

Eleanor Foster, presiding Clerk of Pacific Yearly Meeting, welcomed us. Friends introduced themselves (attenders listed on Attachment #1). The minutes of the Representative Committee Meetings at Chico, August 2, 3 and 6 were approved, with the note that minor editorial corrections had been incorporated. Changes to the Agenda were noted and accepted.

MEXICO CITY MEETING REPRESENTATION

Through an oversight, no plenary session action was taken at Pacific Yearly Meeting in Chico on Representative Committee recommended minutes #81-36 and 81-37:

Representative Committee expresses the expectation and hope that Mexico City Friends Meeting will be present and participate in the mid-year meeting.

Funding will be provided for one representative from Mexico City Monthly Meeting at the mid-year meeting and one representative and one observer at the summer gathering of PYM. The Quarterly Meetings are urged to consider assuming responsibility for hosting our representatives from Mexico City on their trips to be with us.

Because of this, it is necessary to now approve augmenting the budget to fund this representation. Representative Committee
APPROVED:

REPCOM The 1981-82 Budget shall be augmented to fund the
82 - 1 representative from Mexico City meeting at the mid-
 year meeting in March 1982, and the representative
 and observer for the August gathering at Chico, 1982.

UNAFFILIATED MEETINGS COMMUNICATIONS

Marietje Becket of Honolulu Meeting brought a report of that meeting signed by George Rhoades, Clerk. Honolulu Meeting has had a busy year, participating in many expressions of social and peace concerns. Its members continue to feel enriched by the visitors who come and, particularly, by the resident hosts of the Friends Center.

Robert Noble of Mexico City Monthly Meeting presented a report of that meeting. Of the spiritual life of the meeting he read: "Our Meeting for Worship would be improved if God gave us more messages to share. However, we treasure each of the few that we receive." Of peace and service: "Our greatest concern is the presence of conflicts between nations and within nations in many parts of the world."

QUARTERLY MEETING COMMUNICATIONS

For Southern California Quarterly Meeting Paul Johnson, Clerk, reported. He spiritedly claimed for the Quarterly that all the dues were paid, all the positions were filled, and that the Meeting was always deeply spiritual. The theme of the Quarterly Meeting this past winter was "Fanning the Flame of the Spirit", and for the next year the theme proposed is "Serving God in Our Economics". He noted that there will be a change in the location of the Quarterly Meeting gathering and reported that a practice of posting announcements at the Meeting had facilitated rather than hindered communication.

Russell Jorgensen, Clerk of College Park Quarterly Meeting reported that the health of the Quarter was good. After a difficult period, there was a deeper spiritual sense gained in part by working at the meeting with the themes of leadership, clerking and the nature of Quarterly Meeting. He noted that there is a minute of concern for handicapped access to meeting houses presented for consideration from the Quarterly Meeting to Pacific Yearly Meeting. There is also a minute of concern about the size and complexity of Pacific Yearly Meeting presented by Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting.

Clerk Eleanor Foster shared a letter from Jeanne Duckles in Mexico City reporting on flooding through their house and of their pending move to Santa Rosa. The Clerk took this opportunity to remind us of the PYM Caring and Sharing Fund.

SITES

Sandra Farley, Clerk of the Sites Committee, reported that the proposed site for PYM in 1982 is Chico, California. For 1982, the Sites Committee is exploring a possibility at Lake Sequoia, about 50 miles east of Fresno at an elevation of 5500 feet. There are five campgrounds and PYM may be able to contract for the use of two of them for the third week in June. There are two dining halls, cabins, swimming, and the room and board rate of \$18 per person per day. The committee will be visiting the site in April. In addition, preliminary steps toward a permanent site have begun with conversations with CPFEA about the possibilities of developing meeting facilities at John Woolman School.

In conclusion, Sandra Farley noted that there is a dearth of choices that meets PYM's demanding criteria: a meeting room for 300 plus people; 40 places for worship sharing groups; rooms for a large children's program; and, a combination of camping spaces and indoor accommodations. After some consideration, Representative Committee APPROVED:

REPCOM Chico, California will be the site of the August 1982
82 - 2 PYM meeting.

