

Pacific Yearly Meeting
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 19, 1966
Berkeley Meeting, Berkeley

1. Members of the Pacific Yearly Meeting Executive Committee gathered at Berkeley Meeting House for worship at 8:30 a.m. (Roster of attenders attached.)
2. Copies of the tentative agenda were circulated (copy attached to file minutes) and the Clerk reviewed the major items of business of the day.
3. The Clerk noted that a correction should be made in minute 1965-4, page 5 of the 1965 Yearly Meeting minutes. "Appointments are to be reported for endorsement" should read "Nominations are to be reported...for appointments." Appointments of delegates to the Friends World Conference must be made by Yearly Meetings, not regional meetings.
4. The following Friends were appointed to the ad hoc committee to nominate members for the Nominating Committee for the year-class, 1969: Clara Hurn, Walt Raitt and Gretchen Rudnick. Recommendation was made that Walt Raitt be one of the nominees for the committee.
5. Ferner Nuhn's travel minute, issued July, 1965, endorsed by several eastern meetings, was read and filed with appreciation of his visitation.
6. Committees reporting to Yearly Meeting will be encouraged to appear as a group, facing the meeting, in order that they may be identified and be near the microphone if they should wish to speak to the report. Greater use of a loud-speaking system, rented by Yearly Meeting, should be made during plenary sessions and be available during worship sessions for use on a trial basis.
7. The Representative Committee will be asked to meet near the close of Yearly Meeting to evaluate the sessions and make suggestions to the Executive Committee for the next year. Monthly Meetings with names beginning P to Z are asked to name representatives for a two year period in 1966 in order to assure some experienced membership on the Representative Committee.
8. The official address for Pacific Yearly Meeting will be: care of Friends Meeting House, 2151 Vine Street, Berkeley, California. The Clerk of Berkeley Meeting is authorized to open Yearly Meeting communications and forward them to the committee chairman or officer concerned.
9. The Assistant Clerk shall be asked to assist the Clerk by presiding at sessions of either Yearly Meeting or Representative Committee when needed, and by sitting near the Clerk during sessions to provide access to the chair from the floor.
10. The treasurer, Robert Young, presented the current financial report (copy attached to file minutes). He commented that individual contributions to the F.C.N.L., which now is responsible for the Friend in Washington fund, should be made directly to the F.C.N.L. Checks from Meetings for this fund are endorsed by the treasurer and forwarded. The report was approved and appreciation expressed to the treasurer. Monthly Meetings delinquent in payment of Yearly Meeting assessment were urged to bring them up to date.

11. Yearly Meeting Bulletin editor, Virginia Harris, reported that the major part of the budget has already been raised through Meeting subscriptions for members and attenders. This procedure is recommended to Meetings who have not yet instituted it. Virginia Harris expressed appreciation for excellent clerical help, much of it volunteer. She reported that there have been problems in getting adequate reports from regional Meetings, which she would like to receive in summary form, not complete minutes.
12. Bob Keller, a member of the Young Friends Yearly Meeting, reported on the Experiment in Silence conference at Woolman School in December. He requested that in drawing up its schedule for summer, 1966, the Yearly Meeting avoid conflicts with Young Friends Yearly Meeting by keeping together agenda topics and interest groups of concern to Young Friends.
13. Harriet Schaffran, for the Discipline Committee, reported that the recently revised Discipline has been distributed to individuals and groups all over the world. Suggested changes and revisions are already being received, and will be held by the committee for the next revision. Walt Raitt reminded the Executive Committee that the new Discipline should be formally adopted at next Yearly Meeting, since up to this time it is only approved for use until formal action is taken. Harriet Schaffran requested the Executive Committee to direct a letter of appreciation to Ferner Nuhn for his devoted efforts in the long and difficult job of revising the Discipline. This was approved.
14. The Education Committee, Gerri House, Chairman, requested that a short time be allotted to them in an early plenary session of Yearly Meeting to present a concern in the area of "Problems the Quaker Family Faces Today." Gerri House requested that an interest group follow the statement of the Committee. The Executive Committee approved this request. The statement and Interest Group will be scheduled.
15. Paton Crouse, chairman of the Finance Committee reported the following:
Standard travel allowance is available for Young Friends and Junior Friends to be expended as these bodies determine to be suitable.

Preliminary budgets of standing committees are not being prepared and submitted in advance of Yearly Meeting, thus hindering the work of the Finance Committee.

