

Minutes

SAYMA Representative Meeting #112 Fall 2005

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**Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association
Representative Meeting #112 (Fall)
Nashville Friends Meeting, Nashville, TN
Ninth Month, Tenth Day, 2005 – 9 am**

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112-1 Opening

The Meeting opened with silent waiting.

The clerk, Kristi Estes, read the following selection from *Spiritual Discernment: the Context and Goal of Clearness Committees*, by Patricia Loring:

Peace – or the lack of it – has been one important part of the Quaker experience of coming under guidance. Sometimes an event or situation in the wider community or world disturbs a person's peace in such a way that some action will be required to restore it. Sometimes what is required is simple and obvious. At other times a prolonged period of living with the disquiet is necessary before the particular response required becomes clear....

Modern Friends have not responded to their differences from the mainstream by divorcing themselves from the world and from responsibility for it. To live deeply enmeshed in the wider society, yet at odds with its values and actions, can lead to nearly unbearable pain and confusion as to where one's responsibilities lie. For the person whose mystical sense of unity has extended to the whole of humanity or of creation the agony may be acute – especially in times of crisis. It is difficult neither to become benumbed by the staggering weight of pain that cries out for help in the world nor to retreat into the group to compensate for the pain....It may also be confusing that pain in itself is not necessarily a leading into action. It requires faithful discernment to ascertain whether a desperate situation has, in fact, been laid on someone personally. It requires even more discernment to discover whether the ministry called for from a particular individual in a particular instance requires prophetic speech, humble and hidden activities, bold and dramatic action, professional service or some novel and previously unimagined course. For modern Friends, the range of ministries extends well beyond the prophetic word of traditional Quaker vocal ministry.

112-2 Introductions

Friends introduced themselves, their monthly meeting, and their positions with the yearly meeting.

A list of attenders follows as **Appendix A**.

112-3 Announcements / Correspondence

Kristi Estes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

112-3.1 Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts

AFSC is creating a 3-5 year plan to work with immigrant, low-income, and African American populations displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Jonah McDonald will be taking a week-long bike trip from Nashville to Natchez from Sept. 26-Oct. 2. To support his trip, go to www.friendslypilgrim.com/katrina.

The Clerk of New Orleans Meeting has moved to Nashville MM with her son. FGC is posting on their website the different works being done by Meetings. FGC is seeking information about Meetings in the affected areas. A Friend from Oxford MM has space for a single woman to live.

112-3.2 World Gathering of Young Friends

A thank you was read from Elaine Ruscetta (Atlanta) regarding the World Gathering of Young Friends:

I am writing to thank you for both your individual contributions and for your donation from the budget to help me get to England. More importantly, I thank you for the immense emotional support given to me to help prepare the gathering. It was truly a blessing to have the opportunity to attend the World Gathering of Young Friends. I can't even begin to describe my experiences here, but I intend to submit an article to the SAYMA newsletter as well as to the other Quaker publications once I have spent a little more time letting everything sink in. Thank you again for helping me get to the gathering and feel prepared for my time there. Sincerely, Elaine Ruscetta.

112-3.3 Yearly Meeting Planning

The Yearly Meeting Planning Committee is are seeking a YAF representative and JYM representative. They have a new list serve for Yearly Meeting Planning Committee and encourage all members to apply.

112-4 Agenda

The agenda was presented and accepted

112-5 Treasurer's Report

David Ciscel presented the treasurer's report. It is attached as **Appendix B**.

David noted that we are running a deficit of \$12,000 this year, which we took out of savings. He also noted that the Yearly Meeting gathering ran a small surplus this year.

112-6 Calendar

Dec 3, 2005: Representative Meeting in Atlanta, GA

April 8, 2006: Representative Meeting in Birmingham, AL

June 7-11, 2006: Yearly Meeting at Warren Wilson College

Sept 9, 2006: Representative Meeting at Berea

Dec. 2, 2006: Representative Meeting at Asheville

June 6-10, 2007: Yearly Meeting at Warren Wilson

112-7 Yearly Meeting Follow-Up

112-7.1 Nominating Committee Proposed Minute - Reading

The Clerk read the following proposed Minute:

The nominating committee of SAYMA shall be composed of clerk plus a minimum of three additional members who are active in the YM and who are from at least four different monthly meetings. These individuals would serve two year staggered terms. Names for the nominating committee would be brought forward for approval during yearly meeting sessions by the Naming Committee or may be forwarded to the yearly meeting as appointees through discernment by their monthly meeting. An intentional focus on involving Young Adult Friends in this work is important to the yearly meeting. The nominating committee is encouraged to work with the other committees and officers of SAYMA to identify persons who have gifts in the various areas of service needed and who have indicated an interest. The nominating committee is also to seek input from Monthly Meetings and Worship groups about individuals that are interested in extending their involvement in Wider Quaker Organizations including SAYMA. The Naming Committee is brought forward for approval by the Clerk and approved by the Yearly Meeting.

This minute will be addressed at Yearly Meeting in 2006.

112-7.2 Threshing Session Report

Kristi shared the summary of the Threshing Session on the concern of the name change. This report acknowledged the underlying issues and the sense of the threshing session meeting.

