

MINUTES
PYM Representative Committee
Sunday, July 31, 1983
Chico, California

The Representative Committee of PYM met in Chico, California on July 31, 1983. The Clerk, Robert Vogel, opened the Meeting at 7:30 pm, with a period of worship. "We will be open, and tender, and emboldened, by the truth amongst us."

Earle Reynolds was approved as Recording Clerk, replacing Ron Steelman.

About 100 Friends introduced themselves, and an attendance sheet was circulated.

The minutes of the March 1983 Representative Committee meeting were approved.

The Representative Committee's agendas for July 31 and August 1 were approved.

Details of the present Yearly Meeting program were described by Jeanette Norton, Assistant Clerk. Only 11 interest groups will be presented this year, and emphasis will be placed on 7 working groups, as described in Friends Bulletin, June 1983, page 183. This is an experiment, attempting the study in depth of selected Friends' concerns. Another new item will be "Fun for Everyone", on Monday evening. The Tuesday picnic supper also represents a new adventure, hopefully bringing all of the Meeting together. Finally, "Orientation for Everyone" is another socializing event which will be offered at 11-12 on Monday August 1, in addition to the customary Roll Call at 1:30.

REPCOM

83-12 The proposed schedule as described was approved.

General Arrangements Bob Barnes reported that he is very pleased with the progress of preparations, and with the cooperation of Craig Hall Staff given on the use of the swimming pool, as well as further information on Tuesday's picnic supper.

Children's Program Marilee Eusebio reported on plans, and warned that Friends may be "vulturized" - a new Quaker word - into assisting in the program.

Junior Friends Jack Hunter described this program. Progress is satisfactory, but help would be welcomed. Parents are urged to hold to the 10:30 bedtime.

Worship-Fellowship Groups Lois and Harry Bailey announced that 325 Friends are registered in 29 groups. For the first time, a computer was used in the selection process, and though it appears to have lost 99 names, these Friends were eventually rescued. An orientation for leaders will be given during tea time on Monday. Friends are urged to remain in the groups to which they were assigned.

Epistle Committee Paul Niebank presented the names of Betsy Dearborn and Robert Schutz, who were approved, and reported that the third name would be a member of the Jolly clan.

Committee to Name the Nominating Committee Jonathan Vogel reported on his efforts. The names of Eleanor Foster and Kitty Barragato were submitted. A report will be made in Session 4. This procedure was approved.

Young Friends A report was given by Elizabeth Perry. A Young Friends Panel will be presented on Wednesday in Session 7. The Query: How do we practice, particularly in business meetings, the love and trust we have for each other as a community?

The following concerns have been brought to Pacific Yearly Meeting:
a) PEACE TAX FUND. Akie Reynolds, Clerk of Peace Committee, reported. The Committee met this afternoon, are consulting with other relevant committees, and will bring a minute to plenary session no. 8.

b) Quaker Archives. A minute, concerned with the preservation of Quaker archives, and presented by San Jose Meeting, was discussed at some length and a number of approaches suggested.

REPCOM The Clerk will appoint an ad hoc committee to labor with this concern.
83-13 Approved.

c) QUAKERS AND THE RUSSIANS. Herbert Foster reported. The sub-committee has met and will report at the working group on Tuesday and Wednesday, under the direction of Hermione Baker.

d) A PROJECTED VISIT WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. Both La Jolla Monthly Meeting and Davis Monthly Meeting presented minutes concerned with the University of California Weapons Laboratory. The Peace Committee has discussed this concern and a minute will be brought, in slightly altered form, to a plenary session. The minute should be routed through one of the working groups.

e) THE SANCTUARY MOVEMENT. Minutes on this concern were received from Orange Grove Monthly Meeting and from Claremont Monthly Meeting, and another minute from San Francisco Monthly Meeting is to be sent through College Park Quarterly Meeting. The working group on Central America has copies of these minutes.

We were reminded that minutes seasoned in working groups should be presented to plenary through appropriate standing committees.

f) POSSIBLE AFFILIATION OF PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING WITH FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE AND FRIENDS UNITED MEETING. A minute was received from La Jolla Monthly Meeting recommending such a formal affiliation. Considerable discussion ensued. Questions were asked bearing on the central thought, "What would this mean to Pacific Yearly Meeting?" A letter from Ferner Nuhn was quoted saying that this concern needs "considerable seasoning". This minute will be returned to La Jolla Monthly Meeting for further seasoning and possible submission to Southern California Quarterly Meeting.

Jeanette Norton asked Caroline Estes to give some historical background on the Secretariat. Caroline described how this service to the Pacific Yearly Meeting was first undertaken by her 26 years ago. Through the years, the Secretariat has steadily enlarged its services and the Meeting has become more and more dependent on it. A volunteer staff, working 16 ~ 20 hours a day, performs the equivalent of \$2500 in secretarial services.

Caroline Estes will not be at Pacific Yearly Meeting in 1984. The duties of this arduous position must be undertaken. It is a task which could use the skills and energies of up to a dozen Friends, and requires a high level of organization.

A discussion followed on possible methods of operating the Secretariat. It was suggested that some simplification of the several areas now handled by the Secretariat might be possible.

We will meet again tomorrow morning at 9:00.

The Meeting closed with silence.

Earle Reynolds
Recording Clerk of Representative
Committee

These minutes, incorporating additions and corrections, were approved by Representative Committee on August 1, 1983.

