

## PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Minutes of the Interim Committee Meeting, August 21, 1957, McMinnville, Oregon

PRESENT: Robert L. Simkin, John Ullman, Olivia Davis, Jane Baumann, Jeanette Young, Helen F. Topping, Ruth Wendt, Edith Sperry, Naomi Rippin, David Bruner, Beulah Thornburg, Marjorie Weber, Ruth Schmoie, Georges Weber, Ben Darling, John Dorland, Frances Thompson, Phillip Wells, Harold Carson, Margaret Lorenz, Isobel Schels, Margarete Coe, Grace Lawrence, Laura Gritzner, Charles Gritzner, Josiah Russell, Robert Boyd, Ferner Nuhn, Isabel F. Smith, James Heaston, Edward Thatcher, Eubanks Carener, Olin Dyerly, Hugh Campbell Brown, Edwin Morgenroth, Catherine Bruner, Mildred Burck, *Ruth Scholer*

The meeting opened at 9:30 a.m. with a period of worship.

- 1) SALT LAKE CITY MEETING: The committee appointed to visit Salt Lake City Meeting, consisting of Russell Jorgensen, John Dorland and Peggy Church, was united in recommending that Salt Lake City Meeting become a meeting of Pacific Yearly Meeting. The recommendation was accepted for presentation to Yearly Meeting and the committee was asked to continue for another year in order to give oversight to this meeting.
- 2) YEARLY MEETING IN 1958: The arrangements committee presented the information about Redlands University and Camp Seely as possible sites for next year's meeting. Because of the limitation on numbers which exists at Camp Seely, Redlands University from August 6-10 was considered preferable.
- 3) YEARLY MEETING IN 1959: The selection of this year's committee on arrangements will be referred to the College Park Quarterly Meeting, with the suggestion that Fred Allan be asked to serve as chairman.
- 4) YOUNG FRIENDS: It is recommended to the Nominating Committee that two counselors be appointed for Young Friends and that they serve during the year as well as at Yearly Meeting. It was suggested that Young Friends be consulted about the appointments.
- 5) THE EPISTLE COMMITTEE will consist of Jane Baumann, Floyd Schmoie and Grace Lawrence.
- 6) READING CLERK PRO TEM: Robert Boyd was appointed to serve in this capacity.  
ANNOUNCER: David Bruner was asked to serve this function.
- 7) WORSHIP-FELLOWSHIP GROUPS: Isabel Smith, Vern James and Ben Darling were asked to divide the registration list into groups, choosing a leader and a meeting place for each group, the leaders possibly meeting together in advance. These groups will allow for the presentation of concerns which have not been presented to the Meetings. It is being tried as an experiment. It was expected that the groups would meet only on Friday morning unless the Education Committee desired to use the groupings for their presentation on Thursday morning. Additional meetings for any group was left to their discretion.
- 8) REPRESENTATIVES TO CONFERENCES: The matter of Yearly Meeting representation to two conferences was discussed. Of the five appointed yearly to represent us on the Friends World Committee, only three will be allowed to attend the FWC conference to be held in Bad Pymont in September, 1958. This limitation of all American groups has been made in order to equalize world representation which is overbalanced by Americans. The Yearly Meeting was also asked to send three representatives to the proposed Conference on Disarmament to be held at the Friends Meeting house in Evanston, Illinois, March 6-9, 1958. It was recommended that the Yearly Meeting

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<sup>for 49 per cent</sup>  
~~Interim~~ appoint three representatives to each conference and that the budget item cover the expenses of one representative to each, dividing the money equally among those who attend. It was hoped that Monthly and Quarterly Meetings might help furnish the remainder of the expenses. It was also felt that representatives sent to meetings and conferences by the Yearly Meeting should report to Monthly, Quarterly and Half-Yearly Meetings wherever possible.

9) MEMORIALS: Monthly Meetings were asked to take responsibility for presenting memorials to the Yearly Meeting. ~~While the death of any member should be noted, memorials should be presented only for members especially significant to the life of the meeting.~~

10) TRAVEL MINUTES: Gretchen Tutthill is traveling around the world under a concern for peace. The La Jolla minute will be read in Yearly Meeting session for endorsement by the Yearly Meeting. The minute written for Rega Engelsberg by the clerk for presentation at Germany Yearly Meeting was approved.

11) SINGING: In response to the suggestion that we have more singing at Yearly Meeting, it was decided that we have singing prior to the evening sessions for those who wish it. The song books will be sold for 25¢ each to those who want to keep them. Robert Boyd was asked to take charge of the books and to lead the singing.

