

**SAYMA Representative Meeting #103 (Fall)**  
**Memphis, Tennessee**  
**7 September 2002     9 am**

**1.     Opening**

After deep worship, Clerk Sharon Annis welcomed Friends in attendance. Friends from Memphis have shared a synopsis of their history and particulars of the arrangement for today's lunch. At the request of the clerk for a volunteer temporary recording clerk, Penelope Wright has come forth.

**2.     Agenda**

There have been no additions to the agenda as circulated in the registration materials except the following:

- a. M&N will give us a report of their work today in our afternoon session
- b. addition of a couple of items of unfinished business from Yearly Meeting
- c. a report from the Peace and Social Concerns Committee

**3.     Introductions**

Friends present introduced themselves. A list of attenders is attached as Appendix A.

**4.     Old Business**

A written report from our FWCC representatives was inadvertently left out of the minutes from our Yearly Meeting sessions. Apologies from the clerk and the office staff are extended.

**Friends approve adding this report to the minutes of 2002 Yearly Meeting.**

It has become a practice to translate our annual epistle into Spanish, but we did not make provision for this at our 2002 Yearly Meeting session.

**Friends approve continuing the practice of translating our annual epistle into Spanish, even if it entails paying a translator should a volunteer not come forth. Since our epistle for 2002 has already been sent out to the wider world of Friends, we will resume this practice in 2003.**

We have been reminded that Yearly Meeting approved the Mid-East Minute. As directed by Yearly Meeting, Susan Penn composed a cover letter, addressed and sent out 39 copies to intended recipients.

**We minute our appreciation for Susan Penn's good work in facilitating the mailing of the copies of this minute.**

We heard at Yearly Meeting that several wider Quaker organizations have asked us to appoint two representatives to attend the consultations or training sessions they are sponsoring. At that time, we did not formulate a process for identifying and appointing these representatives. The consultations are:

FGC – Traveling Ministries Committee Consultation “ Discerning, Caring, Eldering: Supporting Gifts of Ministry”, November 15-17, 2002 outside Nashville, TN

**We approve Ministry and Nurture Committee discerning and bringing forth names to attend the Traveling Ministries Consultation.**

FGC – Committee for Ministry on Racism sponsored training around issues of racism within the Religious Society of Friends, January 16 – 20, 2003 in Pittsburgh, PA

**We have heard a report of the concern of some SAYF participants about the style of some of the racism work done in Atlanta and are led to seek out a SAYF member as one of our appointees to**

**the FGC racism training. We are unable to reach clarity about who might be our appointees at this time so will return to this matter in our afternoon session.**

FWCC - "Peace Witness in a Time of Crises: A Friends Consultation", January 17-20, 2003 at Guilford College in Greensboro, NC.

**We approve Peace and Social Concerns Committee discerning and bringing forth names of Friends to attend the FWCC Peace Witness Consultation.**

#### **5. Nominating Committee**

We have heard a report from the Nominating Committee (Appendix B) and approve the following recommendations:

**Lee Ann Swarm (W. Knoxville MM) to serve as Workshop Coordinator on the YM Planning Committee for 2 year term.**

**Penelope Wright (Nashville MM) to serve as Adult Program Coordinator on the YM Planning Committee for a 2 year term.**

**Jerry Rudolph (Columbia MM) and Tom Baugh (Chattanooga MM) as co-clerks of Peace and Social Concerns Committee.**

Concern has been raised about the lack of members and leadership of the Junior Yearly Meeting Ad Hoc Committee. We are reminded of the importance of representatives in being faithful about carrying back to their monthly meetings and worship groups the urgent need for addressing the needs of our youngest Friends in SAYMA. Clarification has been made that neither the JYM Ad Hoc Committee nor the JYM Coordinator has the responsibility for actually carrying out any program offered at yearly meeting sessions, rather their responsibility is for oversight and planning of the program and volunteers who facilitate the program.

#### **6. Committee/WQO Representatives Work**

At this time we adjourn from our business to allow various committees and WQO representatives to share among each other about their work and news or to hold committee meetings.

#### **7. Faith and Practice Revision Committee Report**

After a field trip to the Ciscel's home for a delicious lunch we are called to worship by the strummed tune of "'Tis a Gift to be Simple."

