

North Pacific Yearly Meeting  
Steering Committee

University of Montana, Missoula MT

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**Minutes, session I**

**SC 2004-07-01      Opening**

- a. **Friends gathered at 1:30 p.m. in silent worship. Clerk Beth Hunt welcomed all.**

Present were Beth Hunt (Eugene), clerk; Eugene Norcross-Renner (Multnomah), associate clerk, Pablo Stanfield (University) recording clerk, Chris Willard (Tacoma), treasurer, and Sue Ellen White (Whidbey Island) secretary; and meeting representatives (Agate Passage) [none], (Bellingham) Lorina Hall (also M&O Clerk), and Turtle Robb, (Billings) [none], (Boise Valley) Ann Dusseau, (Bridge City) Janet Jump, (Corvallis) Nancy Yarnall (also FWCC field staff), Lorena Reynolds, (Eastside) Debbie Townsend, (Eugene) Lyn Marx, (Heartland) Heather Jackson, (Jr.. Friends) [none], (Missoula) Jo Ann Kidder, (Multnomah) Rae Lawrence, Carole Uhte, (Olympia) [none], (Pt. Townsend) Donita Crosby, Deborah Gottlieb Lewis, (Pullman-Moscow) David Coahran, (Salem) Renée Strongham, (Salmon Bay) Susanne Kromberg, (Sandpoint) Elizabeth Willey, (South Mountain) Kathleen Donham, (Tacoma) Chris Willard, (University) Dorene Cornwell, (Walla Walla Prep.) [none]; as well as Steve Wilson (University), nominating committee clerk, Margaret Sorrel (University), FGC observer, Jon Prescott (Eastside) presiding clerk, Ted Etter (Missoula) General Arrangements Clerk, and Don Goldstein (Methow WG) Directory Coordinator and FGC observer.

**2004-07-02      Nominating Committee**

- a. Steve Wilson, clerk of the committee, presented the slate of nominees and a report on the recruitment of persons to fill open positions [attached]. Several important roles are already filled by continuing officers.

**Friends approved the appointment of the nominees to the ministries according to the attached list.**

- b. Friends were asked to assist the nominating committee by recommending persons to fill vacancies and reporting these opportunities in their home meetings. Job descriptions for **all** positions in NPYM are available in the NPYM office both during AS and throughout the year. We especially need to name an associate SC clerk to be learning the job during the coming year.

- c. Members of Nominating Committee were nominated by pre-nominating committee reported by the SC clerk: Steve Wilson (University), clerk['05], Barbara Moore-Lewis (Pt. Townsend)['06], Dave Fabik (Bridge City)['05], Margery Mikesell (Eugene)['06], Ted Etter (Missoula)['06]. There is a vacancy for one more person from MGoF.

**Friends approved the new Nominating Committee.**

**2004-07-03      Budget Proposal**

- a. The Treasurer re-introduced the proposed budget as published before the meeting. There were a few questions regarding the assessments: we have always left the question of discerning whom they count as members for dues to the monthly meetings.

**Friends approved the budget as proposed for a total of \$42,830.**

**2004-07-04 Directory**

- a. Don Goldstein presented his report [attached]. He requested clarification of the *de facto* policy to provide lists of worship groups and MM's in NPYM as public information available to all Friends. We clarified that the mailing list refers to the general list of all addresses of members and attenders; all meetings and worship groups have an officially designated contact person or clerk whose name and contact information are already in public domain; minutes regarding the website have established it for internal use in the yearly meeting.

**Friends approved making lists of the names of meetings and worship groups, including their clerks and contact persons, available to Friends groups (not membership lists). We will notify these persons of this policy; in case someone does not wish publication, they can lay down the responsibility.**

**2004-07-05 Friends General Conference**

- a. Margaret Sorrel presented again the question of what we will do about our annual session for the year of 2006 when FGC will be held at Pacific Lutheran University (also our site) the first week of July. She reviewed the three options previously proposed. Some meetings have reported their discernment and a plenary will consider the question on this Saturday. Presiding clerk pointed out the two main concerns this raises: the energy required to plan, put on and attend two major events in the same summer being different from the question of continuity for our AS.  
Many Friends meetings were clear that our annual sessions cannot be eliminated. Other questions are ways to meet the needs of Jr Friends and children as well as responding to leadings that have time limitations.

**2004-07-06 Seasoning a Concern for Annual Session**

- a. Jon Prescott, presiding clerk, shared his concern about correct process for working on a leading for a minute dealing with constitutional rights issues regarding marriage and the political questions of same-sex marriage. The concerns have not proceeded through the normal seasoning process and he will ask those interested to develop discernment through the interest group process in order to bring it to a plenary.

