Pacific Railway Meeting

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 20, 1965

Arno Hill House, San Francisco, Calif.

1. Members of the FRR Executive Committee gathered at Arno Hill House not for worship at 9:00 a.m. (Roster of absences submitted.)

2. Copies of the tentative agenda were circulated (copy attached to the minutes) and the Chair reviewed the major items of business of the day.

3. The Recording Clerk noted that notice be taken of appointments in the FRR staff board, particularly the meeting of March 15th. Mr. Smith approved this change as well and noted that notice of the change be published in the Bulletin. The copies of the minutes have been circulated.

4. Virginia Harris, editor of the Bulletin, expressed appreciation for the continued support of subscriptions. In the past of March 1st. A half-year financial report was submitted (copy attached to these minutes), showing income and expenditures close to budget figures. It was indicated by Elmo Conner, Bulletin Committee that the February issue during 1965 FRR lecture is planned for publication prior to the 1965 ".

5. Regional meetings were urged to arrange for regular reporting to the Bulletin by making a commitment for such purposes.

6. Monthly meetings were requested to send copies of the Bulletin letter, or bulletins, to the editor of the Bulletin.

5. Regarding the Discipline Committee, Frank Abel, chairman, circulated copies of the Meeting Notice of the revised Discipline. The report (copy attached to these minutes) included the following:

a. Suggestions regarding the draft edition of the Discipline should remain unchanged not later than April 15th (FRR Bulletin 5, St. Clement, Calif.).

b. Stanislaw Hill has volunteered to serve as distributor of the Discipline, following the publication. In the recommendation of Discipline Committee, FRR approved this appointment.

c. Since there is yet no common terminology respecting the name of an unincorporated function of committees of Wrangley, Worthington, Council, District, the interest group was revised to include regional, and was revised and approved. FRR approved requests for the circulation of p.21 of the draft Discipline regarding this matter.

6. At a subsequent session, FRR confirmed that the Discipline Committee was authorized to proceed with the publishing of the revised and enlarged Discipline (present to FRR Bulletin 5). It was suggested that, provided copies may be received sufficiently in advance, Representative Committee might secure that FRR receive and authorize the use of the Discipline, pending final adoption at the 1966 FRR meeting for the special attention of clients of Wrangley and Regional Committees.
Taking notice of the exhausted supply of the current edition of the Disciple, EX-COM approved the circulation of the 200 extra copies of the Working Draft edition for use at Monthly Meetings, at 50¢ per copy.

6. In order to facilitate a full meeting of the Discipline Committee in May to make final determination of the editing of the Disciple, EX-COM approved doubling the committee's budget for the current year.

Pursuant to the directive from PYM concerning a policy to guide the Finance Committee in determining travel expenses of YM representatives to national meetings of affiliated Friends groups (Minute 1960-18), the following committee was named to consult with the Finance Committee on this matter: Harold Carson, convener; Vern Jones, Clifford Moser, Asaph Young (Robert Young, ex-officio); and Gwathmey Eshda.

Subsequently, the question of policy for young Friends travel to meetings and projects as YM reps, was also referred to the above committee.

7. It was announced that Judy Bruff, Whitleaf Meeting, has been appointed to the Young Friends Pilgrimage in England this summer. Since she will be the only PYM representative, EX-COM authorized the treasurer to receive and disburse funds to assist with Judy Bruff's travel expenses.

8. Marr House, chairman, reported for the Education Committee. Members through correspondence are attempting to clarify the functions of the committee; exploring its role in relation to Friends schools; to Monthly Meetings in terms of their whole educational endeavor, and to the children's program at YM.

The proposal made by Augusta Friends at 1960 PYM (See Minute 1960-27) concerning a separate YM committee on Friends schools was discussed at some length. The following minute was approved: EX-COM feels under a weight of concern to express its continuing interest in and its desire to encourage the development of schools under care of Friends within YM. The question of how best to foster and coordinate such YM-wide interest and encouragement, and to elicit opinions concerning types of assistance and relationships desired by the schools, was referred to the Education Committee for further study. The committee is reminded that it may co-opt members to assist in this question and may form a sub-committee if thought desirable. The Education Committee is asked to report its findings to the Representative Committee at its August, 1965 meeting.