The Meeting enjoyed a brief break.

AGENDA REVIEW COMMITTEE

Clerk Eleanor Foster focused our attention on our responsibilities for planning for the PYM annual meeting. She reminded us that the Agenda Review Committee is composed of the presiding, assistant and recording clerks, Young Friends clerk, and Clerk of Ministry and Oversight.

Rosalie Pizzo Strain, Assistant Clerk of Pacific Yearly Meeting, asked for reconsideration of a minute from March 1981 Representative Committee recommending that Yearly Meeting schedule be moved one day earlier in the week. Because of the location at Chico this shift would cause hardship for committee members attending from a distance, necessitating their travel on Friday. Representative Committee APPROVED:

REPCOM PYM will meet from Sunday, August 1 to Saturday,
82 - 3 August 7, 1982, with Sunday being for Committees and Representative Committee meetings.

Rosalie Pizzo Strain then turned our attention to concerns about the use of "open time" at PYM: Shall we keep it open or shall we schedule that time? There is a concern for training and aiding people with responsibilities in local meetings, perhaps through workshops at PYM. There is also a concern for facilitating the participation of parents with children not only at the entirety of PYM plenary sessions, but in the wider Quaker fellowships.

Clerk Eleanor Foster observed that Ministry and Oversight Committee represented on the Agenda Review Committee, has the responsibility of good order and the life of the spirit of PYM, and will be responsive to the concern expressed.

PROCEDURES FOR CONCERNS AND MINUTES

Clerk Eleanor Foster reviewed the procedures for presenting concerns and minutes to the PYM plenary sessions for consideration,

reading from pages 61, 62 of the 1973 Edition of Faith and Practice and PYM Minute #1974-4 which is a further clarification. (See Attachment #2) The more seasoning the better. The purpose is to prepare a minute in the best form possible for fullest consideration at PYM sessions. When a concern is brought to a committee, the committee is then its steward, and it is the committee's responsibility to keep plenary session informed of its progress.

CONCERNS OF MEETINGS

Rosalie Pizzo Strain, Assistant Clerk, read the minute concerning meeting house accessibility presented by College Park Quarterly Meeting:

The Religious Society of Friends, in keeping with its principles of removing spiritual and other barriers among all people, now reaffirms its welcome to people who have physical disabilities. College Park Quarterly Meeting urges all Monthly Meetings in the Quarter to provide accessibility to handicapped people. Accessibility at times may mean building a wheelchair ramp, or designating Friends to help lift or carry a handicapped person across or over a barrier or creating other means consistent with the dignity and safety of all, whereby people with disabilities can fully participate in the life of the Meeting. College Park Quarterly Meeting urges approval of this Minute by Pacific Yearly Meeting.

The minute will be forwarded to Ministry and Oversight Committee in preparation for consideration at PYM in August.

Rosalie Pizzo Strain read a letter from Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting stating its queries concerning the size and complexity of Pacific Yearly Meeting and requesting an interest group and plenary session for consideration of this topic at PYM. (See Attachment #3)

Eleanor Foster stated that this is appropriate work for Ministry and Oversight's consideration. After some discussion in the context of the earlier review of procedures for minutes and concerns, the request was referred to Ministry and Oversight, with the understanding that an interest group probably would be convened on the topic.

Strawberry Creek also expressed its concern about the problem of alcohol and drug use at PYM but made no requests or suggestions at this time.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Margaret Mossman, Clerk of Nominating Committee, reported that there are no interim nominations. She reported that PYM had asked consideration of several items and that Nominating Committee had the following reports: 1) no change is proposed in the size of the Peace Committee or the Social Order Committee at this time; 2) no change is proposed concerning the rotation of membership on standing committees at this time (there are nine members, rotating in three year terms); and, 3) poses a question for Representative Committee concerning the naming of alternate delegates to wider Quaker organizations--shall we name an alternate for every delegate or allow some flexibility? Representative Committee APPROVED:

REPCOM The responsibility for appointing alternate delegates
82 - 4 to Friends organizations if notification is received
 from the delegate that he/she is unable to attend shall
 be delegated to the Clerk of Nominating Committee and
 the Clerk of Yearly Meeting.