Summary:

Many Friends feel connected to the name SAYMA – that it represents them well, is indicative of our origins, and includes “association” – a unique connection that is still meaningful to some.

Other Friends feel that we have geographically outgrown the name, and that it does not truthfully nor simply represent who we are. The name change raises underlying issues, such as the concern that geographic growth is unmanageable – stretching us too thin to be a nurturing community, and that firmer boundaries may be necessary. The name may then be used as a defining “boundary.” Another issue is that the current name may represent a geographic power disparity within the Yearly Meeting that makes “outlying” Meetings feel marginalized (though no one from “outlying” Meetings expressed this).

Many Friends feel this was an issue that demanded more energy from us than its importance required, and that there were many more priorities that we should be addressing instead – and thus we should lay this aside at this time.

Friends asked, “What is God’s will here?” and “Is there a better name?” Friends were invited to hold this name change in the light. The concern about the name change will be brought to Yearly Meeting in 2006 to be held by the wider body of Friends. The threshing session summary will be published in the Winter SAYMA newsletter.

112-7.3 RSVP

Minute - Friends approved that we would recommend to Finance Committee that we consider reinstating funding for RSVP (Rural Southern Voice for Peace) at \$200 a year. SAYMA will name a contact person to facilitate communication between SAYMA and RSVP and provide a written annual report to SAYMA Friends. Marmon Thompson has accepted the responsibility for being the contact person.

Kristi volunteered to contact the nominating and handbook committee clerks to propose a working description of the role of a contact person.

112-8 Finance Committee – Briefing

Dennis Gregg from Finance Committee shared that we have no more reserves to “spend down.” We are budgeted beyond our revenue. Unless income increases to make up this difference, we will be forced to borrow from our special restricted funds. This is not sound fiscal policy.

Because of this non-sustainable cash flow situation, the budget for the new fiscal year, beginning in October, needs to be re-evaluated.

We have three options:

- 1) We can raise assessments.
- 2) We can make a concerted effort to reach out to individuals for contributions.
- 3) We can cut line items in our budget.

Finance Committee sent a letter to Monthly Meetings in July asking them:

1. Does the meeting currently send \$55 to SAYMA for each member and regular attendee?
2. Are there individuals in the Meeting who could give individual gifts to Yearly Meeting?
3. Does the Meeting have the financial capacity to raise assessments to \$60 or \$65?
4. Does the Meeting communicate to the Yearly Meeting Treasurer its expected assessment, once the Meeting’s Annual Budget is approved?
5. If cuts were to be made in SAYMA’s budget, how would you prioritize between SAYF, Delegate expenses to WQO, our Restricted Funds, and Contributions to WQO?

There were seven responses to this letter. Finance Committee expressed concern regarding the lack of response to this letter and the importance of building a strong foundation.

Representatives addressed their Meetings' responses to this letter. Several Meetings have not considered this letter, and several meetings are still considering it. Due to miscommunication, some Meetings may not have received the letter. The representatives from the monthly meetings who have not addressed this, will take this letter back to be considered in their business meetings and finance committees.

Monthly meetings are asked to communicate with SAYMA regarding their commitment to provide an assessment on a quarterly basis. They are also asked to communicate their budgetary assessment allotment and its timing with the finance committee on an annual basis. This would assist finance committee in creating a realistic budget.

112-9 The Canton, Georgia Worship Group requests that they be considered a SAYMA worship group under the care of Atlanta Monthly Meeting:

"The attenders of Canton Friends Worship Group wish to be recognized by the Yearly Meeting. We are established under the care of Atlanta Friends Monthly Meeting. Sincerely, Roy. H. Taylor"

Minute - Friends warmly welcome Canton Worship group to SAYMA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

112-10 Finance Committee: 2005-2006 Budget

Dennis Greg presented several amendments to the budget, which are reflected in **Appendix C**. It is predicated upon a \$60 assessment. The Spiritual Development Fund has been raised to its former level of \$500. The monies to delegates to WQO were decreased to \$6600. They are adding \$200 to the contribution to Rural Southern Voice for Peace by increasing the contributions income by \$200.

The clerk addressed the anticipated overage of the SAYMA computer system – a 1999 system that may be a \$2000 replacement in 2006. It is not in the budget. Discussion arose about how overage decisions are addressed.

Discussion also arose about questions regarding SAYMA's commitment to Wider Quaker Organizations – balancing our financial as well as our representational involvement.

Representative Meetings will continue to monitor SAYMA's income and review whether further revisions of the budget are necessary.

Minute - The budget was accepted with these changes and considerations.

112-11 Electronic-Communications Committee

Bill Reynolds (Chattanooga) reviewed the history of the E-Communications committee. Their charge is to coordinate and collect thoughts, concerns, and suggestions about SAYMA electronic communication. As a result of the committee's Yearly Meeting survey, they found that: 1) Some Friends wish to not receive a large volume of emails. 2) Some Friends enjoy participating in e-discussions. 3) Some Friends appreciate the opportunity to communicate via email but wish for a specifically Friendly tone in communication.

