

Pacific Yearly Meeting
Representative Committee Minutes

Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon

August 13, 1966

- 1) Following a 7:00 o'clock general Meeting for Worship, members of the Representative Committee met at 8:15 with Madge Seaver, Clerk, presiding.
- 2) Thirty-one Monthly Meeting representatives, fourteen observers, six Yearly Meeting officers, six regional Meeting officers and eleven chairmen of standing committees answered the roll call. Eight Monthly Meetings were not represented. (A roster of those in attendance will be attached.)
- 3) Copies of the agenda for the Representative Committee meetings were circulated, and items received too late for inclusion were added by the Clerk.
- 4) Catherine Bruner reported for the Ministry and Oversight Committee of College Park Quarter, that Grass Valley Meeting had been accepted into the Quarterly Meeting in orderly process. The Representative Committee approved recommendation of recognition by the Yearly Meeting.
- 5) A committee of three - Harriet Schaffran, Herbert Foster and Gretchen Rudnick - was appointed to select a chairman for the Nominating Committee from its members.
- 6) Omissions in Executive Committee minutes were noted and corrected as follows:
 - a) Ellen Hubbe and Jean Etter will be advisers for the Junior Yearly Meeting, and Jean Young for the junior high Friends.
 - b) Walt Raitt will replace Chrystal Davis on the Nominating Committee.
- 7) Reporting for Leonard Dart, chairman of the 1967 Yearly Meeting Site Committee, Ferner Nuhn reported the progress in negotiations with Claremont Men's College. It was approved that the Arrangements Committee be encouraged to exhaust all possibilities for camping facilities; failing this, they be strongly urged to investigate other low-cost housing for families. Claremont was approved as the location for Yearly Meeting in 1967. Robert Young, the Treasurer, pointed out that costs for this location may require more subsidy by the Yearly Meeting in order that the maximum per family need not be raised. It is hoped that the Arrangements Committee can negotiate a date later than August 8.
- 8) The Clerk read a request from Florida Avenue Meeting in Washington, D.C., for endorsement and support for their proposed "William Penn House" project. This would be a center near the Capitol to be used for seminars, visitations and a gathering place for Friends on national concerns. Representative Committee approved a minute of support and a contribution of \$100. The Nominating Committee is asked to name a member of Pacific Yearly Meeting to be listed as a member of the Consultative Board of William Penn House as they have requested. This person may visit the project occasionally, but cost for such visits would not be a Yearly Meeting budget item.
- 9) A letter was received from Young Friends of North America, sending greetings and asking that appointments be made of a few young Pacific Yearly Meeting Friends as representatives to their body. They urge that such appointees attend their Fall meetings at Earlham College. This request was referred to the Young Friends' Clerk for advisement.

- 10) It was approved that the Representative Committee recommend Yearly Meeting acceptance of the 1965 revision of the book of Discipline, with an expression of commendation to the Discipline Committee.
- 11) Paton Crouse requested an opportunity to announce to Yearly Meeting opportunities for seven couples to find employment in the forestry project of Occupational Rehabilitation, Inc. of Seattle. Representative Committee approved the posting of the announcement on the bulletin board and the publicizing of the openings through the Bulletin.
- 12) Reginald Price, the Yearly Meeting representative to the Friends General Conference gathering at Cape May, New Jersey, distributed a report on his participation, together with recommendations for affiliation with Friends General Conference, leaving the way open for affiliation with Friends United Meetings at an appropriate time. It was approved that Yearly Meeting Ministry and Oversight Committee be asked to consider these recommendations, and that they review the decision of this Yearly Meeting several years ago regarding such affiliation.
- 13) The tentative Yearly Meeting agenda was approved with several changes.
- 14) It was requested that the tentative schedule for Yearly Meeting developed at Executive Committee in March be reported in the Bulletin along with the minutes of that meeting.
- 15) The Representative Committee appointed Harlow Mills as reading clerk.

After a short worship period, the meeting was closed at 10:20 p.m.

Representative Committee II August 14, 1966 8:30 a.m.

