

* For your attention

Pacific Yearly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends
Executive Committee Meeting held at the San Francisco Friends Center
March 16, 1968

Executive Committee opened at 9:00 A.M. with a period of worship.

The Agenda for the session was accepted.

- 1-3-68 A Travel Minute for Stuart and Gladys Innerst to Friends in New Zealand, Japan and other Asian countries was approved.
- 2-3-68 An invitation to Herbert Hadley, Executive Secretary of the American Section of Friends World Committee, to attend the 1968 Yearly Meeting was approved.

Letters responding to the letter approved at Yearly Meeting 1967 to the President of the United States and various senators regarding the A.B.I.I. System were read from the Assistant Secretary of State and Senators Thomas Kuchel, Mark O. Hatfield, and Warren Magnuson.

- 3-3-68 Agenda Review Committee. We approved the establishment of an Agenda Review Committee, to be made up of Robert McInnes, Assistant Clerk; Roy Dimon, Clerk of the Young Friends Yearly Meeting; Marilyn Heilman, Coordinator of the Junior Yearly Meeting, and Francis Dart. This committee will meet at the call of the Assistant Clerk both before and during Yearly Meeting to consider changes and additions to the agenda. The Executive Committee will appoint an Agenda Review Committee each year.

- 4-3-68 The time schedule for the 1968 Yearly Meeting was approved with the following changes.

- I. Session V changed to "Young Friends Speak".
- II. Include meetings of the Fellowship of Healing in the afternoons of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- III. The Memorials to be scheduled before the Discipline Committee discussion in Session VII.
- IV. Add a session on Thursday afternoon for Committee Concerns for Action if needed.

- 5-3-68 The Clerk was requested to ask Fay Van Dolson to be responsible for the Family Night on Wednesday evening. It was agreed that the Family Night be divided into a children's time followed by an adult time.

* Statistical Secretary, Mildred Burck, asked for the names of Friends living in remote areas of Asia and Africa to send on to Friends World Committee.

* Treasurer Robert Young reported that against our budgeted income of \$11,400.00 from Monthly Meetings, we had received as of the end of February only \$4,900.00 and that it will be necessary to remind Monthly Meetings to get their contributions up to date.

He also reported that there was some \$2,300.00 now available in the Fund in the Orient Fund.

\$3,000.00 had been forwarded to the Canadian Friends Service Committee for relief in Vietnam. Excerpts from letters acknowledging receipt were read.

A letter was read from the U. S. Treasury Foreign Assets Control in response to our letter advising that we were undertaking to send funds to Vietnam for relief. It outlined that sending of relief to North Vietnam and the Viet Cong was prohibited by the Treasury and that violators of the regulations were subject to \$10,000.00 and 10 years imprisonment for each offence.

6-3-68 The Clerk was asked to send copies of our Minute and the various letters in connection with our sending relief to Vietnam to the American Friends Service Committee, since they are considering similar action.

7-3-68 The Treasurer's report was accepted with thanks.

8-3-68 Officers of the Yearly Meeting and the Finance Committee were authorized to act as an advisory committee to the Yearly Meeting Holding Corporation Trustees as the need arises.

9-3-68 The Treasurer was authorized to refer to the Pacific Yearly Meeting Discipline as the By-Laws of the Yearly Meeting.

10-3-68 We were reminded that although Asenath Young was approved last Executive Committee as Assistant Treasurer to be paid for her services, such payment has not been made. Asenath Young's appointment as Assistant Treasurer was confirmed and the Treasurer was instructed to make payment for her services retroactively.

Bulletin Editor Alice Dart reported that since the Yearly Meeting instructed the Bulletin to publish Margaret Gibbins' speech, the Bulletin would not be able to have the usual number of pages in later issues, unless a budget adjustment was authorized.

11-3-68 It was agreed that the budget for the Bulletin should be increased to enable the Editor to maintain the customary standard this year.