In response to those concerns, the committee has created a proposal for SAYMA's listserve. They are proposing dividing the SAYMA listserve functions into three separate listservs.

They are:

- SAYMA Discussion Listserv (keyword is discussion). Posts are to be written in a manner honoring "that of

- God in everyone.” There will be a group of 4-5 Friends with skills in discernment to moderate.
- SAYMA Administrative Announcements Listserv. The purpose is to distribute SAYMA announcements and information. All postings will be through the SAYMA Administrative Assistant. This will be about SAYMA business only.
- SAYMA General Interest Announcements Listserv. This allows listserv members to distribute information and announcements about events and action opportunities related to Friends’ concerns.

E-Communications committee asks monthly meetings for their input on this proposal. The proposal in its entirety is in **Appendix D**.

112-12 SAYF Steering

Kathleen Mavournin reported on the work of SAYF Steering. This report is in the Yearly Meeting Minute Appendices from June.

SAYF Steering recommends that the SAYF Oversight committee be laid down as a standing committee by SAYMA. The needs for which the SAYMA Oversight Committee was created are no longer present. There are mechanisms within SAYMA to provide the role of oversight with SAYF if needed.

Minute - The meeting approved this recommendation.

112-13 Nominations - Correction from Yearly Meeting Minutes

Jennifer Walker, Asheville, is listed in the minutes as the RSWR representative but is not listed in the graph. Gita McGahey’s name should be replaced by Jennifer Walker’s in the graph.

112-14 Religious Education/ JYM Committee

The Junior Yearly Meeting Committee enthusiastically approves Heidemarie and Stephen Huber-Feely to serve as co-JYM coordinators in 2006. Farmers and educators, they live near Sewanee, TN and attend Chattanooga MM when possible.

112-15 Faith and Practice Revision Committee

Each monthly meeting should have received a copy of the newest Faith and Practice revision proposals. The working copy is also on www.sayma.org. It includes a section of queries for monthly meetings on sexuality to help the committee craft a revised SAYMA faith and practice statement on sexuality. Responses are needed by January 28. All responses need to be from the monthly meeting as a whole – approved through a Meeting for Business.

Some monthly meetings may be missing the front page. Contact clerk@sayma.org with questions.

Questions came up regarding making historical versions of the Faith and Practice available on-line.

112-16 Peace and Social Concerns Committee

Peace and Social Concerns Committee has room for at least three more members. Interested persons should talk to Sharon Annis with the nominations committee, or Steve Livingston. E-mail nominating@sayma.org to contact Sharon Annis.

112-17 Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee brought forward the following proposal for a change in the personnel committee.

The Personnel Committee consists of the assistant clerk of Yearly Meeting, 2 members at large, the supervisors of the employees, and on request, a member of the finance committee and/or the clerk of Yearly Meeting Planning

Committee. The clerk of the Personnel Committee will be brought forward by the Nominating Committee, but will not be a supervisor of one of the employees.

Minute - Friends approved the change as written.

112-18 Ecological Concerns Network

Roy Taylor spoke. There were several concerns that came out of yearly meeting for ECN. During the discussion around the Earth Charter, they noted that some Friends were questioning the relevancy of the environmental concerns of Friends. ECN wishes to enhance the communication about and the support of Earthcare work among SAYMA friends. In order to bring forth the concerns and projects of ECN and Quaker Earthcare Witness to the yearly meeting as a whole, they wish to have individual contacts within each monthly meeting.

112-19 Ministry and Nurture Committee

The Ministry and Nurture committee will continue in their new practice of having meetings at different times than SAYMA representative meetings. They are meeting on Oct. 15 in Swannanoa and on Jan 21st in Oxford. Their new vision includes providing more support for small monthly meetings, worship groups, and their caring meetings.

112-20 Administrative Assistant Report

Yearly Meeting minutes are now in their final state. Some have been distributed and others will be forthcoming in the next week.

112-21 Yearly Meeting Planning Committee

Errol Hess passed out slips of paper with the contact information for how to sign up for the yearly meeting planning committee listserv. He shared that the Adult Education coordinator, Carol Nickle (Knoxville) has cancer and has just undergone surgery and asked that we hold her in the light.

The Planning Committee shared their proposed YM Theme: "Testimonies from Creation: Savoring S.P.I.C.E. in all life."

Minute - Friends approved the theme.

The Planning Committee is looking to revive the "Care Committee." This committee in the past has worked on the special needs of Yearly Meeting attendees that do not fall under the exclusive purview of the Registrar.

Suggestions as to ways to communicate the golf cart service were given. In the past, it was not coordinated through the registrar but through local arrangements.

Questions arose as to whether there should be other scheduled events during business meetings – worship sharing or bookstore hours. A suggestion was made that we look at the practices of other Yearly Meetings. We heard from Friends who had attended other yearly meetings. Their collective experience was that other yearly meetings did not schedule activities during business meeting.

Questions also arose as to the purpose of yearly meeting. A suggestion was also made that we lengthen the period of yearly meeting. We were asked to reflect on the needs for spiritual growth and community building outside of business meeting and on the nature of worship with attention to business. We consulted our faith and practice regarding the purpose of yearly meeting.