The Committee on Friends in the Orient made a full, written report (copy attached to this minute) concerning which the chairman, Reginald Price, summarized as follows: a) Although the Seoul Friends Meeting is not yet ready to take on full responsibility for a Monthly Meeting, its progress is marked by a newly acquired Friends House. It continues to desire close relationship with both Japan and Pacific Islands.

b) Russell Hackett is now making plans to visit Japan and China for a month this summer before returning home to Canada. It is hoped he may be able to attend YM in August, for which visit additional funds will be necessary. c) Yee Hyun Chun, an original member of the Seoul Friends group, has been accepted on scholarship for the summer abroad at Ponds Hill. Travel funds are needed to enable him to arrange his plans.

EX-COM endorsed the recommendation of the committee in setting a goal of $400 for YM to raise, and authorized the treasurer to disburse such funds as they become available through the committee's account.
10. Leonard Dort, as chairman, reminded Friends that the Nominating Committee welcomes suggestions in advance of its February-March meeting. EX-404E approved the recommendation that for informational purposes, the names of the Nom. committee by their year-class be included in the listing of YM committees in the appendix to EI minutes.

A special committee composed of John Ulman, Peton Crouse, and Clara Hurn brought forward the following named persons to serve on the Nominating Committee in the year-class of 1969: Crystal Davis, Nina Dodc, Scott Longacre, Robert Ulman and Jane Webster were proposed as Alternate Members. EX-404E approved these appointments.

11. Peton Crouse, chairman of the Finance Committee, assessed the urgency of the need for YM committee chairmen to submit their budget requests in advance of YM in August. All chairman being present except Jrl Order, Cecil Thomas is considered notified through these minutes.

12. The Treasurer's Report for the first six months was circulated (copy attached to file minutes). Robert Young indicated that insurance provisions are still in process of being finalized, that the current officers and committee members are covered by verbal understandings entered into. Monthly meeting payments are considerably in arrears. It was urged that clerks and finance chairmen initiate action by Meetings.

The special Mississippi Burned Churches Fund shows a total of $2,1201 received as of March 19, 1965. Expenditures to date plus commitments made are already in excess of that amount. Friends are asked to be apprised of this continually project by YM and its financial needs.

13. Cecil Thomas, chairman of the Social Order Committee, making a brief appearance enroute from his special assignment in Washington, DC, planning a China policy conference, related details of the Mississippi project. It was indicated that more volunteers—including union carpenters, professional contractors, and others—are available than funds to send them. Cecil also spoke of having participated in the Selma, Alabama witness in which Friends were much in evidence.

14. As chairman of the Peace Committee, James Estes reported that Matt Thompson, Dayton Office AFSC, will be serving as the Friend-in-Washington for three months this spring. Eugene Bowerman, Madison (Wisc.) Meeting, has been named to serve for the year 1964-65. There was no known amount of pledges by Monthly Meetings so the Peace Comm. was asked to indicate in the Bulletin the needs for support on the basis of expanded costs, partially due to the size of the Bowerman family.

15. Gretchen Rudnick reported that the Visitation Committee has found much satisfaction in visiting among some Friends meetings in outlying areas. (copy of report attached to file minutes.)

16. Arrangements for 1965 YM were highlighted by Bob Barnes, committee chairman. St. Mary's College in the Ojinda Valley, about 16 miles from Oakland, seems to lend itself very well for YM needs. Camping is adequate and central. The rate structure for room and board is below last year's. The family maximum of $90 for four days, $100 for five days is to be retained.
There are work-scholarships available to young Friends to assist in the kitchen and dining room. Applicants must be entering the 12th grade next year, or older. Betty and Robert McIlvain (1301 Redwood Rd, Davis, Calif.) as registrars, may be contacted for information.

17. Caroline Estes, for the History Committee, requested assistance in identifying a number of pictures taken at YM 1964. She reported that storage space for YM records in Berkeley is in the process of being fire-proofed.

18. Clara Kurn, as the first named Clerk, reported on the newly forming Arizona Half-Yearly Meeting which will hold its inaugural session in Phoenix the first weekend in April. Although Tucson and Phoenix Meetings have held semi-annual joint sessions for some years, they now have decided to become an established regional meeting. EX-COMM advised Arizona Friends to submit a written request for recognition as a Half-Yearly Meeting to Representative Committee in August, so that action may be taken at YM.

19. The report of College Park Quarterly Meeting was given by its Clerk, Herbert Foster, who reported a successful Conference on Paco Relations, sponsored by the YM Committee on Social Order, and an Institute on the "Characteristics of a Good Meeting" held by the Quarter’s Committee of Ministry and Oversight. The Paco Committee is progressing in its plans for a Friends Seminar on the U.S. to be held this summer in San Francisco in connection with the 25th anniversary celebration of the UN.

