

PYM Representative Committee - August 1992 minutes

**PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Representative Committee I
August 5, 1992, Claremont, California**

Jane Walters Peers, Presiding Clerk
Jane Mills, Assistant Clerk
Anne Friend, Representative Committee Recording Clerk

The meeting opened with silent worship.

The Presiding Clerk, Jane Peers, distributed a tentative agenda for approval.

RC MIN

92-15 Friends approved the proposed agenda.

RC MIN

92-16 The meeting approved laying down the emergency committee at its request.

Jane Mills, Assistant Clerk, reported for the Ad Hoc Committee to Plan PYM, 1992. Representative Committee will handle most of the business, the plenary sessions for business on Friday, discussion of the future of PYM, Friday evening, with Saturday and Sunday for fellowship, learning and worship.

RC MIN

92-17 The ad hoc committee was laid down at its request.

The Clerk distributed a proposed schedule for the entire PYM session, identifying Ben Farley and Maia Wolff as JYM co-clerks.

RC MIN

92-18 Friends approved the schedule as presented.

INTEREST GROUPS

Jane Mills reported that interest and sharing groups have been scheduled as conveniently as possible.

WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

The groups are scheduled and leaders selected. Individual assignments will be posted.

PYM Representative Committee - August 1992 minutes

ARRANGEMENTS

Eric Moon and Margaret Mossman, Arrangements Co-clerks, described the focal points of activities for PYM and made a number of housekeeping announcements.

REGISTRARS

Betty Miller and Gary Wolff were not present at the meeting. They were too busy.

SECRETARIAT

Sandra Farley reported on the new austerity program. They will produce minutes and help produce committee reports, only. Announcements will be on bulletin boards and those wishing to distribute other materials are directed to local copy services. (Report and budget are attachment A.)

RC MIN

92-19 Minutes to this point were approved.

Harry Bailey reported for the Committee to Name the Nominating Committee, reading the names of the entire Nominating Committee, and identifying the nominees and their terms. (The report is attachment B.)

After silent worship, the meeting adjourned.

PYM Representative Committee - August 1992 minutes

**PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Representative Committee II
August 6, 1992, Claremont, California**

Jane Walters Peers, Presiding Clerk
Jane Mills, Assistant Clerk
Anne Friend, Representative Committee Recording Clerk

The meeting opened with silent worship.

CONCERNS

Tom Farley asked that the new Quaker United Nations Office intern be given time at Plenary 4 with other Quaker organizations. In addition to her report, a report from the Western Gathering of Friends will also be heard at that plenary session.

SITES COMMITTEE

Joan Johnson gave the attached report and called Friends' attention to the display on Walker Creek Ranch, the site recommended for 1993-94. Hank Maiden, Co-clerk of the committee has been the main contact person and has developed an excellent working relationship with the staff. (Attachment C.)

AD HOC COMMITTEE TO 1993 AND BEYOND

Jane Peers reported that the committee now has co-clerks, herself and Ellie Huffman.

RC MIN

92-20 The committee will report at plenary 5 and asks that the name be changed to the Committee on Right Holding of Yearly Meeting. Approved.

FAITH AND PRACTICE REVISIONS COMMITTEE

Jean Walton gave a brief supplement to the written report (Attachment D) speaking about the committee process and reminding Friends of the interest group. There will also be a display on membership options.

MINISTRY AND OVERSIGHT

Lincoln Moses read the names of Friends recommended for the Epistle Committee.

RC MIN

92-21 Walter Kersey, Kit Glover and Steven Smith were approved as the 1992 Epistle Committee.

PYM Representative Committee - August 1992 minutes

Jane Peers reported briefly on the value of PYM Faith and Practice Revision Committee visits to monthly meetings, based on the visit to her meeting.

PEACE

Nancy Lynch read a minute, based on a minute from San Diego meeting, asking that PYM become a co-sponsor of Alternatives to Violence West. Representative Committee will hear more at the afternoon session.

Carol Mosher Co-clerk read a minute recommending that PYM sponsor a Nevada test site witness in April, 1993. A Friend reminded us of the test moratorium bill in the national congress. However, the bill has passed only the House of Representatives. Friends also discussed co-sponsorship and were reminded that our witness is part of an ongoing ministry of a Franciscan community in Las Vegas, recently joined by the Western Shoshone Nation. Originally, the weekend was co-sponsored by Mennonites and Brethren, who no longer co-sponsor, but are welcome guests. Representative Committee will hear a revised minute at the afternoon session.

SOCIAL ORDER

Marybeth Webster reminded Friends of the written report (Attachment E) and a proposed minute presented for seasoning. Friends were also encouraged to attend the three interest groups on related themes to be presented on Saturday.

Friends are reminded that the committee must receive proposed minutes by the mid-year Rep Com Meeting in order to be considered at PYM.

RC MIN

92-22 One Friend expressed appreciation for the work of the Recording Clerk, and other Friends expressed approval.

RC MIN

92-23 The minutes of the meeting to this point were approved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Sally Davis reported that the committee started with 62 vacancies, and that seven remain.

STATISTICAL CLERK

Phyllis Jones reported that the 14 page statistical report is posted for Friends' perusal (Attachment F). She reminded us that young Friends growing up and joining the meeting must be identified in order to be listed in the proper category. She also read a paragraph on the importance of monthly meetings keeping good records.