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PYM REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE
Monday, August 1, 1983 Chico, CA

The Meeting of August 1, 1983 opened with a period of silence.

A number of additional Friends, not present at yesterday's Meeting introduced themselves, including Friends from Mexico and Hawaii.

The minutes of the Meeting of July 31, 1983, were approved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Margaret Mossman reported. The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) wants more participation by Friends in the AFSC

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Corporation, one as a convenor, primarily working at regional AFSC level. One member, chosen by the group, will be funded to attend the Philadelphia Meeting; the remainder will attend if possible. Funding is asked for their travel expense to regional meetings.

There was considerable discussion of these proposals, including the suggestion of 3 - year terms, and the provision of travel allowances for more than one member to the annual national meeting. The responsibility of the Meeting to both the regional and national levels of AFSC was stressed

REPCOM 83-14 The Meeting will name 5 representatives to AFSC Corporation, for 3 - year terms. They will choose their own convenor, and one or more of them will attend the annual meeting of AFSC Corporation. Funds will be provided equivalent to one person's expenses. Arrangements for regional AFSC Meetings will be made, as appropriate.

REGISTRAR Charles Swift reported that 438 attenders have registered. A computer is now assisting in the registration process.

SITES Marie Schutz read a "litany" of reasons for attending Pacific Yearly Meeting. The wide variety of motives given mirrored the broad scope of the Meeting. Sites Committee recommends that the San Francisco YMCA Camp at La Honda be chosen as the site for Yearly Meeting in 1984. It will be available in the second week of July (8 - 14) and appears to meet our principle needs. There will be minor changes, but "any change is different."

In addition, the University of La Verne (near Claremont) was recommended as the site for August 4 - 10, 1985. Camping will be no problem.

In response to questions, it was stated that Chico is not over-priced, and that we are working on owning our own site, but no report will be made at this time.

REPCOM 83-15 The recommendations were enthusiastically approved, and Marie Schutz and her committee were given sincere thanks for their good work.

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT Paul Niebanck asked for a special effort to meet new attenders at tea and elsewhere. He reminded us of the need for promptness in attendance at plenary and worship sessions.

Three interest groups were particularly recommended:

- 1) Preparation and use of State of Society Reports
- 2) The situation in Mexico City Meeting. (M & O sent 2 representatives to Mexico City in June.)
- 3) Problems and opportunities in small worship groups.

With regard to possible affiliation with FGC and FUM, M & O will consider this matter, beyond what immediate discussions which may be made regarding this concern. M & O has a role to play in discovering what such affiliation would mean.

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION Virginia Heck reported. Gordon Browne will arrive today. The American section of FWCC recommends that the term of representatives be 6 years. There will be a half-time member of FWCC in San Francisco to help Friends regionally.

A World Gathering of Young Friends will be held at Guilford College in 1985, preceeding the Triennial in Mexico.

BULLETIN COMMITTEE Shirley Ruth reported for Marilyn Heilman. A report will be given at Plenary Session on Friday, focusing on early history.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Walter Jones reported that attention is being given to fiscal problems associated with the Peace Tax Fund, to travel allowances adjustments, to budget for visitors, and to the equipment budget.

It is very likely that costs to PYM participants will rise, either through increases to Monthly Meetings or costs to individuals, or both.

PEACE COMMITTEE Akie Reynolds will report at Plenary Session on Wednesday evening. Minutes submitted for approval will include:

- 1) A visit to the President of the University of California.
- 2) The Middle East situation.
- 3) Nuclear missiles.
- 4) Peace Tax Fund.

For the last item, we have our own minute, based on the one used by New England Yearly Meeting. PYM has already approved of this in principle; the completed minute is now ready.

A brief discussion of legal problems, in terms of individual liabilities and PYM responsibilities, followed. The present condition of the New England Meeting Fund was reviewed: 22 depositors, amount of Fund \$22,500, 6 seizures, no problems for the Fund itself.

Plans are proceeding for the annual Hiroshima Vigil - to be held on August 5 this year. The usual Peace Table will be in corridors at Craig Hall.

SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE Elizabeth Jones reported that the Working Groups will be used "heavily," particularly in the following areas:

- 1) US - USSR relations, with a possible minute.
- 2) Sanctuary, with a possible minute.
- 3) Race relations.

A movie, "The Mondragon Experiment" will be shown. It has been very helpful to the Social Order Committee

Youth projects are slowly developing, but moving forward with time, particularly in the work camp area.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE Pegge Lacey reported that a small pamphlet has been published, "Advices and Queries" (A Sam Cox production, 1,000 copies). It will be on sale in the Book Store, and also placed in the packet for Monthly Meetings. The material will appear in the new "Faith & Practice."

Thanks were given for help and participation from various Friends. Advice has been taken to heart. Materials for several completed sections include such topics as; Concerns in the Quarterly and Yearly Meetings, Worship, Equality of the Sexes, Clearness, Death, Testimonies, Marriage, Membership, and a Glossary of unique Quaker terms. These "Parts and Pieces" will be properly connected, so the reader need not be disturbed by its present apparently fragmentary appearance.

FRIEND IN THE ORIENT Rose Lewis could not report, due to time pressures, but will give a full report at Plenary Session.

Earle Reynolds, Recording Clerk of
Representative Committee