INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING
March 23, 1963
Berkeley Friends Meetinghouse
Berkeley, California

1. The first session convened at 9:15 a.m. with a period of worship in which Friends felt a sense of what Anna Brinton has called "the invisible web of Friends".

2. Edwin Morgenroth, as the new Clerk, called the roll of representatives by Meetings, committee chairman, and officers. Some seventy Friends, including Young Friends, responded as recorded in the circulated list. (Copy attached to the file copy of these minutes.)

3. The Clerk reviewed some 31 items for consideration listed on the proposed agenda, indicating that some would be referred necessarily to committees. (Copy of the agenda attached to file minutes.)

4. The Meeting approved the travel minutes issued by the Clerk for Ben and Madge Seaver as "Friends in Washington" and at the United Nations; the Leslie Spelman family for travel in Europe; and for Ken Stevens as a fraternal delegate to the Reunion of Friends in Mexico.

5. The report of the Discipline Committee by Ferner Nuhn, chairman, included that committee's endorsement of the term "Junior Members" for children in Monthly Meeting reporting and common usage. A newly proposed statement concerning children's membership is to be carried in the Friends Bulletin for discussion by Monthly Meetings and consideration and action at PYM. (Report attached to file minutes.)

6. Olivia Davis, chairman, reported the Education Committee's plan for a worship at PYM under the leadership of Joseph Vlaskamp, Religious Education Secretary of Friends General Conference. Monthly Meetings are asked to reply to a survey request concerning their educational activities and problems in preparation for the workshop. The committee feels the need to have clarified the relation between itself and the local committee planning for the children's program at PYM. (See number 42 of these minutes. Report attached to the file minutes.)

7. A progress report from the Committee of Ministry and Oversight was outlined by Beatrice Crouse, chairman, which stressed the need for more coordination and consultation between the PYM committee and the committees of regional (Quarterly and Half) meetings of M. & O. A summary of their concerns is to be forwarded to a representative in each Monthly Meeting.

8. INTERIM COMMITTEE ENDORSED the suggestion that members of PYM Ministry and Oversight Committee be included on the M. & O. Committee of the region in which they reside.

9. John Ullman reported for the Visitation Committee of the satisfaction experienced in visiting among Friends Meetings in Arizona and Southern California. A request is being forwarded to the Discipline and Ministry and Oversight Committees for clarification of the functions of this committee, especially in relation to M. & O. He questioned the

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19. **INTERIM COMMITTEE AFFIRMS** that financial quotes from new Monthly Meetings are understood to be the beginning for the year following a Meeting's recognition as PYM. The basis for the quote is the total number of adult members as of June 1 preceding the meeting of PYM.

20. Friends gathered for a period of worship and commemoration in loving memory of Harry Burks, Seattle Friend and AFSC executive secretary, whose accidental death was reported. The meeting recessed for lunch served graciously by members of the host Meeting.

21. The Committee reconvened for a period of worship at 2:00 p.m.

22. James Estes, reporting for the Bulletin Committee, summarized a tentative proposal that PYM underwrite the full cost of publication of the Friends Bulletin through added Monthly Meeting assessment through the regular budget channels. In the meantime, Meetings are being asked to subscribe for all their members. Consideration of the proposal was put over for review at the August Interim meeting. (A copy of the report is attached to the file minutes.)

23. **INTERIM COMMITTEE AGREED** to ask Ministry and Oversight to collect the responses and suggestions relating to the "Statement of the Function and Responsibilities of Monthly Meeting Clerks" which has been circulated among Meetings. (Copy attached to the file minutes.) Ruth Schrue is being asked to coordinate this undertaking and report through B. & O. to the August Interim meeting.

24. New members of the Nominating Committee to serve until the spring Interim Committee, 1966, were approved as follows:

- Virginia Heck
- Alternate: Hugh Campbell-Brown
- Leonard Dart
- Alternate: Phillip Wells
- Ellie Foster
- Alternate: Norman Gjerlich

25. The report of the Social Order Committee was given by Herbert Foster. Among a wide range of concerns under consideration, the committee plans a session at PYM on services to offenders and their families which will make use of such resource people as Mara Moser and Rosemarie Goodenough.