Krisiti Estes, interim clerk for the committee has reported for the committee (Appendix C) and distributed the first section of proposed changes to *A Guide to Our Faith & Practice*. Copies of Part One and the newest version of Faith & Practice (containing the integrated version, circa 1998). This is the version that the committee is using as it proceeds with its work. As soon as possible and independently of the mailing of these minutes, the SAYMA Administrative Assistant will mail out copies to the monthly meetings who are not represented today. Kristi shared the following from the committee's minutes:

**"As we discerned how email use is most applicable to the committee's work, we have been reminded of the truth that we must be ever conscious of the presence of the Divine in our conversations and interactions with others – whether they are face to face or electronic. After careful discussion we clarify that email communication is appropriate for requesting/suggesting specific agenda items to the clerk of the committee, but not for seasoning of items."**

#### **8. SAYF Steering Committee**

Dick Houghton, co-clerk of SAYF Steering Committee, has given us a report of the recent joint Nurturing and Steering Committee meeting. The SAYF community is entertaining ideas for fund raising activities, among them, a project of selling energy efficient light bulbs. He speaks with admiration of the maturity of Quaker process displayed by the high school Friends. FAP responsibilities, boundary issues and training expectations for FAPS continue to be items of discernment.

**We acknowledge our appreciation of the many Friends who serve faithfully, in many ways, in sustaining SAYMA's young Friends.**

#### **9. Administrative Assistant**

Mary Calhoun has announced that copies of the integrated version (circa 1998) of *Guide to Our Faith and Practice* is available for purchase (price available from her). We are reminded that Friends serving in SAYMA positions of responsibility will be provided a copy without charge upon request to the office. The most recent edition of the SAYMA Directory is also available. It is free for Friends serving in a SAYMA or monthly meeting position of responsibility. Copies may be purchased for \$10 through the office.

#### **10. Ecological Concerns Network**

Bill Reynolds has outlined a proposed project of this committee involving encouraging SAYMA households to consider replacing conventional light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs. They seek to identify a contact person in each monthly meeting and worship group who can gather information about households making the changes so a report can be made at yearly meeting sessions. Friends have offered concerns about the cost, quality of light and disposal of used bulbs. We encourage ECN to pursue this leading by developing a packet of information that includes the full impact of the proposed bulbs, resources for obtaining them, and how to dispose of used bulbs. We ask them to report at the December representative meeting and propose how they plan to go forth with this initiative.

#### **11. Peace and Social Concerns Committee**

Jerry Rudolph reported on the committee's first formal meeting held today. (Appendix D)  
The committee seeks clarification of its charge. We referred them to Minute 32 of YM 2002:

*To serve the yearly meeting, the standing Committee on Peace and Social Concerns will:*

- 1. Provide a support mechanism for seasoning minutes and actions brought to the yearly meeting through contact and work with monthly meetings.*
- 2. Foster communication between monthly meeting Peace and Social Concerns committees and the Yearly Meeting regarding the varied activities in our yearly meeting region.*
- 3. Report to representative and yearly meetings.*
- 4. Bring minutes of concern to yearly meeting with recommendations for action and dissemination of approved minutes.*
- 5. Operate as part of the whole by coordination with other committees working within SAYMA.*

After hearing the above, the committee expressed greater clarity on how to proceed.

They also seek clarity about budget matters for the committee.

**Friends encourage the committee to develop a budget for submission to the Finance Committee for consideration in the 2003 budgetary process (not later than 3 weeks before the Spring**

**Representative Meeting 2003). The committee is reminded that they can approach the Finance Committee for monetary needs in their start-up year.**

The committee brings forth the name of Deborah Johnson as a SAYMA representative at the FWCC Peace consultation. **Friends approve.**

They will seek out a SAYF participant as our other representative. If there is room, they would like to appoint a YAF to attend also. They feel it is important that youth who are faced with potential draft need to be part of the consultation. **Friends approve.**

#### **12. Ad Hoc Logo Committee**

Mary Calhoun has brought us the report from the committee's meeting during yearly meeting sessions (Appendix E)

**We approve the process used and information given and wish the committee to proceed in its discernment. We ask the committee to provide more specifics about the financial arrangement with Jennifer Snow Wolff, the selected artist.**

#### **13. Ad Hoc JYM Committee**

Ron McDonald, clerk of the committee, has introduced the committee members. Bob Welsh, Jomo MacDermott, Rich Klima and Sharon Annis, ex officio. The committee has determined that its intent is to act as a steering committee, similar to SAYF, and will take responsibility for JYM program at Yearly Meeting 2003. They propose returning to having a Coordinator and an Assistant Coordinator who would engender interest in the program and excitement for volunteers to come forth so the attendance would increase. They suggest SAYMA revisit the decision about stipends or consultant fees for the two positions. The committee urges SAYMA to affirm a re-commitment to JYM and seeks people with ideas, skills and energy for input into the program.

**We ask the committee to bring a proposal of the program to the December Representative Meeting with hopes that the positions could be filled in January. The proposal should include particulars around structure, organization, oversight and accountability.**

#### **14. Yearly Meeting Planning Committee**

Tim Lamm, clerk of the committee, sent along the following announcement.