PYM Representative Committee - August 1992 minutes

In addition to asking that survey forms be returned to her, she surveyed the worship groups. There are many more than we realize and many are active in their communities. Some are under the care of monthly meetings, others independent. There is a real need for more contact and clarification of what it means to be under the care of a meeting. Phyllis has referred this question to Ministry and Oversight.

BULLETIN

Sonda Beal asked representatives to ask Monthly Meeting Clerks if a bulletin liaison person has been appointed for the meeting. North Pacific Yearly Meeting is appointing a member, Charles Kimball, to the committee as a first step in involving more Friends from NPYM and Intermountain Yearly Meeting. The committee is looking forward to this interaction. It will have an open meeting on Saturday. (The Bulletin report is attachment G.)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Ingrid Petersen reported that the committee had prompt and complete responses to their questionnaire. An abridged report was presented to the March Rep Com. The complete report has been sent to monthly meeting Religious Education clerks, and will be posted (Attachment H). There were few surprises in the responses to the questionnaire. She asks Friends to communicate with committee members about responses or solutions to these problems or other suggestions to be shared.

WIDER FELLOWSHIP

Paul Niebanck reported that a written report on the Western Gathering is available (Attachment I), that the committee will report at a plenary session and through an interest group, and that copies of Doug Gwyn's keynote lecture will be available. Paul then spoke of the experience of the gathering and of the value of experiences with other gatherings of Friends. A member of Friends who attended the Western Gathering spoke of their experiences.

Tom Farley brought a concern about housing arrangements for teenagers to the meeting. Jane Peers suggested that consideration begin at the rise of this meeting and included herself and the clerk of Ministry and Oversight.

The session closed with silent worship followed by announcements.

PYM Representative Committee - August 1992 minutes

**PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING
Representative Committee III
August 6, 1992, Claremont, California**

Jane Walters Peers, Presiding Clerk
Jane Mills, Assistant Clerk
A. Friend, Representative Committee Recording Clerk

The meeting opened with silent worship.

PEACE COMMITTEE

Nancy Lynch introduced Karen Cauble and read the revised minute on PYM sponsorship of Alternatives to Violence West. Karen explained that AVP West is reorganizing and hopes to become a more effective resource when this development is complete. The Peace Committee feels that there is no need for a financial assistance from PYM at this time.

RC MIN

92-24 The minute was approved. (Attachment J)

Carol Mosher read the revised introduction and minute on the Nevada Nuclear Test site witness.

RC MIN

92-25 The minute was approved. (Attachment K)

It was noted that minutes of action approved by Rep Com are approved for presentation to PYM plenary session.

FINANCE

Walter Jones gave the attached report. (Attachment L)

The committee recommends that the reserve fund for Young Friends' travel created by transfer of unexpected funds in years when there is a surplus should be limited to a total of \$2500.00.

RC MIN

92-26 The minute was approved.

The committee is also recommending that travel funds for Friends from Mexico be increased from \$800.00 to \$1100.00. This will not require additional funds. Necessary changes for Friends from Hawaii can be made in the present budget, and the need for funds for travel from Guatemala will be considered when more information is available.

PYM Representative Committee - August 1992 minutes

RC MIN

92-27 Friends approved laying down the reserve fund created to provide funds to plan and hold the Western Gathering and transferring the remaining funds to the General Fund.

RC MIN

92-28 The report presented by the Committee to Name the Nominating Committee at session I was approved.

UNITY WITH NATURE

Tom Farley gave a brief report mentioning continuing publication of EarthLight and a successful Easter weekend retreat.

EAST WEST RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Julie Harlow supplemented the printed report (Attachment M). Kay Anderson, committee clerk, is presently in Moscow. The committee will this year focus on establishing a continuing Quaker presence in the former Soviet Union beginning with a Quaker Center in Moscow. Way is opening now in Moscow, and there are other projects in formerly Soviet cities; the committee is working with Friends in other parts of the country and the world. It is aware of Friends in Eastern Europe but feels called to emphasize work in the former USSR at this time.

FRIENDS IN THE ORIENT

Lee Story reported for the committee. Two Friends from NPYM will be traveling in the Orient next year and the committee is considering some support for that trip. Kit Glover will be travelling West and will meet with Friends in Hong Kong to discuss the feasibility of a project in that area at a later date. The committee has approved \$1000.00 of committee funds to support Martha Dart while she writes a biography of Marjorie Sykes, a Friend who worked with Ghandi.

The committee would like to change its name because some people consider the phrase "The Orient" pejorative and because the phrase is geographically limiting.

RIGHT HOLDING

The committee recommends that the Clerk of PYM be authorized to appoint a committee to assist with planning PYM when s/he so desires. Walter Jones commented that Finance Committee is aware of the request and is prepared to recommend appropriate financing for an ad hoc committee.

The committee report is Attachment N.

PYM Representative Committee - August 1992 minutes

The former agenda review committee was laid down several years ago, and attempts to resurrect it have not been successful. The proposed committee would, in effect, be a clearness committee for the PYM clerk. One former clerk, noting that the proposal is permissive, rather than prescriptive spoke in support of the minute, and a second joined in the approval.

RC MIN

92-29 The meeting then approved the minute.

The attendance sheet for all Representative Committee sessions is included as Attachment O.

The meeting closed with silent worship.

Note: Attachments referenced in these minutes are to be found in the Minutes Packet for Annual Session 1992.