26. Discussion concerning the matter of planning the agenda for PYM concluded by asking the YM clerks to bring forward a specific, tentative agenda for approval by the August Interim Committee meeting.

27. Floyd Schmoe reported that the "Friend in the Orient" project is financially within sight of being underwritten, there being less than $300 yet to raise of a minimal budget of $3,000. Letters from the Bruners in Japan urge continuation of the purpose of the project through continued increased opportunity for mutual intervisititation with Asian Friends. Lively concern was expressed to press efforts toward Friendly contacts with mainland China, there being some possibility reported that a Canadian Friend may take a position with a Chinese university.

28. On recommendation of the Nominating Committee, Stanley Shaw was approved as a leading Clerk for the 1963 PYM, pending his concurrence. Kenneth Lentz found it necessary to resign. Caroline Estes was named as A tentative to serve She.
29. The Finance Committee recommended allocation of the Conference Fund to Suzanne Sein for a UN Bogota Conference on the status of women; PYM fraternal delegates to Five Years' Meeting; and PYM delegate(s) to the FWGC Race Relations Conference in June.

**INTERIM COMMITTEE APPROVED** allocations of $100 each for these three conferences and authorized the treasurer to draw on reserve funds as needed to pay these amounts.

30. Harold and Faith Carson were approved as PYM fraternal delegates to Five Years' Meeting to receive the conference travel fee. Ferner Kuhn and Margaret Simkin (if able) were also approved as delegates.

31. The Nominating Committee was authorized to name the delegates to the Race Relations Conference and alternates as needed.

32. Rates for attendance at this year's will be higher than last year, when, due to below-average costs, there was a surplus.

**INTERIM COMMITTEE APPROVED** drawing on last year's surplus in the reserve fund to assist in equalizing rates for the 1963 PYM, and to continue the policy of limiting the maximum amount charged to $90 per family.

**INTERIM COMMITTEE ENDSORS** the recommendations of the Committee to evaluate the functions of the Interim Committee concerning its name, representation, and the addition of an executive committee. (Report attached to the file minutes.)

(*) Monthly Meetings are requested to study the circulated and published recommendations and send comments and suggestions to the chairman of the special committee: Harold Carson, 11010 N.E. 60th St., Houghton, Washington, by July 1. The August Interim Committee will consider the committee's findings based on such reports.

34. The Committee reaffirmed the authorization of the Clerk to invite program resource people in consultation with the appropriate committee chairman, to PYM at the standard travel allowance.

35. The question of adequate and equitable travel expenses and allowances provoked a lively discussion which concluded by approving the formation of a special committee composed of the treasurer and representatives from finance, visitation, and M. & O. committees to study the matter and report to the August Interim Committee. Special attention is to be given to equalization for very distant Meetings and between large and small Meetings. A "fair" travel allowance is to be suggested for those travelling on PYM business or concerns. The Clerk will name the convenor of this committee.

36. Connie Jump as clerk, reported for the Young Friends Interim Committee. Adult Friends are urged to answer inquiries from Young Friends concerning program assistance. Procedures for naming advisers need clarifying and this was done by reaffirming past practice of joint consultation by the two nominating committees. Young Friends have agreed to be responsible for a "songfest" at PYM for a half-hour preceding each evening session. They happily agreed to continue the practice of providing daily "pages" to assist the clerks. Their Ministry and
Oversight Committee requests a member of the PYM M. & O. Committee to meet with them for consultation. That committee was so instructed. Suggestions for discussion leaders among adult Friends were invited. At the urging of Young Friends, the Committee agreed that responsibility for young Friends not willing to participate in the organized activities as planned is not to be laid on the Young Friends officers and advisers, but rests with the parents of those so involved.

37. Rudy Potocknik spoke of the Delta Meeting's concern to acquaint Friends with the work of K. Vishwanathan of South India in his creative educational efforts at the village level. Reference was made to Arthur Morgan's lively endorsement and appeal for financial support.

38. Following a recess for dinner served by Berkeley Friends, the Meeting gathered at 7:40 p.m. for a short period of silence. La Jolla Meeting’s inquiry concerning the financing of new Meetinghouses was briefly taken up. Reference was made to funds now available to Meetings through special funds of the Friends General Conference.