It was noted that Jan Tappan and Bob Vogel will be the alternates with David Tappan to the Friends World Committee on Consultation in Kenya in 1982. Representative Committee APPROVED:

REPCOM Plenary Session will be set aside time for the Nominat-
82 - 5 ing Committee.

APPOINTMENTS TO AD HOC COMMITTEE TO NAME THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Clerk Eleanor Foster reminded us of the dual responsibility of this committee: to find new leadership and to affirm the current leadership. Out of silence the following names were proposed: Lois Bailey (Grass Valley), Convenor; Sue Brun (La Jolla); Mary Jorgenson (Redwood Forest); and Lowell Tozier (Orange Grove), Alternate.

The Meeting reconvened refreshed from lunch.

From the evaluations of plenary sessions of PYM 1981, Clerk Eleanor Foster spoke of the balancing between loving working together and the despair of working together and expressed her appreciation of our work today.

JUNIOR FRIENDS COMMITTEE

Carl Anderson of Strawberry Creek Meeting reported for Committee Clerk Arden Pierce. The Junior Friends Committee assists the

Junior High and High School groups as a resource, selecting advisors for the groups, and attending to complaints from or relating to the junior age people at PYM. David Calderon and Mike Turner are the Junior High Advisors; Chris Barnes and Kim Lacey are the High School Advisors. Special plans for this year include meeting with parents after the first plenary session on Monday evening to familiarize them with the program; noting that eleven o'clock p.m. is an appropriate bed-time; providing for snack time after plenary and perhaps in the afternoon, especially to provide for mixing among the young people and the older people; attending to space concerns of the young people at Chico; and, expressing interest in finding a person to provide some provocative stimulus in a manner similar to that of Simon Lamb from Ireland two years ago. For the Nominating Committee, it is noted that a new clerk is needed for the Junior Friends Committee.

JUNIOR FRIENDS YEARLY MEETING CLERK

Aaron Cole, Junior Friends Yearly Meeting Clerk, reported that Rusi Gustafson, Assistant Clerk, has aided in setting up the program for PYM. Aaron stated that he intends to make himself available so that Friends can get to know one another, and older Friends can get to know younger Friends.

There was no report from the Junior High Friends Clerk, or from Young Friends Yearly Meeting Clerk.

CHILDRENS' COMMITTEE

Merilee Euselia reported for the Children's Committee that Mary Miche will again be coordinator this year. She noted with regret that Carol Kelly will not be participating this year in the program. There is a need for two pre-school teachers at PYM rather than one, as there is an increased number of youngsters.

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT

Laura Magnani, Clerk of Ministry and Oversight, informed us of reports at the Fall meeting of Ministry and Oversight: 1) Brinton Visitors Mike and Margaret Yarrow have been traveling among us; 2) the Worship Fellowship Subcommittee has decided not to sponsor worship-fellowship groups with designated topics at PYM this year; and 3) the Ad Hoc Committee on Mental Illness clerked by Jane Peers, which came out of last years PYM, has been providing some resources for people and is planning a sharing group at PYM for families dealing with mental illness.

Concern About Drugs and Alcohol: Laura Magnani reviewed the history of concern, consideration and communication about the use of drugs and alcohol at PYM last year, noting that Monthly Meetings had been asked to labor further with the issue. Ministry and Oversight recommends the following language for use on the application form for PYM:

Use of drugs and alcohol at PYM creates conditions that are not consistent with the openness, love and trust we seek to find. An application to attend PYM is an agreement to refrain for this week from the use of drugs and alcohol. All persons listed on this application should be aware of the agreement. During PYM support and counsel will be offered to all who need help to abstain.

Ministry and Oversight considers the use of drugs and alcohol a matter for on-going dialogue and intends to have an interest group on the topic of PYM again this year. The discussion of the proposed language reflected the deep hope that while we are together in a spiritual community we be physically, mentally and emotionally truly ourselves. We are sensitive to those who have lost loved ones to the use of drugs or alcohol; we yearn to find a way to include those who cannot refrain as well as attend to those who want complete restraint.

