

**Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association
Representative Meeting #116 (Winter)**

December 3, 2006

Asheville Friends Meeting – Asheville, NC

116-1 Reading

“That cause can neither be lost nor stayed which takes the course of what God has made; and is not trusting in walls and towers, but slowly growing from seed to flowers.

Each noble service that has been wrought was first conceived as a fruitful thought; each worthy cause with a future glorious by quietly growing becomes victorious.

There by itself like a tree it shows that high it reaches as deep it grows, and when the storms are its branches shaking, its deeper root in the soil is taking.

Be then no more by a storm dismayed, for by it the full grown seeds are laid; and though the tree by its might it shatters, what then, if thousands of seeds it scatters?”

- *That Cause Can Neither Be Lost nor Stayed*, Kristian Ostergaard

Hymn 264 in *Worship in Song*

116-2 Introductions

A list of attenders is attached as **Appendix A**.

The clerk welcomed to Liz Perch, the new SAYMA administrative Assistant, who recently moved to Savannah, Georgia. She has planned FGC annual gatherings of Friends for the last 10 years and was previously assistant to the executive director at AFSC.

Celo Friends invited those present to the Meeting raising party at Celo Friends Meeting this week beginning Monday morning.

Friends were asked to hold in the light people affected by the Typhoon in the Philippines.

116-3 Announcement

Cookeville Preparatory Meeting has been certified by Nashville as a Monthly Meeting. Cookeville will be having their celebration in March, tentatively March 11th. Cookeville will bring a request to SAYMA in June for official affiliation.

116-4 Agenda Review

The agenda was approved.

116-5 Minutes Correction and Clarifications

Friends approved two corrections to the minutes from Representative Meeting #115.

Referencing minute 115-3: Request for Endorsement. The minute as printed had been edited significantly by the clerk from that which was approved in Sept. This was done for clarity.

Friends approved the version as printed.

Referencing minute 115-19: Yearly Meeting Planning Committee (YMPC) report. The Faith and Practice Revision Committee sent the following minute from their deliberations of Sept. 9, 2006 in order to clarify their request to YMPC. “Minute #10: Earthcare - The response to the proposed Earthcare section was greater and more detailed and passionate than those to any other section of Section IV, Testifying to the Life of the Spirit. The committee asks the yearly meeting planning committee to consider sponsoring a panel at yearly meeting 2007, on this concern with representation from the following meetings/worship groups which responded most passionately and with the most diverse leadings: Athens, Huntsville, New Moon, and Crossville (Dennis Gregg). We feel that our work on this section cannot proceed until there is more threshing on this topic on the yearly meeting level.” **Friends approved this addition.**

116-6 Calendar

April 14, 2007 - Nashville
June 6-10, 2007 - Swannanoa
Sept 15, 2007 - Chattanooga
Dec 1, 2007- Knoxville??
April 7, 2008 - Atlanta

116-7 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported on the expenditures in the first quarter of fiscal year 2007, the final 2006 SAYMA fiscal year report, and the SAYF financial report. These are attached as **Appendix B**.

The Treasurer reminded the Yearly Meeting that there is an opportunity for service with the still open assistant Treasurer position. Representatives are encouraged to tell their home meetings about the opening. Six hours a month and experience with Quicken and tax preparation are all that are necessary for the position.

The chair of the finance committee encouraged Friends to remind their meetings to continue to contribute their assessments on a quarterly basis. Meetings are slightly lower in their giving than anticipated.

A Friend spoke from his experience at Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting regarding their new system of getting assessments from its monthly meetings. He said that they are using a system called "covenanting" where monthly meetings first discern what they are committed to give in the following fiscal year and upon receipt of all of the discernments, the Finance Committee then creates the following year's budget. The Finance Committee will continue to explore this idea in the following year. A Friend from the finance committee spoke to the difficulties of using this system with meetings who have different fiscal years.

116-8 Administrative Assistant Report

Meetings will be receiving a mailing to submit names and addresses for the SAYMA directory, preferably in electronic format, in January. Please send documents in Word, Excel, or RTF formats.

Meetings will also be receiving their census forms in January.

If you want to reach the Administrative Assistant, she is available from 7am-10pm at (215)808-6537; you may email her at adminassist@sayma.org or liz@lizperch.com.