12) INTERIM COMMITTEE MINUTES are to be mimeographed and distributed to all attendees. Only minutes which require action will be read in the sessions of Yearly Meeting.

13) DISCIPLINE: A letter was read from the Ministry and Counsel Committee of the Tucson Monthly Meeting, regarding the Discipline, and was referred to the Discipline Committee. The Interim Committee suggested that all Meetings be asked to study the Discipline and make their considered recommendations during the course of the year. To help with this, a statement should be printed in the Bulletin clarifying the ~~those~~ <sup>those</sup> to follow in making changes. Suggested changes in the printed word should be sent to the Discipline Committee. It was hoped that proposed additions to the Discipline could be circulated ~~by the committee~~ to the Monthly Meetings. It was suggested that Ministry and Oversight be asked to help where serious divisions occur in Monthly Meetings over points in the Discipline. The Interim Committee agreed that no useful purpose would be served by discussion of this new edition in this year's sessions. There are 1,000 copies of the Discipline to be distributed, some already having been circulated. ~~Meetings receiving copies are expected to reimburse Yearly Meeting 50¢ for each copy, to be sent to Asenath Young, 855 N. Mentor Ave., Pasadena, California.~~

14) AFSC CORPORATION MEMBERS: The AFSC desires to have the Yearly Meeting appoint corporation members as a demonstration of approval and support, even though to the Yearly Meeting it is a "paper" relationship. The Interim Committee approved approaching the AFSC Regional Executive Committees in the Pacific Yearly Meeting area with the proposal that its corporation members be ex-officio members of the executive committees in the regions where they live.

15) PEACE QUERY: A letter was read from the Phoenix Meeting in regard to the peace query presented by La Jolla Meeting. Charles Gritzner was asked to present the point of view of the Phoenix Meeting when this query comes up for discussion.

16) SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS: A letter from Bob Barns was read suggesting that more attention needs to be given to making the spiritual emphasis of Yearly Meeting of primary importance, with other concerns taking secondary place.

- 17) HOME FOR ELDERLY FRIENDS: Marjorie Weber reported for this committee. Judging from the reports received, there <sup>seems</sup> is not enough current interest and the expected needs are too varied to provide sufficient basis for proceeding at the present time. *The committee was asked to continue and to call a special interest group.*
- 18) MEETING HOUSES: The concern for the revival of the revolving fund for use by Meetings which are buying or building meeting houses was passed on to the Finance Committee.
- 19) INTER-YEARLY MEETING ORGANIZATIONS: Riverside-Redlands Meeting presented a concern to have a committee to explore the possibility of joining Friends General Conference and present their findings to Yearly Meeting. It was decided to appoint a committee to explore the function of other inter-Yearly Meeting Friends bodies, as well as Friends General Conference, and the relation of Pacific Yearly Meeting to them. Robert Boyd, Harold Carson, Ferner Nuhn, Eubanks Carsner and William or Anna James were suggested to serve on this committee.
- 20) LOCAL PEACE AND SERVICE COMMITTEES: A report on the concern of University Meeting presented last year, having to do with the formation of committees within the local Meeting to help in finding opportunities for service, was deferred for presentation at the time of the AFSC report.
- 21) MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE: The concern for a committee of this nature was referred to the Committee on Ministry and Oversight.
- 22) SOBELL CASE: There will be a special interest group on the Sobell case.
- 23) PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION: There was consideration of a minute dropping the words, "Pacific Coast Association". It was agreed that it should be discussed by the Meetings and brought up for recommendation at the spring meeting of the Interim Committee. The proposed minute follows:

Pacific Yearly Meeting was born eleven years ago within the Pacific Coast Association of Friends. Since that time it has continued to grow and mature. Friends, not members of the Monthly Meetings of Pacific Yearly Meeting, have continued to be welcome in our meetings. The relationship of these Friends to our annual sessions has been formalized by the continuation of the Pacific Coast Association of Friends but is not dependent on this continuation. These Friends will continue to be a part of the fellowship, whether the name of the Association is continued or not. The Pacific Coast Association of Friends which began at Mills College in April, 1931, has filled a need in the past 27 years which no longer exists. Therefore, we members of the Pacific Coast Association of Friends, meeting jointly with Pacific Yearly Meeting, believe that it is to the best interest of our society to discontinue the name of the Association.