Report is following in **Appendix E**.

112-22 Operational Expenditures

The clerk proposed that expenditures not on the budget for operational expenses be allowed to be decided upon by the clerk and finance committee in consultation as our financial condition allows, for this fiscal year.

Minute - This proposal was approved.

112-23 Minute of Appreciation for Nashville MM

These words of thanks were shared:

"I felt very welcomed and cared for here. I was met last night, taken to a lovely home, had a beautiful start for my day with a lovely breakfast. I could not have asked for anything more from this meeting."

"Memphis Friends Meeting was started under the care of Nashville Meeting, and I have felt their continued care for SAYMA. They are a caring community."

"This is my first experience in Nashville's wide open space -- such a change from the old meetinghouse. It is a pleasure to be in this room."

"The light that comes in the windows reminds me of the light that is in our hearts and in our souls."

Kristi Estes, Clerk
(archive copy signed)

Christina Van Regenmorter, Recording Clerk
(archive copy signed)

Appendix A
Attendees at Representative Meeting #112

Barbara Esther Asheville
Steve Livingston Asheville
Beth Ensign Atlanta
Martha Tate Atlanta
Ceal Wutka Atlanta
Mark Wutka Atlanta
Roy Taylor Canton
Heidemarie Huber-Feely Chattanooga
Bill Reynolds Chattanooga
Sallie Prugh Columbia
Deanna Nipp Cookeville
Dennis Gregg Crossville
Tom Beeson Foxfire
Mary Calhoun Foxfire
Errol Hess Foxfire
Perry Treadwell Gwinnett
Susan Phelan Huntsville
Carol Ciscel Memphis
David Ciscel Memphis
Kristi Estes Memphis
Ron McDonald Memphis
Kit Potter Memphis
Christina Van Regenmorter Nashville
Penelope Wright Nashville
Bob Welsh Swannanoa
Missy Ivie West Knoxville
Kathleen Mavournin West Knoxville

Appendix B
Treasurer's written report, SAYMA Fiscal Year 2005 report,
and SAYMA Accounts Balances report

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's September 2005 Representative Meeting Report
Prepared Wednesday, September 07, 2005 (corrected)

This year there was a major change in the SAYMA budget. We shifted our 2005 fiscal budget from July 1, 2004 to October 1, 2004. We have almost finished the transitional fiscal budget.

Budget issues to report include:

1. The fiscal 2005 budget is short on assessment contributions this fiscal year. Combining the transition months (July-September 2004) with this fiscal year SAYMA has received \$36,612.25 of the \$44,200.00 in assessments planned for this fiscal year. The result is that SAYMA is running a fiscal year deficit of \$7,422.87, plus the cost of the transition months (\$4,821.48). This deficit will close slightly in the next few weeks of the fiscal year, but the likely outcome is that expenditures will have been larger than revenues.
2. There are several items in the fiscal 2005 budget to note:
 - a. Office expenditures remain slightly higher than expected. We budgeted \$3,000 and expenditures have been \$4,280.27. Most of these expenditures can be traced to communications costs.
 - b. SAYMA is spending more for delegates to WQO (\$6,489.07 for the transition and fiscal budget combined).
 - c. SAYMA has made all of its yearly contributions to WQOs.
 - d. SAYMA contributions to SAYF for both the transition and fiscal year (\$4,300) exceed our fiscal year budget (\$3,000). SAYF has worked hard to reduce expenditures as the fiscal year ended.
3. Personnel expenses were managed well under the current budget. We have two part-time employees in SAYMA. Small raises (COLAs) are planned for the 2006 fiscal year. Our employees still lack a real benefit package.
4. SAYMA YM was planned so that revenues more than matched expenses. YM 2005 at Warren Wilson had expenditures of \$28,330.30 and revenues of \$29,304.63. Note that the Bookstore contributed \$158.80 to the YM surplus.
5. Assessments from Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups since YM were received from: **Huntsville, Athens, Nashville, Celso, Atlanta, Berea, and Memphis**. Individual donations were received from Deanna Nipp, Sallie Prugh, Penelope Wright and Lee Ann Swarm.
6. Notes from the Account Balances sheet. SAYMA has set aside funds of \$9,590.27. SAYMA has \$14,646.77 in two savings accounts to cover these claims. Currently, we have available financial funds of \$19,181.09.
7. SAYMA is currently able to meet its budget obligations. SAYMA does not have a financial surplus for difficult times. In the recent past SAYMA experienced several years of significant surpluses. That is no longer the case. In the past two years, SAYMA has increased its fiscal obligations in several areas. Revenues from assessments and YM are not covering expenditures.