**2004-07-07 Closing**

- a. We deferred discussion about scholarships for the clerking workshop until the Saturday session.
- b. Friends returned to worship in silence and ended at 3:30 p.m.

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**Minutes, session II**

**SC 2004-07-08 Gathering**

- a. **Friends reconvened at 1:00 p.m. in silent worship. Clerk Beth Hunt welcomed all.** Present were Beth Hunt (Eugene), clerk; Eugene Norcross-Renner (Multnomah),

associate clerk, Pablo Stanfield (University) recording clerk, Chris Willard (Tacoma), treasurer, and Sue Ellen White (Whidbey Island) secretary; and meeting representatives (Agate Passage) [none], (Bellingham) Lorina Hall (also M&O Clerk) and Turtle Robb, (Billings) [none], (Boise Valley) Ann Dusseau, (Bridge City) Janet Jump, (Corvallis) Nancy Yarnall (also FWCC field staff), Lorena Reynolds, (Eastside) Debbie Townsend, (Eugene) Lyn Marx, (Heartland) Heather Jackson, (Jr.. Friends) [none], (Missoula) Jo Ann Kidder, (Multnomah) Rae Lawrence, Carole Uhte, (Olympia) [none], (Pt. Townsend) Donita Crosby, Deborah Gottlieb Lewis, (Pullman-Moscow) David Coahran, (Salem) Renée Strongham, (Salmon Bay) [none], (Sandpoint) Elizabeth Willey, (South Mountain) Kathleen Donham, (Tacoma) Chris Willard, (University) Dorene Cornwell, (Walla Walla Prep.) [none], Vena Rainwater (University-Multnomah) and Meghann Willard (Tacoma) co-clerks of Young Friends; as well as Bonnie Tinker (Multnomah), AS Recording Clerk, Linda Ellsworth (M&O Clerk), Steve Wilson (University), nominating committee clerk, Ann Stever (University), FWCC representative, Jon Prescott (Eastside) presiding clerk, and Don Goldstein (Methow Valley WG) Directory Coordinator, and Pat Matthews (Corvallis) , guest.

### **2004-07-09 Nominating Committee**

- a. Steve Wilson reported nominees for Central Friends advisors: Jane Ewert and Chris Cradler (1 yr. each to begin staggered terms next year). The Committee also recommends Meghann Willard and Vena Rainwater, acting clerks of NPYM Young Friends, be confirmed as co-clerks of Young Friends for fiscal 2005 while the group can meet and and starts the regular process for selecting new officers. They also recommend Helen Dart as SC liaison to the Young Friends group.  
**Friends approved the naming of these officers.**

### **2004-07-10 World Gathering of Young Friends, Lancaster, UK 2005**

- a. Meghann Willard presented information about the Young Friends and the process they intend to follow in selecting two persons to represent them in 2005. Application forms were distributed (attached] to be taken back to all meetings and WG's. Applications are due to the NPYM Secretary by 9/15.  
The *ad hoc* WGYF NPYM Support & Planning committee previously established requested permission to add members in order to facilitate the process of bringing nominees for our official representatives.  
**Steering Committee approved letting the ad hoc committee select extras members as needed to complete their work.**
- b. The *ad hoc* committee asked for clarification that SC will confirm nominations brought by the committee.  
**The Meeting confirmed that official representatives for the WGYF will be named by the SC.**

The Committee is coordinating fund-raising for Young Friends from NPYM. Ann Stever of the committee requested that unspent funds from the budget lines for 2004 FWCC Triennial travel and travel for our reps to the FWCC Annual Meeting be used to establish a restricted financial assistance fund for WGYF travel, as previously indicated for two of our representatives and one Developing World representative. There are \$705 for FWCC reps and \$256 from Triennial = \$961 available from this year's General Fund. There were

questions for the Treasurer about how this would work and its feasibility with this year's finances.

**Friends approved establishing a restricted fund for travel to the WGYF using left-over funds as proposed.**

### **2004-07-11 NPYM Young Friends**

Vena Rainwater reported for the NPYM Young Friends. They have met to develop their organization. They have established a process for naming their clerks and developing job descriptions, as well as naming a liaison to "old" Friends. They have named Meghann Willard and Megan Perry as SC reps for the coming year. Christian Diedrich is named as their winter gathering organizer.

They have discussed attendance at FGC Gathering in 2006 and how they might raise sufficient funds to meet financial aid requests. They also reported their preference for joining AS with FGC in '06.