39. The Finance Committee reminded the Meeting that committees and projects should submit budgetary requests for consideration to the committee chairman, Vern James, by July 1.

40. The Arrangements Committee for PYM was asked to provide facilities of a lounge-center for college students separate from the high school group. John Etter has agreed to serve as convener for a college group.

41. Eugene Meeting's communication concerning the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage to Europe and their sponsorship of Carl Thatcher's participation was brought before the Meeting. Friends desiring to assist financially are asked to send contributions c/o Harold Barton, treasurer of Eugene Meeting, R.o. 4, Box 319, Eugene, Oregon.

42. The Education Committee requested that the regional meeting responsible for the following year's PYM arrangements name their children's program chairmen a year in advance to attend PYM for consultation and observation. The standard travel expense should be included for the chairman from the children's program budget.

43. La Jolla Meeting's suggestions regarding membership on PYM committees being arranged in staggered terms and balanced between experience and new opportunities for service, along with appropriate regional representation was referred to the Nominating Committee.

44. Harriett Schaffran, chairman, reported for the Peace Committee:

a) the Friend in Washington project has a pledged budget from PYM of $1,000, of which less than $2,000 has thus far been received through the Peace Committee. Concern was expressed that we make an effort to live up to our commitment as long as this is an endorsed PYM project.

b) The Meeting was asked to endorse in principle the continuation of the Friend in the Orient project and consider assistance to the Earle Reynolds family for 1963-64. This matter was referred to Monthly Meetings for their exploration of interest.

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c) The Peace Committee urges that regional and/or Monthly Meetings setting up committees to visit Friends in prison for conscience sake take care to name only seasoned and sensitive members of the Society for such service.

d) The Book for Korea project funds have been allocated to purchase Gandhian books in India for use by the Seoul Friends Meeting; the project will now be laid down with this development.

e) The Peace Committee suggests that Monthly Meetings which have not done so, set up a committee of concerned persons to take up concerns dealing solely with peace issues and not try to combine this with other responsibilities.

f) Sacramento Meeting's concern to extend the community peace center idea is endorsed by the Peace Committee. A digest summary of this project and the idea in general is available for circulation.

g) The Peace Committee read a letter from Roberta Walen regarding the "Letters for Peace" project being undertaken under endorsement by Orange Grove Meeting.

h) The Peace Committee reminds Friends that the Minute of Liberation has a meaningful history among Friends and urges Meetings to consider its significance for our time in the light of that history. This matter was referred to PYM clerks for possible inclusion in the program of PYM, in consultation with Ministry and Oversight.

INTERIM COMMITTEE CONCURS with the Peace Committee's expression of satisfaction with the present Friend in the Orient project. We look forward to continuing such a project in the future and stand ready to receive specific suggestions at a later date.

The suggestion that the Peace Committee have as its nucleus named regional representatives, especially of regional meeting peace committees, was put over for subsequent consideration by the Peace and the Interim committees.

General discussion on plans and programming for PYM included the following suggestions: readings in advance to prepare for the worship-fellowship groups; an interest group on "Quakers and symbolism"; evaluation of the worship-fellowship groups in light of the need for whole family and total group worship; advance preparation of reports and concerns in writing so that the time needed for business will be shortened and thus liberate us for more extended periods of corporate worship; a PYM lectureship, perhaps on an occasional basis; Quaker dialogue interest group or possibly training group at PYM.

Herbert Foster, for the Social Order Committee, requested a consideration of the threat felt to Pacifica Foundation's FM radio stations because of recent Congressional hearings. Following a searching airing of the principle of freedom of speech and press based on our religious testimony, the Meeting approved a letter being sent in its name to the Federal Communications Commission supporting this principle as a basis for consideration of the renewal of the Federal license to broadcast.
49. The Nominating Committee brought forward the names of Marshall and/or Peg Palley of Berkeley to attend the Race Relations Conference as PYM delegates. These Friends were approved along with Beth Sanders of Orange Grove Meeting and Caroline Estes of San Francisco as alternates.

50. After a gathered period of silence, the Committee adjourned to meet August 13, at 7:30 p.m., at Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon.

-- Edwin C. Morgenroth, Clerk

-- Walt A. Raitt, Recording Clerk