The committee will meet Saturday, September 28 10 – 3 PM at W. Knoxville Meeting. Ideas for theme, workshops and activities are requested.

#### **15. Future Representative Meetings**

Friends have agreed to meet at the following times and places:

December 6-7, 2002 in W. Knoxville, TN.

April 4-5, 2003 tentatively in Asheville, NC.

September 5-6, 2003 tentatively in Columbia, SC.

#### **16. Ministry & Nurture Committee**

Interim clerk, Connie LaMonte has reported on the committee's work today. They are committed to continuing to sponsor ongoing worship during yearly meeting. In addition they will become identifiable presences by having a different color name tag. They will continue to intentionally hold the business sessions in the Light. New for them will be the coordination of worship sharing at 2003 Yearly Meeting.

The committee has begun reviewing the sections of F&P that are pertinent to M&N's work. In particular they will address the formation of worship groups, the purpose and function of the M&N committee, and what needs to be shifted from the F&P into the Handbook as it related to M & N.

The committee seeks further direction in discerning the appointees to the FGC consultation for ministry. **We authorize the committee to identify and invite to attend the FGC Traveling Ministries Committee consultation two SAYMA Friends who can speak to SAYMA's efforts at discerning and supporting ministry.**

Several requests for assistance and support have been received from monthly meetings. This will be part of the committee's work this year as they continue working on eldering and clearness committees; isolated Friends and Friends from other religious traditions; and how we maintain a balance between openness to a wide range of ideas/values and stay true to Quaker precepts.

#### **17. FGC Racism Training**

**We agree that we wish to appoint 2 SAYMA Friends to attend this training. We accept the offer of the clerk to work with the co-clerks of Peace and Social Concerns Committee to identify and invite two SAYMA Friends, one a person of color, to attend the training.**

#### **18. Announcements**

- Ron McDonald offers a walking tour of Memphis.
- Ron McDonald also announces the publication of his book, *Home Again*. The topic of the book is a retrospective visit to the places he associates with his father.
- Kevin Bales of Oxford Preparatory Meeting spoke of his work with the UN on contemporary forms of slavery. He is available as a resource on this topic and is eager to visit meetings. Visit his web site at [www.freetheslaves.net](http://www.freetheslaves.net)

#### **19. Appreciation for Memphis Friends**

Messages out of the silence formed the minute of appreciation for Memphis Friends' hospitality that will be read by the clerk at Sunday's meeting for worship.

#### **20. Approval of Minutes**

**Friends have expressed approval of these minutes throughout the course of the meeting. They are, however, subject to final editing by the clerk and the recording clerk.**

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Sharon Annis, Clerk  
*(archive copy signed)*

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Penelope Wright, Recording Clerk pro tem  
*(archive copy signed)*

**APPENDIX A**

**Attendees**

(not posted to website)

## APPENDIX B

### Nominating Committee Report 7 September 2002

The Nominating Committee expresses its deep gratitude for Friends' willing responses to invitations to serve in positions of responsibility. The article in the most recent issue of *Southern Appalachian Friend* (SAF) was helpful in making known SAYMA's needs.

We bring forth the following names for your consideration:

**Lee Ann Swarm** of W. Knoxville for Workshop Coordinator on the Yearly Meeting Planning Committee

**Penelope Wright** of Nashville for Adult Program Coordinator on the Yearly Meeting Planning Committee

**Jerry Rudolph** of Columbia and **Tom Baugh** of Chattanooga as co-clerks of Peace and Social Justice Committee.

Despite discerning gifts of several Friends who might serve in various positions, none have them have reached clearness that they could do so at this time. We still have immediate needs for the following:

**Treasurer** or an **Assistant Treasurer** who would serve the remainder of the year as Treasurer-in-training.

**Archivist**

**Site Selection Committee** 2-3 Friends to discern possible sites for yearly meeting sessions 2004 and 2005 – ideally west of the mountains. The past committee is happy to share the information they have compiled of sites that were not feasible for various reasons.

**SAYF Steering Committee** would welcome one or two more participants.

**Yearly Meeting Planning Committee** seeks:

**Bookstore Coordinator**

**1-2 more Local Liaison Persons**

It is our understanding that the Clerk of SAYMA is seeking out a clerk and members for the **Ad Hoc Handbook Committee** and the **Ad Hoc Junior Yearly Meeting Committee**. We are awaiting input from the latter committee before acting on the position of **Junior Yearly Meeting Program Coordinator**.

The **Faith & Practice Revision Committee** has asked the clerk if she might find one or two more members for that committee.