12-3-68 It was agreed that whenever the Yearly Meeting requests that a speech given at Yearly Meeting be published in the Bulletin, the extra expense involved would not be charged against the Bulletin.

Bulletin Committee. Mary Etter, speaking for the Bulletin Committee, asked that in addition to the Quarterly Meeting Minutes being sent to the Bulletin, personal reports conveying some of the local color and spirit of the Meeting be submitted.

13-3-68 The Executive Committee endorsed the Bulletin Committee's commendation of the excellent job that Alice Dart is doing with the Bulletin.

Education Committee. Ann Scott reported on the survey just completed on the subject of an educational staff person for the Yearly Meeting. In addition to the numerical statistics of the survey, with ten monthly meetings in favor, ~~ten not~~ sure, and eight against, she spoke of a sense of burden expressed in the survey; of the concern of not being able to carry on a program for the young people in small monthly meetings; and the need to know where to find the resources to help us along the way of the inward journey.

Current plans of the Committee are

1. To explore the idea of a Yearly Meeting library for children's books.
2. Mobilize resources in teacher training.
3. Get together a display of curriculum materials at Yearly Meeting.

The Committee requested a budget of \$1,000.00 for the year 1968-69.

14-3-68 The Report was accepted with thanks.

15-3-68 The Finance Committee were asked to find a way to make it possible for the Education Committee to be given a budget of \$1,000.00.

16-3-68 We agreed to invite Dorothy and Douglas Steere to attend and participate in Yearly Meeting 1969.

Finance Committee. Paton Crouse asked that budget requests from ~~Committees~~ be made as much in advance of Yearly Meeting as possible. If a significant increase was being requested, an explanation of the increase would be of great assistance to the Finance Committee.

We were reminded that it is the duty of outgoing chairmen to make budget requests.

Friend in the Orient. Catherine Bruner read a report from the Friend in the Orient Committee. She described the reasons for the Committee's need to rethink their direction and the obstacles in the way of sending a person to serve in Vietnam. Stuart Innerst has agreed to be the Committee's eyes and ears while traveling in the Orient. Catherine Bruner asked for help in guiding the Committee's future role.

17-3-68 The Executive Committee gave the Friend in the Orient Committee freedom to act in accordance with its best judgment so long as its action and expenditure of funds have the approval of University Meeting.

18-3-68 Floyd Schmoer was confirmed as a member of the Friend in the Orient Committee.

History. Walt Raitt reported that much work had been done in putting the records of the Yearly Meeting in order. He commented, however, that some early files of the Bulletin were missing, as was also the clerk's correspondence for a considerable time, and State of Society reports.

19-3-68 To clarify earlier minutes regarding a Yearly Meeting directory, the Executive Committee expressed its understanding that such a directory would be a file of Quarterly Meeting Directories and asked the Quarterly Meetings and Mexico Monthly Meeting and Hawaii Monthly Meeting to send a copy of their directories to the Presiding Clerk, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, the Treasurer, the Editor of the Bulletin, and the Historian. Each directory should include a listing of the current Quarterly Meeting officers and their term of office.

* 20-3-68 Executive Committee affirmed its understanding that membership in the Society of Friends is held through a Monthly Meeting.

21-3-68 We united in profound appreciation to Walt Raitt for the service he is performing to the Yearly Meeting as Historian and Archivist.

Ministry and Oversight. Hugh Campbell-Brown outlined the recommendation of the Ministry and Oversight Committee:

Worship-Fellowship groups will continue as last year with the hope that we may be able to start them a little earlier than officially scheduled, making their meetings a full hour and a half.

The Committee is anxious to have worship at the plenary sessions as a time of corporate centering down in worship and preparing for the business to come.

* They are planning an open meeting of the Committee to discuss the self-image of the Ministry and Oversight Committees of the Monthly Meetings, Quarterly Meetings, and Yearly Meetings.

There will be a change in the Memorials this year. A member of the Committee will speak of the meaning of death and then read the names of those who have died in the past year without eulogy.