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SAYMA Fiscal Year 2005 -- Approved at YM June 2004

Fiscal Year: October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005 (transition quarter 7/1/04-9/30/04) -- Complied for Representative Meeting on September 7, 2005

	Budget FY2004	Actual FY2004	Transition Budget	Budget FY 2005	Actual FY2005
Income					
Assessments	\$32,500	\$39,619.27	\$3,179.75	\$44,200	\$33,432.50
Bank Interest	\$100	\$235.76	\$25.86	\$50	\$185.79
Contributions	\$100	\$645.00		\$300	\$833.00
F&P Sales	\$100	\$386.34		\$250	\$51.10
Newsletter					
SAYF Receipts	\$5,100			\$500	
YM Total Receipts	\$26,500	\$24,565		\$25,000	\$29,304.63
YM Receipts	\$24,100	\$22,109.00		\$25,000	\$26,116.50
YM Scholarship Donations	\$900				\$968.00
YM Book Sales	\$1,500	\$2,456.22			\$2,220.13
Total Income	\$64,400	\$65,451.59	\$3,205.61	\$70,300	\$63,807.02
SAYMA OPERATIONAL EXPENSES					
Yearly Meeting	\$25,000	\$25,471.94		\$25,000	\$28,330.30
Yrly Meeting - Facilities		\$20,805.99			\$20,892.00
Pring/Mail/Phone/Minutes/Misc					\$2,321.60
Junior Yearly Meeting -- JYM	\$1,500	\$2,406.52			\$2,842.87
Coordinator					\$1,800.00
Ass't Coordinator					\$1,000.00
Supplies/Sitters/Misc					\$42.87
Scholarship/WQO Reps/Speakers					\$212.50
YM Bookstore		\$2,259.43			\$2,061.33
SAYF Operation & Admin Transfers	\$2,600	\$2,300.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000	\$2,800.00
SAYF Retreats	\$7,100				
Delegate Expenses	\$6,800	\$4,891.89	\$1,337.95	\$6,800	\$5,151.12
Rep Mtgs	\$300	\$429.75		\$300	\$60.00
Del to WQOs	\$6,500	\$4,462.14	\$1,337.95	\$6,500	\$5,091.12
Committees	\$1,200	\$387.81	\$148.16	\$1,200	\$799.84
Ministry and Nurture	\$1,000	\$158.72		\$700	\$328.00
Ecological Concerns	\$200	\$200.00		\$300	\$148.00
Faith and Practice		\$29.09	\$148.16	\$200	\$265.60
Nominating					\$58.24
SAYMA Liability Insurance	\$400			\$500	\$615.00
SAYMA Personnel	\$16,600	\$15,573.68	\$4,576.20	\$18,400	\$17,253.06
SAYMA Staff Training	\$1,000			\$0	\$300.00
SAYMA Office Administration	\$3,000	\$2,862.23	\$187.03	\$3,000	\$4,280.27
Phone, Internet & Office Expenses					\$1,305.48
Postage					\$1,056.43
Duplication					\$1,611.21
Misc. Office					\$307.15
SAYMA Newsletter	\$2,000	\$1,011.42	\$277.75	\$1,300	\$1,152.28
SAYMA Directory	\$600			\$600	
SAYMA Treasurer		\$438.77		\$300	\$484.91
SAYMA F&P	\$500	\$388.25		\$500	\$172.80
SAYMA IRS Penalties, Interest		\$1,366.10			\$190.31
Total Operational Disbursements	\$68,300	\$54,692.09	\$8,027.09	\$60,600	\$61,529.89
YEARLY MEETING PROJECTS					
Transfers To Funds	\$2,800	\$2,800.00		\$3,300	\$3,300.00
Spiritual Development Fund	\$500	\$500.00		\$500	\$500.00
Released Friend Fund	\$400	\$400.00		\$400	\$400.00
FWCC - 3rd Wid Del	\$650	\$650.00		\$650	\$650.00
FWCC Triennial Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000.00		\$1,000	\$1,000.00
YouthQuake	\$250	\$250.00		\$250	\$250.00
Young Adult Friends Scholarships				\$500	\$500.00
Contributions Wider Quaker Org	\$6,250	\$6,250.00		\$6,400	\$6,400.00
AFSC	\$800	\$800.00		\$800	\$800.00
FCNL	\$800	\$800.00		\$800	\$800.00
FGC	\$800	\$800.00		\$800	\$800.00
FWCC	\$800	\$800.00		\$800	\$800.00
Right Sharing of World Res	\$800	\$800.00		\$800	\$800.00
Quaker House	\$800	\$800.00		\$800	\$800.00
Friends for LGBTQ Concerns	\$200	\$200.00		\$200	\$200.00
Quaker Earthcare Witness	\$400	\$400.00		\$400	\$400.00
Friends Peace Teams	\$150	\$150.00		\$300	\$300.00
Wm Penn House	\$200	\$200.00		\$200	\$200.00
Quaker Eco-Witness NL	\$400	\$400.00		\$400	\$400.00
Guilford College Archiving	\$100	\$100.00		\$100	\$100.00
Rural Southern Voice for Peace	\$0			\$0	
Other	\$100				
Total Projects	\$9,150	\$9,050.00	\$0.00	\$9,700	\$9,700.00
Total Disbursements	\$77,450	\$63,742.09	\$8,027.09	\$70,300	\$71,229.89
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$13,050)	\$1,709.50	(\$4,821.48)	\$0	(\$7,422.87)