20. The Permanent Site Committee for YM (authorized by EX-COMM, 1963-65) set up by College Park Quarterly Meeting, reported its findings from a questionnaire of which 130 were returned; two to one favored a permanent site to be located in No. Calif. (summary of report attached to file minutes). The committee recommended: a) that a YM-wide, representative committee of five be appointed to take up future investigation and planning, looking eight years ahead; b) that a cycle of two-year alternation between northern Calif. and Oregon as the same locations be inaugurated in 1966 for an 8 year period. EX-COMM endorsed these recommendations in principle, suggesting a possible three-year cycle for nine years to include southern California, if that Half-Yearly Meeting so recommends; and forwarding the proposal to Representative Comm.

21. Young Friends' officers were introduced and presented their plans for YM which include Quaker Dialogue-type discussions, an optional "in-between" worship-fellowship group for those teen-agers not present to participate with adults. Once again, the teen-agers will be housed with their parents. The issue of adequate sponsorship of young Friends without parents present was discussed with the following conclusions: endorsed by the EX-COMM: a) definite and clearly understood terms of sponsorship of all minors are to be set forth by the "Arrangements Committee" in consultation with Young Friends Officers and advisers; such terms are to be made known through notices in the Bulletin in connection with plans and registration for YM; b) Arrangements Committee is authorized to return young Friends to their homes if no suitable sponsorship can be arranged on their arrival at YM; funds for this purpose may be expended from the committee's budget on YM arrangements.

22. John Ullman, Clerk of So. Calif. Half-Yearly Meeting, brought forward two concerns: a) the request from Orange Grove Meeting, or any on the YM agenda for Mara Moser's concern to report on the "Other's Club" project. The matter was referred to the Social Order Committee for its consideration in deliberations of YM, which might include appointment a plenary session.
b) the question over U.S. policy in Vietnam was referred to the EX-COMM for its consideration.

23. Wilmette Quarterly Meeting, by its acting Clerk Carolyn Hubbs, forwarded the following minutes: "It is time to explore new ways of being Friends together in meetings. We request the Executive Committee of PYM to establish a representative group for the purpose of attempting to create a plan for new types of annual or other gatherings." Full discussion on the meaning and intent of this minute clarified the question that a division in PYM was not contemplated, but that factors of geography, distance of travel, and size were such as to need evaluating in terms of purposes of PYM and its annual sessions. EX-COMM asked the Clerk of PYM to name such a representative committee to address this concern. The assignment was accepted on condition that the Clerk would consult with the chairman of the Nominating Committee on the appointments.

24. Concerning the Social Order Committee, it was felt by members of the EX-COMM that since the present chairman is on special assignment in Washington DC, it would be advisable to name an assistant or acting chairman of that committee. The Nominating Committee was asked to make such an appointment.

25. Francis Dart, as convener, reported for the FWC representative group, indicating that Virginia Wren had attended the first general planning session for the Friends World Conference to be held at Guilford College, N.C., in the summer of 1966. PYM is entitled to nine delegates, based on membership, but an additional six, based on geographic factors. The FWC representatives urged PYM to arrange to name the 15 delegates well in advance of the conference. EX-COMM requested the Nominating Committee to undertake proposing a plan for the selection of WI delegates, in consultation with the FWC representatives, and report to the Representative Comm. in August, 1965. The Finance Committee was asked to include in the 1966 budget an item for travel expenses of PYM’s member to the November planning committee for the World Conference.

26. Copies of a PY agenda schedule, similar to last year, was circulated as part of this meeting’s agenda. There was agreement to continue the general pattern of morning, afternoon, and evening sessions as scheduled last year. The Clerk will draw up specific proposals to be approved by the Representative Comm. proceeding VM. They were reminded that the discipline calls for a VM Meeting of Ministry and Oversight (comprised of all members of such committees from Monthly Meetings) at each annual session.

In preparation for VM, committee chairmen, regional chairs, and others concerned, are to be reminded that the printing of "Suggestions in Advance" in the Bulletin was approved again for this year (EX-COMM, 1964-6). One copy each of such documents—statistical and financial reports, memorials from Monthly Meetings, State of Meeting reports from regional meetings, reports from AFSC, FCOM, CROS, and standing committee reports—should be sent to the Clerk and to the Bulletin editor not later than June 1.

Following a short period of gathered silence, the EX-COMM adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

---Edwin C. Norqueth, Clerk
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