* State of Society reports from Monthly Meetings will be brought to Yearly Meeting by the Quarterly Meetings Clerks for the Yearly Meeting to examine. At the end of the Yearly Meeting, Ministry and Oversight will turn these over to the Yearly Meeting Historian.

22-3-68 Executive Committee accepted the report with appreciation.

Nominating Committee.

23-3-68 The Executive Committee approved the following recommendations of the Nominating Committee:

1. Education Committee Chairman - Ann Scott.
In case Ann Scott will not be able to attend the Yearly Meeting sessions, the Nominating Committee shall appoint an interim chairman.
2. Social Order Chairman - Anne Mackinney.
3. Peace Committee Convener - Alan Strain.
Stuart Innerst will continue to coordinate the Vietnam Project.

4. Reading Clerk - David Bruner.
5. Friends Schools Committee and the Visitation Committee should have two year, staggered terms.
6. Bulletin Committee should consider the appropriate length of term for their committee and bring a recommendation to Representative Committee.

Schools Committee.

Helen Stevenson reported that the Committee plans to hold a conference prior to Yearly Meeting at the John Woolman School for those involved in Friends Schools.

- 24-3-68 Executive Committee approved the recommendation of the Schools Committee that Robert and Marilyn Heilman serve as Co-ordinators and Chief Advisers to the Junior Yearly Meeting.

Junior Yearly Meeting.

The Executive Committee met with officers of the Junior Yearly Meeting to consider their plans for the Yearly Meeting. Robert Barns, Walt Raitt, Baxter Hurn and Robert McInnes were asked to be available to meet with them for further discussion.

- 25-3-68 Ministry and Oversight should consider the purpose and function of Visitation Committee including the desirability of its becoming a sub-committee of Ministry and Oversight. They should consult with members of Visitation Committee and report at Representative Committee.

- 26-3-68 Nominating Committee were instructed to add two members at large and an assistant chairman to both the Education and Peace Committees. Representative Committee will be asked to consider this action and make appropriate recommendation to the Yearly Meeting.

- 27-3-68 John Ullman's appointment as Representative to Friends General Conference was clarified as being for the 1968 Conference. The next Representative will be for the 1970 Conference.

Nominating Committee. Walt Raitt reported that Nominating Committee will work with Regional Meetings as a way of obtaining suggestions. The Committee will also confirm any appointments that carry over beyond the end of this Yearly Meeting.

- 28-3-68 Nominating Committee are urged to meet prior to Yearly Meeting so that they will be able to post their recommendations early in the Yearly Meeting. They were asked to propose an increase in the Budget requirement to meet the additional expense.

Social Order. Anne Mackinney reported that there is now some doubt as to whether the Race Relations Conference will be held on the West Coast next year.

Concerns from Regional Meetings.

John Atkinson, Clerk of New Mexico Quarterly Meeting, reported the need for literature and curriculum materials specifically designed for Quaker education. He was asked to take back to his meeting the plans of the Yearly Meeting Education Committee. He also spoke of the Quarterly Meeting's concern for the relationship of college age Friends to their Meetings.

*29-3-68 Executive Committee hopes that the Young Friends Yearly Meeting consider at their sessions their relationship with their Monthly Meetings and Yearly Meetings in worship and in other ways. We hope they will share their ideas and concerns with the Yearly Meeting and their Monthly Meetings.

30-3-68 The responsibility for appointing Junior Yearly Meeting Advisers shall be taken by the Friends Schools Committee.

Southern California Quarterly Meeting reported that two Threshing Sessions on the sufferings of Friends and others due to conscience had taken place recently and urged that we be prepared to spend time at Yearly Meeting for discussion of this concern.

*31-3-68 Discipline Committee was asked to send a letter or questionnaire to Monthly Meetings asking them to state their position with reference to the discipline regarding membership and the relationship of members to their Monthly Meetings.