- 16) Following a period of silence, the minutes of the meeting of the Representative Committee of August 13 were read. Reginald Price asked that the minute regarding his report be changed as follows: "Affiliation with Friends General Conference be considered at this time, and that the way be kept open for any later recommendation concerning affiliation with Friends United Meeting." With this correction, the minutes were approved.
- 17) Harriet Schaffran reported for the ad hoc committee to choose a chairman for the Nominating Committee that they have selected Anna James for this responsibility. The meeting approved.
- 18) Virginia Harris, editor of the Bulletin, asked to be released from this appointment as soon as possible, but will serve until a replacement can be found. It will be the responsibility of the Bulletin Committee to find a successor, and they may make an interim appointment for later approval by the Yearly Meeting Executive Committee. Appreciation was expressed to Virginia Harris for the excellent job she has done.
- 19) Harriet Schaffran reported that the Discipline Committee will turn its attention to membership procedures and problems during the coming year.

20) Paton Crouse, chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that a full financial report will be made at the time of the presentation of the budget. Robert Young, the treasurer, asked that three persons be approved as signatories for Yearly Meeting general checking and savings accounts. He suggested that the accounts be subject to drafts signed by the presiding Clerk or the Treasurer or the chairman of the Finance Committee. In addition, the editor of the Bulletin or the chairman of the Bulletin Committee should be authorized to sign checks and choose a banking institution convenient to the Bulletin operation.

21) Catherine Bruner announced that Ministry and Oversight had chosen as members of the Yearly Meeting Epistle Committee Grace Lawrence, Betty Tillotson and Ed Thatcher.

Ministry and Oversight recommends that the Nominating Committee take the full responsibility for naming advisers to Junior Yearly Meeting, after consultation with their Committee on Ministry and Oversight. The following adults were suggested as resource persons to consult with Junior Yearly Meeting should they request advice or assistance during Yearly Meeting sessions: Paul and Crystalle Davis, Phillip Wells, Hugh Campbell-Brown, Alan Strain and Don Dodd.

Ward Miles has been asked to lead group singing at the opening session on Sunday afternoon.

Ministry and Oversight presents a series of suggestions on membership procedures for Meetings for further discussion:

- a. When a Meeting is laid down:
 - 1) The records of the Monthly Meeting should be held by the Ministry and Oversight Committee of the Regional Meeting until they can be placed in the archives of Pacific Yearly Meeting.
 - 2) The Regional Meetings should hold the memberships of that Monthly Meeting in trust until a permanent home is found for each member. Regional Ministry and Oversight Committees will need to be alert to the possible necessity of holding memberships of individual Friends in other unusual circumstances.
- b. One of the responsibilities of regional Ministry and Oversight Committees is to see to it that membership in the Society of Friends is not forfeited unwillingly. We urge that regional Ministry and Oversight Committees be aware and available to Monthly Meetings for consultation on memberships.

The recommendation regarding forfeiture of membership in the Society of Friends was questioned by several representatives, and should have further discussion.

In the case of a Worship Group which is composed of persons who are not Friends, if this Worship Group wishes to be established as a Monthly Meeting, and if it is not and cannot conveniently be under the care of a Monthly Meeting, the regional Ministry and Oversight Committee can receive and act upon applications for membership. Each application shall be considered individually with an appropriate committee appointed to visit and counsel with each applicant as specified in the Discipline, page 18. The regional Committee on Ministry and Oversight may accept the applicant into membership, holding the membership in trust until the new Monthly Meeting is established. The actual establishment of the Worship Group as a Monthly Meeting is provided for in the Discipline.

It was pointed out that membership is based on affiliation with a Monthly Meeting, so that this procedure would be a departure from our usual custom.

- 22) Clara Shaw, chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced that their first meeting will be on Monday at 3:15 p.m.
- 23) The adhoc Committee on Friends Schools reported by way of a written report from the chairman, Ed Morgenroth, who was unable to be present. Two recommendations included in the report were approved:
- 1) Representative Committee approved the establishment of a standing Committee on Schools to include the active members of the present ad hoc committee. Budgetary matters relating to such a committee should be worked out with the Finance Committee.
 - 2) Continued consideration should be given to planning a conference for staff and committees of Friends related schools, on at least an annual basis.
- 24) Phillip Wells, chairman of the ad hoc Committee to Explore New Ways of Bringing Friends Together, enlarged on some aspects of the report printed in the Bulletin, which was accepted by Representative Committee. It was approved that this committee continue for another year, with Monthly and Regional Meetings asked to review and prepare comments on the report for the committee."

Concern was expressed that there be greater continuity in the Yearly Meeting program for children, which could be best accomplished by planning several years ahead. Approval was given to ask Ruth Smith to develop a three-year program proposal in consultation with appropriate Yearly Meeting committees, to include an adequate budget. Her proposal shall be presented to the Executive Committee for final approval at its March 1967 meeting.