SAYMA Account Balances Report
Wednesday, September 07, 2005

	<i>Fiscal Year</i>				
	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>
	<i>6/30/2001</i>	<i>6/30/2002</i>	<i>6/7/2003</i>	<i>6/30/2004</i>	<i>9/7/2005</i>
ASSETS					
Bank Accounts					
<i>Checking (Bank of America)</i>	<i>\$17,963</i>	<i>\$5,399</i>	<i>\$5,529</i>	<i>\$18,694</i>	<i>\$4,534.32</i>
<i>Money Market (Self Help)</i>	<i>\$13,173</i>	<i>\$10,960</i>	<i>\$5,900</i>	<i>\$14,229</i>	<i>\$9,646.77</i>
<i>Savings (Self Help CD)*</i>	<i>\$5,460</i>	<i>\$7,934</i>	<i>\$8,244</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>SAYF Checking (off books in 2004)</i>	<i>\$1,884</i>	<i>\$1,413</i>	<i>\$784</i>		
Total Available Funds	<i>\$38,480</i>	<i>\$25,706</i>	<i>\$20,457</i>	<i>\$32,923</i>	<i>\$19,181.09</i>
Set Aside Budgeted Funds					
<i>FWCC Third World Delegate</i>	<i>\$650</i>	<i>\$1,300</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$650</i>	<i>\$1,300.00</i>
<i>FWCC Triennial Delegates</i>	<i>\$905</i>	<i>\$1,905</i>	<i>\$2,115</i>	<i>\$667</i>	<i>\$1,667.27</i>
<i>Released Friend</i>	<i>\$1,950</i>	<i>\$1,850</i>	<i>\$2,250</i>	<i>\$2,650</i>	<i>\$3,050.00</i>
<i>Spiritual Development</i>	<i>\$782</i>	<i>\$1,282</i>	<i>\$1,782</i>	<i>\$2,082</i>	<i>\$582.00</i>
<i>Youth Quake</i>	<i>\$845</i>	<i>\$1,095</i>	<i>\$1,345</i>	<i>\$1,595</i>	<i>\$1,645.00</i>
<i>Young Adult Friends Scholarship</i>					<i>\$500.00</i>
Accumulated Funds					
<i>YM Scholarship</i>	<i>\$328</i>	<i>\$502</i>	<i>\$502</i>	<i>\$502</i>	<i>\$596.00</i>
<i>SAYF Scholarship Fund</i>			<i>\$250</i>	<i>\$250</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>
Claims against Available Funds	<i>\$5,460</i>	<i>\$7,934</i>	<i>\$8,244</i>	<i>\$8,396</i>	<i>\$9,590.27</i>
Net Assets	<i>\$33,021</i>	<i>\$17,773</i>	<i>\$12,213</i>	<i>\$24,527</i>	<i>\$9,590.82</i>
Fund Expenses in Fiscal Year					
<i>FWCC Triennial Delegate</i>				<i>(\$2,447)</i>	
<i>Spiritual Development Fund</i>				<i>(\$200)</i>	
<i>Net 2005 YM Scholarship Fund</i>					<i>\$94.00</i>
<i>Spiritual Development Fund -- 2 Delegates to World Gathering of Quaker Youth</i>					<i>-\$2,000.00</i>
Total				<i>(\$2,647)</i>	<i>-\$1,906.00</i>
<i>*Interest (\$115.79) reported on budget page.</i>					