Penelope Wright, Clerk  
Nominating Committee

## APPENDIX C

### Faith and Practice Revision Committee Report to Representative Meeting Ninth Month 2002

Friends, we are pleased to present to you an integrated version of the Guide containing all changes to the Guide until the beginning of our laboring together. It should serve you well until we have finished The Guide to Our Faith and Practice, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Thanks to Steve Livingston, Asheville MM, for his diligent work in preparing it.

We should have our “web-link” ready by December at the latest. We eagerly await the opportunity to work with the new handbook committee once a clerk has been named.

We are offering to the monthly meetings our first section of Revisions. Representatives can take a copy home to their meetings. We will also send it to the clerks. **We request any comments back to the committee for our January meeting. They will be presented to Yearly Meeting 2003 for approval.**

We are giving text copies with the changes, or one can refer to the newly printed **“Integrated Guide.”** They begin in part one, **Continuing Quaker History, page 3**, Sentence 3, delete “saying”, change to “insisting on”.

New paragraph after communities, delete “although” change to “The Reformer”

Next paragraph delete after Revolution “’s” and the phrase “continued for many years.”

Add after Revolution “had a lasting”

Last paragraph, first sentence after joined Add “together”. Last sentence after in 1947 Add “AFSC”, after the Nobel Peace Prize Add “in the name of Friends.”

**Page 6**, Sentence at the top of the page, at the beginning of the last sentence of the paragraph, Add “. The Ministry and Nurture committee evolved from” and at the end of the sentence, delete “met many need.”

Second sentence in the next paragraph, after “SAYMA Friends”, delete “seem poised on the edge of rapid expansion”, Add “joyously welcome the challenges of expansion. Athens, Boone, Brevard, Foxfire, Greenville, and Swannanoa Valley Meetings exemplify this growth, as does the birth and development of the youth program as embodied in Southern Appalachian Young Friends (SAYF)”.

Next sentence after “three and a” delete “third”, replace it with “half”.

In the next section, first paragraph, third sentence, after “Friends of” add “the”

**Page 7**, First Paragraph, first sentence after “membership” delete the semicolon, change to a period and capitalize “They”

Third paragraph, second to the last sentence after “some” change “name” to “call”.

**We will add two more categories** the Reading List: **Testimonies and another category addressing matters of Ministry & Nurture (to be named at a later date)** and that we would ask the yearly meeting committees who’s work fell into those categories to submit a list of up to 5 annotated titles that we could consider for inclusion.

As we discerned how email use is most applicable the committee’s work, we have been reminded of the truth that we must be ever conscious of the presence of the Divine in our conversations and interactions with others – whether they are face to face or electronic. **After careful discussion we clarify**

**that email communication is appropriate for requesting/suggesting specific agenda items to the clerk of the committee, but not for seasoning of items.**

We have gained one more member, but still would like 1-3 more. Our next meeting will be 19<sup>th</sup> Day Tenth Month in Chattanooga. We will meet, again, 11<sup>th</sup> Day First Month in W Knoxville. Kristi Estes will serve as interim clerk until 19<sup>th</sup> Day 12<sup>th</sup> Month during Geeta McGahey's absence.

Respectfully submitted, Geeta McGahey Clerk  
To be presented by Kristi Estes, Interim Clerk

## APPENDIX D

### Peace and Social Concern Committee Report September 7, 2002

The SAYMA Peace and Social Concerns Committee is just in its early stages of getting organized. Ten people have expressed an interest in the committee and we have discussed a number of issues using email and a listserv.

The first physically gathered meeting is this weekend and we will continue the discussion of directions we will take.

The issues that have come to the forefront of our discussions have been the following:

1. The war in Iraq and the devastation we have caused and will cause by our government's policies toward Iraq.
2. The increase in weapons production, especially nuclear weapons, and the connection between this buildup of weapons and the weapons and oil industry influence in our federal government.
3. The continued use of the death penalty in states represented by SAYMA.

The organizational issues we have discussed include the following:

4. Communication and organization for a widely dispersed group.
5. The extent to which our target audience is internal (Quaker meetings) or external (general society, government officials).
6. What issues and strategies should we pursue?
7. How should we relate to other Quaker groups like FCNL and AFSC?
8. How should we involve youth organizations?

We lack some clarity on the charge from SAYMA. We see a desire among Friends for us to work together toward peace and social issues, but beyond that we are not sure if there is anything more specific. For example, is there a charge to support local meeting P&SC committees, to address any specific issues, to build ties between SAYMA and other Quaker groups, etc. or are we to seek our own direction according to the light we receive?

Are funds available to the committee for materials?

We bring forth Deborah Johnson to represent SAYMA at the January FWCC consultation. We think it is important that youth who are facing potential draft and who are concerned about war be one of our representatives. We would like SAYMA to charge SAYF with selecting one of their participants to be the other representative.

Yours,  
Gerald Rudolph