Representative Committee APPROVED the following language for inclusion on the application form:

REPCOM 82 - 6 Use of alcohol and illegal drugs on PYM creates conditions that are not consistent with the openness, love and trust we seek to find. An application to attend PYM is an affirmation of our intent to refrain for this week from the use of alcohol and illegal drugs. All persons listed on this application should be aware of this affirmation. During PYM support and counsel will be offered to all who need help to abstain.

It was pointed out that the Meeting that we have a need to pay attention to process and encourage discussion prior to approval of actions.

Fund for Concerns: Laura Magnani read from a report of London Yearly Meeting: "concerns" are "obedience to the will of God". Ministry and Oversight has reviewed the mechanics of administering the Fund for Concerns established by PYM in 1979, and in response to identified weaknesses about "getting-the-word-out", and duplication of funding among Friends' bodies, has drafted "Guidelines for Applications for the Fund for Concern" (see Attached #5). Funds for Concerns provides for a special way of witnessing and has granted funds for four activities: to Snow Mountain and

Darrell Bluhm of Hayward Meeting for their work with Los Ninos; to Lonnie Valentine of Orange County Meeting carrying a concern about military tax resistance; to Joan Michener of San Jose Meeting to show "The Last Epidemic"; and, to Paul Jolly of Strawberry Creek Meeting and Jonathan Vogel and Lauren Crutcher of Santa Cruz Meeting for their Peace Pedaller trip.

Representative Committee APPROVED:

REPCOM Plenary time will be set aside for Ministry and Over-
82 - 7 sight Committee to report on the State of the Society.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

Pegge Lacey, Clerk of the Discipline Committee, reported that the committee met in mid-November, January, and will meet the May 1st weekend; and, expressed her gratitude for the committee membership. She reviewed the history of the extent of involvement in the work of reviewing the Discipline by members of PYM at its annual gatherings and in monthly meetings through 1979, 1980 and 1981. The current timetable provides that the Committee will provide some type of a draft document, probably in a looseleaf format, for consideration at the 1983 gathering. For the immediate future, final comments on the proposed queries and advices are due back as soon as possible, no later than March 15, 1982.

Representative Committee APPROVED:

REPCOM Plenary time will be set aside for the Discipline Commit-
82 - 8 tee to hold small group discussions by all members on such topics as: 'good order', membership, women in the society and in the Society.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Walter Klein, Clerk of Finance Committee, presented recommendations of the Committee for amendments to the Fiscal Year 1981-82 Budget.

Representative Committee APPROVED the Finance Committee recommendations for increases in the Budget as follows:

REPCOM Increase the budgeted amount for representative's travel
82 - 9 to the Friends Reunion in Mexico from \$300 to \$450.

Increase the Secretariat budget from \$850 to \$1200.

Increase the Childrens' Committee budget from \$2450 to \$2600.

Increase the amount of Fees' from Attenders, as a balancing item, by \$500.

Increase the Budget item for Representative Committee travel by \$150 (to fund the approved travel for representative and observer from Mexico City Monthly Meeting).

Increase the Budget for Ministry and Oversight Committee by \$200.

Increase budget for Sites Committee by \$100 in anticipation of travel to explore sites for 1983.

Increase budget for representatives to the Tirenial Conference by \$450 to recognize the anticipated increases in costs of travel.

Walter Klein pointed out to us the need to amend the terms of office for representatives to the Friends' World Committee of Consultation (FWCC) in order to correspond to the FWCC schedule.

Representative Committee APPROVED the following:

REPCOM The terms of the PYM representative to the Friends World
82 - 10 Committee on Consultation that are now in office shall be
 extended to January 1983.

In addition, Barbara Perry's term shall be retroactively extended to January 1982. In the future all terms of FWCC representatives shall be from January to January.