- 25) Herbert Foster, Clerk of College Park Quarterly Meeting, brought two recommendations from that body.
- 1) That the Yearly Meeting Peace Committee affiliate with the Friends National Coordinating Committee on Peace; and
 - 2) That the Yearly Meeting Social Order Committee hold a conference on the social order during the coming year.

These recommendations will be considered by the appropriate Yearly Meeting committees.

- 26) Caroline Estes, chairman of the Permanent Site Committee, announced that a time and place will be posted for a meeting of the committee to receive suggestions on a permanent site for Yearly Meeting.
- 27) Robert Young reported his intention to discuss with the Finance Committee the possibility of the appointment of one or more assistants to the Treasurer. This suggestion received favorable response from representatives.
- 28) The Clerk announced two additional names to be added to the list of alternates to the Friends World Conference in 1967: Josiah Russell and Sakiko Okubo. Mexico City has not yet appointed an alternate. Representative Committee expressed its willingness to approve their alternate in advance of their naming him.
- 29) Anna James asked that another choice for chairman of the Nominating Committee be made.
- 30) The Clerk has asked Reginald Price, the Assistant Clerk, to present the recommendations of Representative Committee to the Yearly Meeting plenary session on Monday, and to preside at the closing Representative Committee meeting on Wednesday.

Following a brief period of silent worship the meeting was closed at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting opened with a short worship period.

Reginald Price, Assistant Clerk, read greetings from Cleo Cox, Clerk of Phoenix Meeting.

- 31) The roll of representatives and alternates was repeated in order to complete the list of individuals to whom Yearly Meeting materials will be mailed.
- 32) Scott Longenecker was approved as chairman of the Nominating Committee for the coming year.
- 33) The minutes of Representative Committee meeting II were read and approved.
- 34) Catherine Bruner noted that the final Epistle Committee arranged by Ministry and Oversight included Grace Lawrence, chairman, Betty Tillotson and Marguerite Wells.
- 35) A suggestion to invite Joseph Havens of New England Yearly Meeting to be a guest at Pacific Yearly Meeting in 1967 was referred to Ministry and Oversight, who may act on their decision. Friends spoke to the value of intervisitation in general and of the special contribution Joseph Havens would be able to make.
- 36) A request for a Travel Minute for Reginald Price as he visits Australia in the near future was approved.
- 37) The report of the Yearly Meeting Secretary, Mildred Burck, is attached.
- 38) A request for approval of Charles Hubbell's concern to visit among Meetings on the matter of silent protests and vigils as an expression of sorrow for the war in Vietnam was approved. A letter of approval from his own Meeting, Santa Barbara, preceded this request.
- 39) Caroline Estes, chairman of the Permanent Site Committee, reported that all Meetings will receive a questionnaire presenting various Yearly Meeting site proposals, and asked that they be returned, together with summaries of any discussion by Meetings, by January 1, 1967,
- 40) Ferner Nuhn, who convened the Bulletin Committee, reported that Alice Dart is willing to accept the appointment as editor of the Yearly Meeting Bulletin on October 1, 1966. Satisfaction with Alice Dart's qualifications were expressed, and approval given.
- 41) The Clerk asked for comments concerning an evaluation of the current Yearly Meeting session. Concerns voiced were:
 1. Lack of free time.
 2. Long-range consideration of the Secretariat as an essential part of Yearly Meeting.Caroline Estes was requested to write a proposal describing the components and functioning of a permanent Secretariat to be submitted to the Executive Committee in March, 1967.
3. Arrangements:
 - a. Rooms might be assigned with more care given to age and home Meeting. Yearly Meeting should be a time to become better acquainted with Friends we do not see often.

- b. Clearer understanding of the rules of institutions where we meet, in order that violations may be avoided.
- c. Assist the Registrar by registering before the deadline set.
- d. Request to re-evaluate the Worship-Fellowship groups as a vital part of Yearly Meeting. One suggestion was that there might be a choice between Worship-Fellowship groups and groups based on a variety of special interests, to run concurrently.

There was concern in some Worship-Fellowship groups over attrition and non-participation of younger Friends. The recurring problem of adults being insensitive as to topics discussed and over-participating were mentioned.

42) Further consideration to all suggestions will be given when evaluation sheets have been completed. These will be distributed tomorrow morning at breakfast, with the hope that Friends will be conscientious in filling them out and returning them at the end of the meal.

43) The foregoing minutes were read to the Representative Committee and approved.

After a period of silence, the meeting closed at 5:00 p.m.