Friends are encouraged to get contact lists for mailings directly from the Administrative Assistant.

Friends heartily welcomed Liz Perch to SAYMA.

116-9 Electronic Communications Committee Report

The splitting of the SAYMA listserv into three categories is delayed due to access issues. This should be resolved shortly.

116-10 Faith and Practice Committee

The committee looks forward to the work that the monthly meetings have done responding to the latest proposed edits to the SAYMA Faith and Practice. The seasoned revisions and responses are due by January 9th.

116-11 Reading

"For me, now at East Sandwich Friends, the journey from worship to witness travels like a circle. Witness leads back to worship, worship to witness, all embraced in a mantle of hold obedience. All I have to do is get out of the way. Too often I am trying to lead the Light into my activities rather than let the Light lead me. Being obedient means surrender to a particular spiritual path, united through the heart, sustained through the breath, the voice. If ever there was a time to

work together, it's now. Our time is short. We are joined together in Light; in oneness, to heal in order to fully connect with that which is eternal. Trust God's power with gratitude and love. Be ready to change."

- Rachel Carey-Harper, *The New England Friend*, Spring 2006

116-12 Peace and Social Concerns

Reports were given from summer and fall meetings. Reports are attached in **Appendix C**. Friends responded with questions and feedback to each report.

In response to the summer report's concern for the seasoning of a peace and social concerns related minute on the yearly meeting level, several friends spoke. One Friend had a concern that some understandings of the truth are not hopeful or affirming but prophetic and unsettling. The committee clerk responded that the queries included were for the purpose of assisting in the seasoning process, not for ruling out consideration of proposed minutes. A Friend asked if the word "challenging" as well as "hopeful and affirming" could be an additional characteristic that could be considered during seasoning of a minute.

In response to the fall report, several friends had questions about the work of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. The committee is working on getting contact persons with each meeting within SAYMA and hopes to be communicating through those contact persons.

The committee would like one or two additional members. It meets three times a year in addition to yearly meeting, usually somewhere in East Tennessee. It welcomes representatives to discern as to whether they feel led to serve on that committee.

116-13 Ministry and Nurture Committee

Concerning changes within meetings: Auburn Worship Group is not meeting at the moment and there is question as to whether Clemson is meeting. Clarksville Worship Group has begun meeting again after a year's hiatus.

The committee clerk gave a short report from the FGC consultation on discerning gifts. He included two queries: "What is our yearly meeting doing to nurture emerging ministry? What are our monthly meetings doing to nurture emerging ministry?" He also included the list of advices from Ministry and Nurture committee that come out of these queries. The report is attached in **Appendix D**.

Ministry and Nurture committee is now discerning two representatives to attend an FGC Advancement and Outreach Consultation at the end of March.

Friends Approved

116-14 Finance Committee

Several reminders. 1) Ask your monthly meetings to discern whether they have members/attenders that could serve as a SAYMA assistant treasurer. 2) The assessment is \$60 per member and regular attender. The finance committee asks that monthly meetings discern a process to help them distinguish who are regular attenders, members, et cetera. 3) Remind your monthly meeting treasurers to indicate which quarterly payment it is on the check to SAYMA and to tell SAYMA upon the beginning of each fiscal year what your expected payments are.

116-15 Nominations Committee

There are several openings:

- Assistant Treasurer
- Finance Committee member
- Nominating Committee Young Adult Friend member [Hannah McDermott and Kori Lawrence have been approached]
- Southern Appalachian Friend newsletter Editors
- Two FGC representatives to Central Committee (Julia Sibley Jones has a different position with FGC and Penelope Wright will be moving out of the area.)

- Quaker House Fayetteville (Geoffrey Pratt resigned). 6 meetings a year on Saturdays.
- AFSC SERO (Ginny Baumann moved to MD)
- Three Ministry and Nurture Committee members.

There were several questions:

- Is Bettina Wolff still Archivist? Yes
- Do we need an additional member of the Personnel Committee? No
- Should there be a Site Selection Committee? The committee is currently on hold.
- Is Nicole Renny able to represent Young Adult Friends on the Yearly Meeting Planning Committee? Her mother just passed, and she can only communicate via email at present. She will stay on until another YAF is available.
- Should we continue to carry two AFSC Corporation alternates on position openings? Discern this as a committee and make a recommendation to the Yearly Meeting.
- Are we actively seeking a Right Sharing of World Resources representative? We have one -- Jennifer Walker, who was accepted in 2005.
- Is Mary Calhoun still on Handbook Ad Hoc Committee? No.