Walter Klein notes that the Finance Committee recommends approval of the Treasurer's Report to be presented. In conclusion, he reported that guidelines for expenditures are being developed for use by committees and officers in order to provide a consistent understanding of allowable expenditures.

TREASURERS' REPORT

Stratton Jaquette, with Maureen Jaquette, one of the two treasurers, presented the Treasurers' report for the Fiscal Year October 1, 1980 through October 1, 1981 (see Attachment 6). Representative Committee ACCEPTED the Treasurers' report with appreciation for the work completed. Stratton Jaquette then presented the Very Interim Treasurers' report for the current Fiscal Year October 1, 1982, to February 28, 1982 (see Attachment 7).

Representative Committee APPROVED:

REPCOM Plenary time will be set aside for the Treasurers Re-
82 - 11 port.

Representative Committee came again to its work after an afternoon break.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Karen Hilsdale, Clerk of the Religious Education Committee, shared her explorations of the possible functions of the Committee. It seems that one role might be to enhance communications among the monthly meetings along the lines of epistles, to enable the sharing of resources and of experiences - both success and failure of practices within meetings.

PEACE COMMITTEE

Akie Reynolds, Clerk of Peace Committee, reported that the Committee had reviewed the procedures for bringing concerns to the plenary sessions of PYM and, especially, the relationships between interest groups and the Peace Committee. It is important that every monthly meeting become familiar with the procedures, and representatives are urged to take the procedures back to their meetings.

Concerns and issues before the Peace Committee include the Bilateral Nuclear Freeze Initiative, the Fast for Disarmament, the United Nations Second Session on Disarmament, the Middle East, El Salvador, and Central America as a whole. At this time, no decision has been taken on interest groups for PYM.

The Peace Committee proposes to continue the Hiroshima Vigil in downtown Chico this year (August 6), noting that it is particularly important in the context of the Bilateral Nuclear Freeze Initiative which will be on the ballot in November 1982, throughout California.

It is proposed that there will be a letter-writing room at PYM for participation in communication on these concerns by attenders at the gathering. Inspiration and rededication is urged as a part of the presentation by the Peace Committee to the plenary session.

Representative Committee discussed at some length a recommendation from the Peace Committee that no delegate be sent from PYM to the Third Conference of the New Call to Peacemaking, June 17-20, 1982. PYM has had a longstanding commitment to this ecumenical effort. This may be, in these changing times, one of the most important efforts we can make. It may be our ministry to the less activist peace churches. Our last two delegates have reported it to be an educational experience and that Friends well versed in Friends ways of doing business are needed to participate

effectively. Delegates named for this year are: Martine Ernst and Louise Aldrich. There is, however, no budget for their travel and costs. Anne Friend will be on the staff of the conference. There was a concensus and we wished to continue our participation formally through our representatives.

Representative Committee APPROVED the following:

REPCOM The 1981-1982 budget will be augmented by \$300 to fund
82 - 12 the travel of a representative to attend the New Call
 to Peacemaking Conference in June 1982.

The Peace Committee was requested to consider our participation in the New Call to Peacemaking.

Clerk Eleanor Foster took this opportunity to call to our minds the current active participation by many of our members in peace-making. "As we support others, we are in turn supported." A concern was shared that no delegate is being sent by PYM to the United Nations Second Session on Disarmament, although some of our members expect to witness for peace around the conference.

SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE

Ron Steelman, Clerk of Social Order, reported that the committee had met in geographic groups in the Fall and will meet again in April. Latin America is a concern: the intent is to have one or two interest sessions, or workshops, on "Friends Understanding of the Culture and Problems of Latin America". An interest group may also form around the theme "Friends Response to the New Poverty in the United States".

Representative Committee APPROVED:

REPCOM Plenary session time will be set aside for the Social
82 - 13 Order Committee.

The meeting adjourned for dinner.

We began again with silence. Clerk Eleanor Foster shared her telephone conversation with past clerk of PYM Catherine Bruner, "we're working with it; we are clear".