The Executive Committee agreed that the chairman of the Finance Committee should again remind other committee chairmen to submit budget in advance of Yearly Meeting, and that the Nominating Committee include in the description of the duties of a committee chairman at the time of appointment the obligation to prepare a budget for the work of the committee.
16. Friend in the Orient Committee, David Bruner substituting for Floyd Schmoer, reported their activity in seeking Friends interested and able to travel in China. Assistance has been given to a Korean Friend to study at Pendle Hill. The Executive Committee approved a request that a letter be sent from the Yearly Meeting Executive Committee to the President and the U.S. State Department commending the progress being made in relaxation of restrictions on travel in China.
17. Catherine Bruner, chairman of Ministry and Oversight, reported as follows:
 - 1) There is dissatisfaction with the restlessness of the Second Plenary session and the talkativeness of the closing Meeting for Worship. It was recommended that the Arrangements Committee provide chairs outside in the registration

area so that Friends may have a time of greeting and fellowship before the beginning of the Second Session at 4:00 p.m., August 14. Singing sessions would be improved if song sheets were available to all.

2) Shall Ministry and Oversight continue the State of the Society session begun last year? This was approved. This might include comments on the State of the Yearly Meeting sessions themselves.

Since we no longer have State of Meeting reports from Monthly Meetings, regional meeting Clerks are asked to bring written reports from Monthly Meetings to Yearly Meeting which will be made available for reading. Regional reports and those from Mexico and Hawaii will be printed in the Friends Bulletin as advance documents; these should be about 400 words. The Bulletin deadline is June 1st.

3) Do Friends approve of the form given to the memorial meeting last year? The Executive Committee approved.

4) There will be a meeting early in the course of the Yearly Meeting for all members of Ministry and Oversight Committees in accordance with the Discipline.

5) Approval was also given the plan to have two general sessions with Henry Cadbury at 1:15-3:00p.m. on Monday, August 15 and at the same time on Wednesday, August 17 and to arrange for him to meet with the Young Friends and the Junior Friends. Ministry and Oversight will confer with him on topics.

6) Concerning the change of Worship-Fellowship Groups to a voluntary status, the Executive Committee felt they should be scheduled for all participants as heretofore. Junior Yearly Meeting particularly valued them.

7) Encouragement was given the plan to have more displays of objects of art by Friends. Ministry and Oversight will search for a coordinator and the arrangements committee was asked to provide space.

18. A minute of appreciation to Berkeley Meeting for hospitality to the Executive Committee was approved.

19. New Ways of Bringing Friends Together in Meetings, Philip Wells reporting, requested approval for a week-end meeting prior to Yearly Meeting. They will report to Representative Committee at Yearly Meeting, requesting Representative Committee to take responsibility for the continued work of this committee. This was approved. Funds were authorized for an early meeting of this committee.

20. The ad hoc committee to suggest names for the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee, named the following: Anna James, Margaret Oettinger and Charles Swift. Alternates: Alice Dart and John Ullman. These persons were approved to serve in the year-class 1969. A suggestion was made that the Nominating Committee write to Regional and Monthly Meetings asking for suggestions for Yearly Meeting appointments to be sent to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee well in advance of the Yearly Meeting sessions. This was approved.

21. The Peace Committee, by a letter from Stuart Innerst, chairman, requested approval for co-opting concerned individuals who, together with those named in the Discipline (that is, chairmen of Peace Committees of all regional meetings) would constitute the Peace Committee. The following minute was approved: The Yearly Meeting Peace Committee shall be made up of regional Peace Committee Chairmen, plus one other member suggested by the regional committees.

22. The Finance Committee brought in a proposal for the travel expenses of representatives from Pacific Yearly Meeting to the annual meetings of the AFSC and the FCNL. The suggestion which follows was approved:

Travel funds will be provided in advance of need, but presumably without increasing the present budget, by in effect borrowing from reserve funds, as follows:

- 1) Treasurer will be informed by Nominating Committee of all who are entitled to receive travel expense assistance.
 - 2) Each one of these who intends to go will notify treasurer at least three weeks in advance of departure.
 - 3) The treasurer will send to each one of those who applies for travel assistance a check for up to \$300.00 with instructions to return it without delay if plans to use it are changed.
 - 4) The treasurer will notify AFSC and FCNL respectively of our action and request partial reimbursement as funds are available.
 - 5) This authorizes any net expense not covered by budget to be taken out of reserves as an expenditure beyond budget.
23. Howard Richards reported for the Yearly Meeting Arrangements Committee. This Committee wishes to have all committee needs for space and equipment given in writing. Approval was given tentative plans.
24. The Ad Hoc Committee on Friends Schools, Edwin Morganroth, chairman, reported on their wish. to continue discussions. He mentioned the possibility that an autonomous West Coast Committee on Friends Schools might meet the needs of Friends schools in the west. Since this and other plans will be developed for presentation at the Representative Committee, the Executive Committee made no recommendation. This Committee may co-opt members in addition to those appointed by Representative Committee, 1965.
25. Approval was given to the plan to have a half-hour singing session, from 6:45 to 7:20 each evening before the plenary session. The Executive Committee emphasized the necessity for a period of silence in the Meeting Room preceding the opening of the evening session. Gretchen Rudnick will coordinate this program. A concern from Mary Etter that a daily musical group meet and perform together was approved in principle. Coordination with the related arts program was suggested. The possibility was mentioned that this group might be scheduled at the time of other interest groups.
26. Concerns from regional meetings were presented briefly as follows:
- a) Pacific Northwest Quarterly Meeting has profited by conferences and seminars and recommends them for other regional meetings.
 - b) Southern Calif. Half-Yearly Meeting Clerk expressed a concern for sponsorship of Junior Friends attending Yearly Meeting. Consideration of their concern for active and continuous responsibility on the part of sponsors was carried over to the time of report of Junior Yearly Meeting.
27. The Yearly Meeting Site Committee for 1967 - Southern Calif. reported the possibility of Claremont Men's College a week earlier in August than usual. Negotiations will continue, including the three year agreement agreed upon ^{for} all three site-areas.
28. Friends World Conference Representatives were approved as printed. Since some regional meetings sent in more alternates than needed, the first-named alternate was approved. Since New Mexico Quarterly and Honolulu Monthly Meetings did not nominate alternates, they will be asked to do so at Representative Committee.

The inclusion of Mexico in the Foreign quota of FWC releases an additional place which should be filled by the newly appointed FWC representative at Yearly Meeting time, replacing Rega Engelsberg.

29. Virginia Heck presented various publications relative to the Friends World Conference and urged Meetings to study them and react to them. Letters to Yearly Meeting appointees from Yearly Meeting Clerk will outline their responsibilities as delegates and inform them about financial support available from Yearly Meeting.
30. The Clerk presented a tentative time schedule for Yearly Meeting. This was approved as a preliminary plan with changes already noted in the minutes and as follows:
 - a) Plans for Fellowship-Worship groups be made a part of the Kit prepared for participants rather than announced.
 - b) Representative Committee meet at 3:15 p.m. (optional time) on Wednesday.
31. Junior Yearly Meeting, Leyton Jump, chairman, presented concerns relative to Yearly Meeting participation of Junior Friends as follows:
 - a) Junior Friends attending without parents bring a letter of recommendation from the Clerk of the Monthly Meeting they attend.
 - b) Junior Friends not with parents meet their adult sponsors three times a day during Yearly Meeting; and live in the same area as sponsors (both those camping and living in dorms.)
 - c) Adult Ministry and Oversight support Junior Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight in disciplining young people who are disruptive, have no interest in participation or who are using drugs.
 - d) A lounge be made available for both Jr. Friends and Young Friends for quiet conversation after 11:00 p.m.
 - e) That Young Friends Clerk be informed of the concerns of Jr. Friends and asked for their cooperation and urged to exercise similar discipline in regard to Young Friends attending Y.M. sessions.

Approval of these suggestions was given and Young Friends Clerk will be informed of the concerns of the Executive Committee. They will be asked for an outline of their plans in order to coordinate all groups. Money is available for travel for consultation.

32. Other concerns were as follows:

The suggestion was made that the F.W.C. and the World Conference be the subject for one plenary session at Yearly Meeting. The Executive Committee hoped this would be done.
33. The Clerk was asked to write letters to the clerk of Oregon Yearly Meeting inviting Friends from that Yearly Meeting to attend Pacific Yearly Meeting, and to Oscar Marshburn, Clerk of Friends United Meeting.
34. Following a period of worship, the Executive Committee adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Madge T. Seaver, Clerk
Virginia Heck, Recording Clerk