Appendix C
 Finance Committee
 SAYMA Fiscal Year 2006 report

	Budget FY 2005	Actual FY2005	Budget FY 2006	Actual FY2006
Income				
Assessments*	\$44,200	\$33,432.50	\$40,000	
Bank Interest	\$50	\$185.79	\$100	
Contributions	\$300	\$833.00	\$500	
F&P Sales	\$250	\$51.10	\$250	
Newsletter				
SAYF Receipts	\$500		\$0	
YM Total Receipts	\$25,000	\$29,304.63	\$29,000	\$0
YM Receipts	\$25,000	\$26,116.50	\$26,000	
YM Scholarship Donations		\$968.00	\$1,000	
YM Book Sales		\$2,220.13	\$2,000	
Total Income	\$70,300	\$63,807.02	\$69,850	\$0.00
SAYMA OPERATIONAL EXPENSES				
Yearly Meeting	\$25,000	\$28,330.30	\$26,900	\$0.00
Yrly Meeting - Facilities		\$20,892.00	\$20,000	
Pring/Mail/Phone/Minutes/Misc		\$2,321.60	\$900	
Junior Yearly Meeting -- JYM		\$2,842.87	\$3,000	\$0.00
Coordinator		\$1,800.00	\$1,800	
Ass't Coordinator		\$1,000.00	\$1,000	
Supplies/Sitters/Misc		\$42.87	\$200	
Scholarship WQO Reps		\$212.50	\$1,000	
YM Bookstore		\$2,061.33	\$2,000	
SAYF Operation & Admin Transfers	\$3,000	\$2,800.00	\$3,000	
SAYF Retreats				
Delegate Expenses	\$6,800	\$5,151.12	\$6,900	\$0.00
Rep Mtgs	\$300	\$60.00	\$300	
Del to WQOs	\$6,500	\$5,091.12	\$6,600	
Committees	\$1,200	\$799.84	\$1,300	\$0.00
Ministry and Nurture	\$700	\$328.00	\$700	
Ecological Concerns	\$300	\$148.00	\$300	
Faith and Practice	\$200	\$265.60	\$200	
Nominating		\$58.24	\$100	
SAYMA Liability Insurance	\$500	\$615.00	\$800	
SAYMA Personnel	\$18,400	\$17,253.06	\$19,500	
SAYMA Staff Training	\$0	\$300.00	\$0	
SAYMA Office Administration	\$3,000	\$4,280.27	\$3,500	\$0.00
Phone, Internet & Office Expenses		\$1,305.48		
Postage		\$1,056.43		
Duplication		\$1,611.21		
Misc. Office		\$307.15		
SAYMA Newsletter	\$1,300	\$1,152.28	\$1,300	
SAYMA Directory	\$600		\$600	
SAYMA Treasurer	\$300	\$484.91	\$200	
SAYMA F&P	\$500	\$172.80	\$100	
SAYMA IRS Penalties, Interest		\$190.31	\$0	
Total Operational Disbursements	\$60,600	\$61,529.89	\$64,100	\$0.00
YEARLY MEETING PROJECTS				
Transfers To Funds	\$3,300	\$3,300.00	\$2,300	\$0.00
Spiritual Development Fund	\$500	\$500.00	\$500	
Released Friend Fund	\$400	\$400.00	\$100	
FWCC - 3rd Wld Del	\$650	\$650.00	\$650	
FWCC Triennial Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000.00	\$700	
YouthQuake	\$250	\$250.00	\$250	
Young Adult Friends Scholarships	\$500	\$500.00	\$100	
Contributions Wider Quaker Org	\$6,400	\$6,400.00	\$3,450	\$0.00
AFSC	\$800	\$800.00	\$400	
FCNL	\$800	\$800.00	\$400	
FGC	\$800	\$800.00	\$400	
FWCC	\$800	\$800.00	\$400	
Right Sharing of World Res	\$800	\$800.00	\$400	
Quaker House	\$800	\$800.00	\$400	
Friends for LGBTQ Concerns	\$200	\$200.00	\$100	
Quaker Earthcare Witness	\$400	\$400.00	\$200	
Friends Peace Teams	\$300	\$300.00	\$150	
Wm Penn House	\$200	\$200.00	\$100	
Quaker Eco-Witness NL	\$400	\$400.00	\$200	
Guilford College Archiving	\$100	\$100.00	\$100	
Rural Southern Voice for Peace	\$0		\$200	
Other				
Total Projects	\$9,700	\$9,700.00	\$5,750	\$0.00
Total Disbursements	\$70,300	\$71,229.89	\$69,850	\$0.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$0	(\$7,422.87)	\$0	\$0.00

* based a \$60.00 assessment per member and regular attender

Appendix D
SAYMA Ad Hoc Committee on Electronic Communications
Report and Proposal to 9-10-05 Representative Meeting

PREAMBLE to the PROPOSAL:

The committee clerk suggests the following sums up the Mission of SAYMA's Ad Hoc Committee on Electronic Communications: "Develop proposed policies and procedures to improve utilization of the opportunities that electronic communications offer."

A perspective comment on the mission and role of the committee: Prior to the formation of this ad hoc committee a website and a listserv had for several years been up and running in the name of SAYMA. However, the connections between the Yearly Meeting and these e-communications systems were very loose. And, many in the Yearly Meeting had problems with some of the things that were happening and not happening in these e-communications. The work of this ad hoc committee might be described as proposing how the YM can take and maintain real "ownership" of their electronic communications and be able to manage the problems in a Friendly manner.

SAYMA Ad Hoc Committee on Electronic Communications Proposal to establish three SAYMA Listservs - 09/10/2005

Concerns that drive the proposal for three listservs, (not saying the following covers all of the concerns):

1. For some SAYMA Friends a relatively high volume of messages in their inboxes violates their interest in living simply. Consequently it annoys them to be forced to look at the subject lines in their inboxes and dispose of the entries. These Friends have expressed to the committee a desire to receive only the bare minimum of announcements specific to the life and work of the Yearly Meeting, - to be able to choose what they receive in their inboxes.

2. Some SAYMA Friends experience joy at the volume of notices and discussions about issues of concern to Friends. These Friends have expressed to the committee how much they enjoy inspiration, information and edification in reading the posts from Friends with whom they might otherwise have little or no contact - and getting information, thoughts and ideas that they otherwise might not see or hear.

3. Some SAYMA Friends have expressed an interest in reading and sending information, thoughts and opinions on Friends concerns but they are "turned off" or offended by the caustic or harsh "tone" by which some contributors sometimes write their posts. They would prefer that, although divergent - even opposing - opinions are expressed, such would be expressed in a F/friendly manner of speech. Some feel that sometimes there has been "tone" of speech that violates Friends values and testimonies and should not ever appear in a Friends' sponsored publication.