Discussion focused on the concern for PYM representation at the United Nations Special Session. It was concluded that such representation would need approval of the plenary session and that we would instead have to rely on individuals who participate to report back to Chico. Cathy Anderson, Berkeley Meeting,

asked representatives to ask PYM attenders to stop in Berkeley on the way home from Chico on August 8 to join in the Circle of Concern to be held on August 8, 1982 as part of an on-going vigil to protest University of California participation in the development of nuclear arms.

FRIENDS BULLETIN COMMITTEE

Clerk of the Friends Bulletin Committee, Marilyn Heilman, spoke of the increasing costs of production and mailing. She noted that the Editor has taken over the bookkeeping, a cost saving but a heavy load. She reported a good response to the appeal for funds and solicited our ideas on solving the financial instability of the Friends' Bulletin with particular emphasis on increasing the number of individual subscribers.

Representative Committee APPROVED:

REPCOM Plenary session time will be set aside for the Friends 82 - 14 Committee to discuss the Committee program and concerns.

Shirley Ruth, editor, reminded Friends that now is the time to write articles to get our concerns into the Bulletin in preparation for our work at PYM. The deadline is the 5th of each month. She noted that the Bulletin plans a special issue on the use of drugs and alcohol as part of the continuing dialogue on this concern.

FRIEND IN THE ORIENT COMMITTEE

Rose Lewis, Clerk of the Friend in the Orient Committee, reported. A group of Friends went to China in September under the auspices of George Fox College and made contact with friends of Friends in Schzcheun and Shanghai. A report of the trip and a report on the World Disarmament Campaign is contained in the Committee's newsletter, Windows East and West.

The committee requests an interest group at PYM so that Osmyrn Stout can share his recent trip to China.

Rose Lewis reported that Ernie and Miriam Von Seggern are unable to go to Korea as planned last summer. It may be that Lloyd and Marcy Margaret Bailey may be able to go. Because the Baileys have worked with UNICEF and the UN, are from Quaker families, educated at Quaker schools, and have international experience they are unusually well-qualified. They are not, however, from this Yearly Meeting. While their schedules do not permit them to participate in any of the quarterly meetings or PYM prior to their department, it is anticipated that they will return here and share their experience with us. The Committee requests a traveling minute for the Baileys if they are indeed able to serve in this capacity.

Representative Committee APPROVED:

REPCOM A traveling minute will be endorsed for Lloyd and Mary
82 - 15 Margaret Bailey if they are able to serve as a Friend
in Korea under the sponsorship of the Friend in the
Orient Committee.

Rose Lewis reported that Sang Del Cha of Los Angeles Meeting
may go to Korea in June and, if he does, he wishes to go as a
Quaker; therefore, Friend in the Orient Committee has approved
a letter supporting his concern that we here in the United States
try to learn from sharing our hearts and minds with North Korea.
Representative Committee APPROVED:

REPCOM Clerk Eleanor Foster will endorse a traveling minute
82 - 16 for Sang Dal Cha in his proposed travel to North Korea
when it is presented through Los Angeles Monthly Meet-
ing or the Friend in Orient Committee.

Rose Lewis spoke of the Triennial Conference of the Friends World
Committee on Consultation in Kenya and a pre-conference in New
Delhi, and reported that she hopes to be able to go to both these
events. If she does go, Clerk Eleanor Foster will write a letter
of introduction for her. Representative Committee APPROVED:

REP COM Plenary session time will be set aside for a report
82 - 17 by the Friend in the Orient Committee.

Osmyn Stout expressed his gratitude to PYM's Representative Com-
mittee for the letter of introduction that he took with him to
China, and shared greetings from Hong Kong, Taipei, Tokyo and
Seoul.

OTHER REQUESTS FOR PLENARY TIME AT PYM

Clerk Eleanor Foster stated that she had received a request from
Ted Neff of Friends National Committee on Legislation (FCNL) for
plenary time to report from the four representatives who attended
FCNL in Washington, D.C.

Representative Committee APPROVED:

REPCOM Plenary session time will be set aside for a report from
82 - 18 the Friends National Committee on Legislation.