There was one clarification. The Southern Appalachian Young Friends (SAYF) Steering Committee co-clerks supervise the SAYF Administrative Assistant.

Friends gave their thanks to Julia Sibley-Jones for her good work as the SAYMA representative to FGC Central Committee. Julia served as the Assistant Recording Clerk of Central Committee and on FGC Ministry and Nurture committee.

Friends Approved

116-16 SAYMA Procedure for Selection of Consultation and Retreat Representatives

The Clerk brought up the question of how SAYMA is to select its representatives to non-routine consultations and retreats. In the past, this has sometimes been done by the Clerk bringing the request to SAYMA Ministry and Nurture committee and the committee then discerning representatives from the yearly meeting body as a whole. Occasionally, individual requests are brought to the yearly meeting directly for discernment on the floor of the meeting.

There were some questions from Friends present. Do we automatically assume that each consultation is good for us to send a representative to? What is the responsibility of each representative when they come back to SAYMA? How can we let people know about these things?

It was noted that many of the consultations and retreats are gifts that SAYMA gets as an affiliated yearly meeting to FGC, and that these opportunities have increased as FGC has grown in the past few years. There was a request for current FGC representatives to update SAYMA on FGC's services and the relationship between FGC and SAYMA.

It was noted that the Listserve and Newsletter are tools that can be used to inform SAYMA members of these opportunities. There was a request from a friend to prioritize the revitalization of Southern Appalachian Friend. It was noted that the more broadly Friends within SAYMA share in these opportunities, the better it is for all of us.

A friend gave us a query, "How do we get to know the people?"

Friends approved.

116-17 Name Change

The Clerk read the summary of the June 2005 Threshing Session:

“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 also 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 might be necessary. The name may then be used as a defining “boundary.” Another issue is that the current name may represent geographic power disparity within the Yearly Meeting that makes “outlying” Meetings feel marginalized (though no one from “outlying” Meetings felt this).

Many Friends felt 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 noted that reviving this issue would require reviving the Logo Committee. Other Friends noted that the process was helpful but was not something that required continued effort.

Friends approved setting aside this concern.

116-18 Yearly Meeting Planning Committee report

Report from the Yearly Planning Committee, Dec. 2, 2006

The committee has completed a budget. Meals will be the same, room fee will go up \$2 to reflect increases from Warren Wilson. Registration fee will be \$40 for the 2007 Yearly Meeting. This fee will have a cap of 3 per family.

Our plenary speaker will be Jan Hoffman, Dave MacInnes will lead us in folk dancing on Saturday night for the Hibbard Thatcher Celebration dance. The plenary for Thursday night, Peterson Toscano, is pending confirmation.

The committee approved the pre-mailer. We plan to send this out in January.

We approved the printed schedule that will go into the advanced information.

Workshop applications are on the web site and Ceal will again email the listserve about this in January. We will find a moderator/organizer to lead the panel discussions on ecological issues that need to be covered in the Faith and Practice.

Queries for 2007 Worship Sharing: Friday - What are the roots of your Quakerism (both Quaker and non-Quaker?) Sat. - How is your Quakerism expressed in your life?

Steve Livingston reported that there is a slight possibility that Jenson construction will not be completed. (They are making the building handicapped accessible.) This construction is supposed to be completed by May 1.

Steve Livingston will provide a sign-up sheet to schedule the lunchroom classrooms.

Ask your meeting if they could do a Chat 'n Chew and contact Carol Nickle with this information. [Nashville took Thursday night, Swanannoa Friday, and Cookeville Saturday.]

Errol will try to find someone to lead the women's worship and the FLGBTQC worship.

Errol Hess asked members of the committee if they would be able to continue on the committee next year or take on a new position. We may need a new clerk next year. Steve, Ceal, Missy and Sharon will continue their jobs next year. Carol Nickle will stay on unless someone steps forth wanting to do the adult entertainment.

Friends Accept

116-17 Thank you to Asheville

Friends gave special thanks to Steve Livingston for his extraordinary coordinating skills, his energy, his forethought, and his quick follow-through.