Suggesting three listserv's with the following proposed names:

1. SAYMA DISCUSSION LISTSERV

GUIDELINES FOR CONTENT:

This list is for the SAYMA community to discuss general issues of concern to Quakers. (For further information about Friends' concerns see Quaker.org). This list is especially for those who like electronic back and forth discussion about views, opinions, etc. Please compose your postings to this list to reflect the fundamental Quaker value that 'there is that of God in Everyone'. When responding to another post, respond to that of God in the author or subject of that post. This means express your perspective sincerely without passing judgement on the other's motives, character, intelligence or integrity. Sometimes it is good to allow time to pass for seasoning your thoughts before posting a response.

ELDERING GUIDELINES:

Form a group of four or five "elders" from those who read the list regularly and appear to have skills in discernment. Ask them to "step in" if a/some subscriber(s) post inappropriate material or excessive numbers of posts.

When someone posted something with inappropriate content or tone, elder(s) are advised to email directly to the person who sent the message and suggest in their future postings they use more tender language. Elders may, from time to time, feel a sense that a reminder for what and how we speak on this listserv needs to be sent to the whole listserv, either near the time when an offense has occurred or later. Elders are advised to be mindful that some issues will be resolved without their intervention. This is a good thing. If listserv participants make a mistake occasionally, it does not necessarily have to be pointed out to them. If an individual repeatedly violates the listserv guidelines despite repeated eldering, the listserv elders should consult with each other and reach unity before asking the listserv administrator to remove him/her from the list.

"ONE LINER" TO APPEAR AT THE BOTTOM OF EVERY POST TO THIS LIST:

"This list is for the SAYMA community to discuss issues of concern to Quakers. (For further information about Friends' concerns see Quaker.org)"

WELCOME NOTICE TO EVERYONE WHEN THEY JOIN THIS LIST:

This list is especially for those who like electronic back and forth discussion about views, opinions, etc. Please compose your postings to this list to reflect the fundamental Quaker value that "there is that of God in everyone." When responding to another post, respond to that of God in the author or subject of that post. This means express your perspective sincerely without passing judgement on the other's motives, character, intelligence or integrity. Sometimes it is good to allow time to pass for seasoning your thoughts before posting a response.

2. SAYMA IMP^o Bulletin Service:

This listserv is to continue the current IMP^o Bulletin Service exactly as currently operated by the SAYMA Administrative Assistant without any non-SAYMA announcements or any discussion. (The latter two functions to be covered by the other two listservs.)

3. GENERAL INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUIDELINES FOR CONTENT OF GENERAL INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENTS LIST:

This list is for posting announcements about events, information, opinion and information about action opportunities related to Friends' concerns. (For further information about Friends' concerns see Quaker.org). To include such things as: (a) events happening around SAYMA region or nationally. (b) articles, publications, and websites of interest - For example: "FCNL has posted an analysis of the Iraq war budget....." (c) action opportunities such as writing congress, peace demonstrations, etc. Appropriate responses to announcements on this listserv are to be questions of clarification about details, additional planning information, e.g, time, place, topic and contact information, etc. Any responses other than these particular types of responses are to be posted on the SAYMA DISCUSSION LISTSERV.

GUIDELINES FOR "MONITORING" OF GENERAL INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENTS LIST:

Form a group of four or five "elders" from those who read the list regularly and appear to have skills in discernment. Ask them to "step in" if a/some subscriber(s) post inappropriate material or excessive numbers of posts. One example of what to say: "If those who have been following this conversation would like to continue, it seems more appropriate to move it to the Discussion listserv." If a subscriber persists in deliberately posting inappropriate material or posting excessive numbers of posts after being appropriately elderd they are subject to removal from the list.

WELCOME NOTICE TO EVERYONE WHEN THEY JOIN THIS LIST:

This list is for posting announcements about events, information, opinion and information about action opportunities related to Friends' concerns. (For further information about Friends' concerns see Quaker.org). Appropriate responses to announcements on this listserv are to be questions of clarification about details, additional planning info: time, place, topic and contact information. Any responses other than these particular types of responses are to be posted on the SAYMA DISCUSSION LISTSERV.

Appendix E
Yearly Meeting Planning Committee
Report for Sept 10, 2005

Theme for 2006 Yearly Meeting: Testimonies from Creation: savoring S.P.I.C.E. in all life.

We want to look at both our testimonies and creation.

In the past, we had a "Care Table" set up near registration to handle problems. How can we staff this table? This should be located near the registration table. Errol will put something in the newsletter about staffing this table.

We welcome suggestions regarding ways to provide transportation for attenders with disabilities.

We are concerned about requests from the SAYMA membership that we offer them more opportunity for spiritual growth and community building. Many of these people cannot attend The Gathering and are asking us to reach out to them.

Should we open SAYMA earlier with some spiritual or gathering offerings? Perhaps offer something starting at 10 am on Thursday?

We wish to offer a variety of times for additional Worship Sharing and establish more inter-generational Worship. Could extra Worship Sharing be held at the same time as business meetings?

Can we recognize what is already happening, that people are in the bookstore during business meetings already selecting books? Should we then have the bookstore staffed during some of these hours?

We examined what we felt is essential in Yearly Meeting:

- Worship
- Developing a sense of community
- Growth in Quaker practices
- Having fun together
- Sharing our journeys
- Nurturing our young
- Meeting for Worship with attention to business