We are involved with, engaged with, participating with many wider
Friends organizations and want to find ways to hear from all.
It may be that we will continue to hear from them on a rotating
basis: we heard from AFSC last year; this year, FCNL; schools
another year; and so on. Clerk Eleanor Foster will convey to
the Social Order Committee the Representative Committee's concern

that AFSC be involved in PYM sessions, perhaps as a resource for the Social Order Committee's interest group on concerns for Latin America.

We are reminded that the Agenda Review Committee might consider an orvall policy for hearing from many organizations and groups.

ARRANGEMENTS

Bob Barnes, Clerk of Arrangements, affirmed his willingness and concern to serve in that capacity. He noted that fees will be higher, that some arrangements have been made, that he is still seeking a Monthly Meeting to take responsibility for providing physical support. The high cost of the evening snacks (\$800) is a matter requiring special attention.

Sheila Moran, Registrar, reported that a word-processing system will be used to facilitate registration this year. The registration deadline is July 10, 1982. Pre-registration is strongly urged.

After some discussion of the value, or lack thereof, of a late fee, Representative Committee APPROVED

REPCOM The Registrar is directed to charge a 20% late fee for 82 - 19 PYM registration after July 10, 1982.

Sheila Moran will send to each Monthly Meeting a list of attenders to previous PYM annual gatherings in order to promote encouragement of early registration.

In the absence of a clear direction for change in registration procedures, we will keep the present system emphasizing the July 10 deadline, and ask the Arrangements Committee to return with a clear and specific proposal for the future.

STATISTICAL REPORT

John Draper, Statistical Clerk, noted several facts: attendance at Chico was up 14% in 1981 from 1980; an updated list of preparative meetings and worship groups is available; a statistical summary of the number of adults and children in each meeting is available; a one-sheet roster with data on Monthly Meetings is available; mailing labels for the use of PYM Representatives and Officers can be provided by John Draper; membership forms, including transfer of memberships is available.

AD HOC COMMITTEE TO NAME THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Representative Committee APPROVED the following:

REPCOM The Ad Hoc Committee to Name the Nominating Committee
82 - 20 shall be as follows: Lois Bailey, Convenor; Sue Brun;
 Mary Jorgenson; and Lowell Tozier, Alternate.

TRAVEL MINUTES

Clerk Eleanor Foster presented a request from the Peace Pedallers for endorsement of a traveling minute.

Representative Committee APPROVED:

REPCOM A traveling minute will be endorsed by the Clerk of PYM
82 - 21 for Jonathan Vogel and Laura Crutcher as they participate
 with the Peace Pedallers in a bicycle trip across the
 country to speak for peace and disarmament.

The meeting closed with silence. How do we care for one another? How shall we find the balance between firm principles that may be heard as angry or hostile, and a wish to reach out to include and serve all? Our work goes easier if we remind ourselves that Pacific Yearly Meeting is a gathering for worship to learn God's will.

Attachment #1 - the Attenders List - has been extracted to a separate document for privacy reasons.

PROCEDURE IN RECEIVING CONCERNS

The following minute, an ammendment to the discipline, rose from the Social Order Committee in 1973, was further worked and seasoned by Delta Monthly Meeting, presented to Representative Committee, and approved by Pacific Yearly Meeting in plenary session in 1974. It replaces the section in parentheses from Faith and Practice, page 62.

1974-4 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 PYM committee, with a copy to the Clerk of PYM. The committee will consider this minute, modifying it, if necessary, for presentation to the Yearly Meeting. Other concerns, which have not been seasoned in this manner, should be presented to the clerk of the appropriate PYM 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.

Reproduced below are the relevant sections of Faith and Practice, 1973 edition, pages 61,62.

**PROCEDURE IN RECEIVING CONCERNS
AND IN LIBERATING CONCERNED FRIENDS**

From early days the Society of Friends has greatly valued those leadings of the Spirit which result in significant individual and corporate concerns. It has learned, however, that given concerns vary in merit, depending on the validity of their inspiration and the care with which they are considered and carried out. The concerns of even great Friends have not always been of equal significance, John Woolman's concern against slavery, for example, being of a different order from his concern to wear only undyed linen suits. Concerns vary, too, in their pertinence for others, some being meant perhaps only for the individual, others having a wider meaning. Friends are urged to be clear about the corporate consideration and support of a concern before proceeding with it publicly. A concerned person should have patience and humility in seeking support for it. True liberation both for the Friend who labors under a concern and others who may unite with it can come only through its clear presentation, deliberate consideration, and well-judged implementation.