There was thanks to the meeting community for their hospitality. Friends noted the discipline and joy the Asheville Friends had as they worked together. Another Friend thanked Asheville for releasing their representative of extra responsibilities so that she could come with only one task ahead of her.

Kristi Estes, Clerk
(archive copy signed)

Christina van Regenmorter, Recording Clerk
(archive copy signed)

Appendix A: Attenders

Kristi Estes - Memphis
Christina VanRegenmorter - Nashville
Jonathon Shinhom - Berea
Steve Livingston - Asheville
Susan Carlyle - New Moon Worship Group
Missy Ivy - West Knoxville
Judy Prince - Birmingham
Lissa Friedman - Cookeville
Dennis Gregg - Crossville, Finance
Committee Clerk
Carol Nickle - West Knoxville, YM Planning
Susan Williams - Brevard Meeting
Bob McGahey - Celso, MN clerk
Bill Wolfe - Nashville MM
Errol Hess - Foxfire

Perry Treadwell - Gwinnette Preperative
Meeting
Ellen Frerotte -Asheville
Ceal Wutka - Atlanta
Mark Wutka - Atlanta
Liz Perch - Central Philadelphia and
Savannah Friends, Admin Asst.
Carol Ciscel - Memphis
David Ciscel - Memphis
Chris Berg - Greenville
Bob Welsh - Swannanoa Valley
Kay Parks - Swannanoa Valley
Barbara Esther - Asheville
Sharon Phelps - West Knoxville

Appendix B -Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Address: 1950 Nelson Ave, Memphis, TN 3804
Treasurer's December 2006 Representative Meeting Report
Prepared Monday, November 27, 2007

Section 1:

This report begins the FY 2007 budget year. This year's budget is based on a \$60 assessment. The budget increased contributions to wider Quaker originations (WQOs) for the FY 2007 budget. Attached, please find seven (7) documents: (1) the initial budget report for FY 2007, (2) the initial Account Balances report for FY 2007, (3) the final FY 2006 budget report, (4) the final FY 2006 Account Balances report and (5, 6, 7) the FY 2006 budget reports from SAYF.

Budget issues to report include:

1. The FY 2007 budget is attached as approved at the September 2006 Representative Meeting. Expenditures so far this fiscal year are small. Note that we are again paying salaries for two employees.
2. The initial 2007 Account Balances Report indicates that SAYMA has funds to meet its obligations. \$5,000.00 was transferred out of checking into the Self Help money market account in October. No expenditures out of the funds have occurred this fiscal year.
3. Assessments from Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups since last Representative Meeting were received from (includes some funds received at the end of the last fiscal year): **Oxford Quaker Meeting, Brevard Friends Meeting, Gwinnett Friends Meeting, Celo Friends Meeting, Athens Religious Society of Friends, Memphis Friends Meeting, Berea Friends Meeting, Columbia Friends Meeting, Birmingham Friends Meeting, Atlanta Friends Meeting and Greenville Friends Meeting.**
4. The final FY 2006 budget (budget vs. actual) resulted in a \$13,739.63 surplus compared to a deficit in the FY 2005 budget. The reasons for the FY 2006 outcome are complex:
 - a. While contributions based on assessments were smaller than expected, individual contributions were very large (\$11,121). Interest from investments was also larger than expected.
 - b. Personnel expenses were significantly less than expected. SAYMA did not have an administrative assistant on payroll in the last quarter of the fiscal year.
 - c. Delegate expenses to WQOs were down significantly from the previous year. Delegate expenses are difficult to predict.
 - d. Yearly Meeting ran a small deficit.
 - e. Contributions to WQOs had been reduced significantly from FY 2005. They have been increased again for the FY 2007 budget.
5. The final FY 2006 Account Balances Report indicates that SAYMA increased both its total funds available (\$38,482) and net assets (\$28,575) from FY 2005. Expenditures were made out of two set-aside funds: the Spiritual Development Fund (\$100) and the FWCC Third World Delegate Fund (\$1,950).
6. The SAYF end-of-year FY 2006 fiscal report is attached in three tables.
 - a. SAYF had income of \$7,292.50 (\$2,250 from SAYMA) in FY 2006.
 - b. SAYF had expenditures of \$6,554.50, 73 percent for retreats.
 - c. SAYF had \$967.58 in its checking account and \$217.45 in a YM Adjunct Scholarship Fund.