32-3-68 Baxter Hurn reported for Arizona Half-Yearly Meeting. Flagstaff has asked to be a Monthly Meeting. Flagstaff Meeting has appointed Mary Minor as Clerk. The Monthly Meeting will be the Ministry and Oversight Committee. The Executive Committee reminded Flagstaff Monthly Meeting that a representative from that Meeting should be present at the State of the Meeting session to present a brief history and describe the present character of the Meeting.

33-3-68 Committee on New Ways of Bringing Friends Together.

Phillip Wells. The Report on New Ways of Bringing Friends Together should be taken to Monthly Meetings and Quarterly Meetings; and the review of the report and the findings of the committee itself should be put on the agenda of Representative Committee. The Committee will continue until Representative Committee. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the Committee.

34-3-68 Robert Barns also reported for the Committee on a Permanent Site that there was a considerable feeling we should not put a lot of money into a site. In the Northern California area the committee has found only two possibilities, St. Mary's and Squaw Valley. The former will not commit itself for a long period of time, and Squaw Valley has certain serious difficulties due to its size. The Committee accepted the report.

55-3-68 1969 Yearly Meeting: Alice Dart reported the dates for the 1969 Yearly Meeting at Leominville, August 3 to 7, with Saturday, August 2, for committees. Linfield College will take us every other year if we go early. The report was accepted.

36-3-68 Junior Yearly Meeting: Dan Blickenstaff and other Junior Friends reported on the following matters referred to them earlier:

* Sponsorship: Junior Friends recommended that a letter from the clerk should not be required, but encouraged education in the Monthly Meetings as to the meaning of sponsorship. They suggest acceptance of the definition of a sponsor as given in the Junior Friends Discipline.

* The Executive Committee accepted the suggestion of Junior Friends and asked the Schools Committee to send materials to the Monthly Meetings on the meaning of sponsorship. The Committee also decided that the rules of the campus, and any other rules the Junior Friends may have decided upon for the good order of their Yearly Meeting, should be sent to all Junior Yearly Meeting registrants, or put on the registration blanks.

Junior Friends suggested and the Committee approved the plan of having sponsors other than parents responsible for no more than two (2) Junior Friends per person.

Dorms: The Junior Friends suggested that the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades live in the dorms with house parents, but that the 7th and 8th graders sleep with their parents or other sponsors.

They further suggested that boys and girls sleep on separate floors.

The Committee approved these suggestions.

Party-crashers: Junior Friends plan to care for possible party-crashers themselves. If they will not leave, Junior Friends will ask the adult Ministry and Oversight to take care of the situation. The Committee approved. It was also pointed out that St. Mary's will have campus security.

Recreation for Junior Friends for the opening Sunday night will be arranged. The Committee approved.

The Committee decided there should be a discount for early registration for Yearly Meeting, the amount to be set by the Arrangements Committee.

The Committee agreed that we authorize grants-in-aid for house parents or couples in sufficient number to bring the ratio to not more than 10 to 1; the details will be arranged by Marilyn Heilman.

37-3-68 Nominating Committee. Cleo Cox reported for the ad hoc committee to bring names for the Nominating Committee as follows:

Walt Raitt, Chairman	1968
Alternate John Ullman	1968
Alice Dart	1968
Nancy Nelson	1969
Jane Walker	1969
Jeanne Etter	1969
Alternate Jim Dewees	1969
Clara Hurn	1970
Dave Bruner	1970
Alternate Marguerite Wells	1970

38-3-68 Arrangements Committee.

Robert Barns reported on plans for the coming Yearly Meeting at St. Mary's. The Executive Committee approved that the Arrangements Committee arrange for the plenary sessions, the smaller business sessions, and the opening and closing worship services in appropriate rooms in the library, gym or chapel.

The Committee approved keeping the cost about the same and rounding out the price to include money for grants-in-aid as referred to in Minute 36.

The Executive Committee closed at 10:00 P.M. after a period of worship.

Lodge T. Seaver, Clerk

Richard Manners, Recording Clerk