Concerns in the Monthly Meeting. The Monthly Meeting, the basic unit of the Society, is the right place for a concern first to be presented and considered. A Friend moved by a concern should consider it prayerfully within himself, to be sure it is rightly motivated and of more than personal or passing importance. If he feels others may want to unite with it, he should consult with qualified Friends about it. If he is clear about presenting his concern to the Monthly Meeting, he should state clearly and concisely in writing its purpose and means. The concern should be given to an appropriate committee for consideration and recommendation and should come in mature form to the Monthly Meeting. If a concern involves possible disobedience to law or conflict with custom, he should avoid its public expression so as to imply corporate support unless and until it has received such support.

If a concern has wider meaning than for the Monthly Meeting, it may be forwarded to the regional and perhaps the Yearly Meeting (see below).

Resources of Communication. Friends seeking support for a concern are urged to utilize available means of communication for its explanation and presentation. It is well to supply texts of it to a committee or a Meeting which is expected to consider it. The Monthly Meeting newsletter or bulletin may be able to carry a word about it. For presentation to Friends in the Yearly Meeting, the *Friends Bulletin* should be utilized.

Concerns in the Regional and Yearly Meeting. Appropriate concerns should be brought to the regional and to the Yearly Meeting in much the same manner as to the Monthly Meeting. A concern supported by a committee of the regional or Yearly Meeting has a better chance for support than one expressed by an individual. A concern should, if possible, be sent in advance in writing to the Executive and/or Representative Committee to be considered for the agenda of Yearly Meeting.

(A concern may arise during a regional or the Yearly Meeting, and it is in keeping with Friends' ways that it be recognized and considered according to its merits in so far as this is physically possible. The Yearly Meeting has indicated that a concern might come to the Representative Committee at Yearly Meeting after having been approved by a Worship-Fellowship or Interest Group, and then, if approved by Representative Committee, to a session of the Yearly Meeting. Under exceptional circumstances, a concern might arise from the floor of a general session; if so, it should be presented briefly and heard without discussion; then, at the discretion of the Clerk on consultation with the Yearly Meeting Committee on Ministry and Oversight, it may be given to an appropriate committee for consideration and presentation, in written form in less than a hundred words, at a later session. If a concern arises from the floor at the last business session of the Yearly Meeting, the Clerks have discretion as to its consideration.

To be replaced by 1974 Minute

February 11, 1982

Ellie Foster, Clerk
Pacific Yearly Meeting

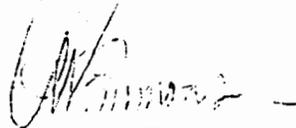
Dear Friend:

A concern raised by one of our members has been discussed at our Monthly Meeting February 7, and on behalf of the Meeting I have been asked to transmit it to you for consideration at the Pacific Yearly Meeting Representatives Committee Meeting. The concern is about the size and complexity of Pacific Yearly Meeting, its organization and committee structure, a topic we know has been discussed many times and which will continue to be discussed. Has PYM grown too large? Is it time to consider dividing it, or laying it down and having Quarterly Meetings fulfill its functions? Has it grown so large and autonomous that it is an independent entity, rather than a Meeting that represents and synthesizes its constituent Monthly Meetings?

The Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting requests that Representative Committee consider having an interest group and a plenary session at the 1982 PYM devoted to this topic of the size, purpose, functions and structure of PYM.

A second concern about the problem of alcohol and drug use at PYM and how and by whom (by Representative Committee? by Ministry and Oversight? by a Plenary Session?) policy on this matter is set was discussed but Strawberry Creek Meeting does not have consensus or a proposal on the issue at this time.

On behalf of Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting,



Richard W. Emmons, Clerk