**Friends approved using the Nominating Committee to name YF clerks by the process proposed. We approved Vena Rainwater as co-clerk of Young Friends for 04-05.**

### **2004-07-12 Treasury**

The treasurer distributed the current YTD balance sheet and report. [attached] At this point we have \$13,486 in unspent funds from this year's budget and he foresees ending the fiscal year in the black.

**Friends accepted the report noting with pleasure the successful savings from our projected spending due to working on cost-containment.**

Chris reported on the \$9 cost of 'terrorism insurance' in conformity with a Congressional anti-terrorism act. He questions whether paying it is in line with our testimony against removing the causes of all war. Concerns were raised about our participation in this federal risk pool that mostly benefits the insurance industry and seems out of accord with our rejection of the terrorism issues.

**Friends asked that we not participate in the federal terrorism risk insurance pool.**

### **[Minutes**

Action minutes for this session and narratives for the preceding four numbers were approved *in acto*. New members of SC are reminded to contact the YM Secretary or SC Recording Clerk if they have questions or corrections, which will be noted at the next meeting.]

### **2004-07-13 Clerking Workshop**

Deborah Gottlieb Lewis reported on the planning for the workshop to be held this autumn 10/29 - 30. Two hundred registration forms have been produced for distribution. [copy attached] One place will be reserved for each meeting and WG until 9/10, after that spots will be opened for general interest. Funds will be set aside to underwrite the attendance of clerks from YF and Jr. Friends. As we have reserved the building of North Seattle Friends Church of NWYM to hold the workshop, a few places will be reserved for members of their YM. This leaves some 40 spots for meetings and WG needs. Friends

are asked to make sure their meetings select their individual and make application in a timely fashion. Currently the individual cost for those not already funded by SC is \$65 with a request for assistance in providing money for financial assistance so distant Friends can come.

**Friends asked for and approved reserving openings for the clerks of the quarterly meetings also.**

We deferred discussion on budget considerations (*e.g.*: whose attendance is paid by SC; financial aid) for this event until the tenth month SC meeting.

### **2004-07-14 Announcements**

New Directory format (CDs): address concerns or questions to Don Goldstein or Dave Fabik.

Legal/Finance Committee proposes a workshop at the tenth month SC meeting on prioritizing YM activities. [copy of proposal attached]

Site Committee is concluding selection of a site to recommend for 2007 -08.

Committee for the Discipline will begin meeting in October.

We recognized Agate Passage and Bridge City as our newest monthly meetings.

Representatives were reminded to get all updated contact information (MM clerks, WG contact persons, two representatives per MM... including e-mail addresses) to the YM Secretary.

### **2004-07-15 Ad Hoc Committee on Marriage Equality**

Implementing the decision of AS plenary yesterday, we will establish the former Committee on Same-Sex Marriage with this new name. Those willing to serve are:

Lynn Marx, John Selker, Bonnie Tinker, convenor, Starshine, Charlotte Kasl, Lorena Reynolds. They need to recruit members from Washington.

They requested that some of the saved funds from this year's budget be given to the earmarked funds they collected from the Plenary Meeting.

**Friends approved the Ad Hoc Committee on Marriage Equality, authorizing them to name some members from PNW Quarterly, and adding the remaining \$350 of undesignated funds from this year's opportunities line to the earmarked fund for this ad hoc committee.**

### **2004-07-16 Annual Session 2006**

Margaret Sorrel reported that it appears that the sense of the Meeting is to hold an abbreviated annual session in '06 in conjunction with the FGC Gathering. She invited Friends to join the interest group to be held this afternoon to share their light on this subject. She suggested that they also be permitted to thresh the logistics of that and report to SC. Clerk thanked them for their help.

### **2004-07-17 Welcome**

Clerk recognized and welcomed the Friend-in-Residence, Eden Grace, who was visiting and observing.

### **2004-07 Closing**

From silent worship, Friends shared joys and unseasoned concerns:

- a concern for making one person's needs as important as the group's and joy that we made child care available for her;
- a concern for bringing back a YF who feels excluded;
- a request to hold in the Light a YF who lives where he cannot worship with Friends or attend AS, missing our community;
- YFs appreciate the support of SC and the growth of their community.;
- concern for a new minute about what peace witness Friends have to make today;
- announcement that AFSC is planning to host a conference at Gonzaga University in 2005 to respond to the query of the meaning of the Quaker Peace Testimony.;
- appreciation for the work in organizing the WGYF;
- appreciation for support for same-sex marriage and legalization efforts.

Clerk thanked each person for their work and closed the meeting in a silent circle, adjourning to reconvene, God willing, at Multnomah Meetinghouse, 10/9/04.

D. Pablo Stanfield, recording clerk

Beth Hunt, Steering Committee clerk