Treasurer: David H. Ciscel
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SAYMA Fiscal Year 2007
 Approved at Yearly Meeting June 2006, Amended at September 2007 Representative Meeting
 October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007
 Prepared for Representative Meeting, Asheville, December 2, 2007

	Budget FY 2006	Actual FY2006	Budget FY 2007	Actual FY 2007
Income				
Assessments*	\$40,000	\$37,724.00	\$40,000	\$7,250.00
Bank Interest	\$100	\$784.07	\$300	\$90.80
Contributions	\$500	\$11,121.00	\$3,300	\$100.00
F&P Sales	\$250	\$93.05	\$250	
Newsletter				
SAYF Receipts	\$0			
YM Total Receipts	\$29,000	\$27,829.63	\$29,000	\$0.00
YM Receipts	\$26,000	\$24,627.00	\$26,000	
YM Scholarship Donations	\$1,000	\$767.00	\$1,000	
YM Book Sales	\$2,000	\$2,435.63	\$2,000	
Total Income	\$69,850	\$77,551.75	\$72,850	\$7,440.80
SAYMA OPERATIONAL EXPENSES				
Yearly Meeting	\$26,900	\$28,704.20	\$26,900	\$0.00
Yrly Meeting - Facilities	\$20,000	\$21,119.00	\$20,000	
Prtnng/Mail/Phone/Minutes/Misc	\$900	\$2,243.26	\$900	
Junior Yearly Meeting -- JYM	\$3,000	\$3,023.27	\$3,000	\$0.00
Coordinator	\$1,800	\$1,800.00	\$1,800	
Ass's Coordinator	\$1,000	\$1,000.00	\$1,000	
Supplies/Sitters/Misc	\$200	\$223.27	\$200	
Scholarship WQO Reps	\$1,000		\$1,000	
YM Bookstore	\$2,000	\$2,318.67	\$2,000	
SAYF Operational Transfers	\$3,000	\$2,250.00	\$3,000	
Delegate Expenses	\$6,900	\$3,730.87	\$6,900	\$280.00
Rep Mtgs	\$300		\$300	
Del to WQOs	\$6,600	\$3,730.87	\$6,600	\$280.00
Committees	\$1,300	\$287.63	\$1,500	\$0.00
Ministry and Nurture	\$700	\$12.00	\$700	
Ecological Concerns	\$300	\$60.00	\$300	
Faith and Practice	\$200	\$215.63	\$400	
Nominating	\$100		\$100	
SAYMA Liability Insurance	\$800	\$621.00	\$700	
SAYMA Personnel	\$19,500	\$16,635.43	\$20,300	\$3,334.95
SAYMA Staff Training	\$0		\$100	
SAYMA Office Administration	\$3,500	\$4,388.01	\$3,500	\$126.69
Phone, Internet & Office Expenses		\$1,113.79		\$50.50
Postage		\$403.68		\$18.52
Duplication		\$1,119.24		\$57.67
Misc. Office		\$1,751.30		
SAYMA Newsletter	\$1,300	\$1,132.57	\$1,300	
SAYMA Directory	\$600		\$600	
SAYMA Treasurer	\$200	\$223.98	\$250	\$23.40
SAYMA F&P	\$100	\$88.43	\$100	
SAYMA Other Expenses	\$0		\$0	
Total Operational Disbursements	\$64,100	\$58,062.12	\$65,150	\$3,765
YEARLY MEETING PROJECTS				
Transfers To Funds	\$2,300	\$2,300.00	\$2,400	\$2,400.00
Spiritual Development Fund	\$500	\$500.00	\$500	\$500.00
Released Friend Fund	\$100	\$100.00	\$200	\$200.00
FWCC - 3rd Wld Del	\$650	\$650.00	\$650	\$650.00
FWCC Triennial Fund	\$700	\$700.00	\$700	\$700.00
YouthQuake	\$250	\$250.00	\$250	\$250.00
Young Adult Friends Scholarships	\$100	\$100.00	\$100	\$100.00
Contributions Wider Quaker Org	\$3,450	\$3,450.00	\$5,300	\$0.00
AFSC	\$400	\$400.00	\$600	
FCNL	\$400	\$400.00	\$600	
FGC	\$400	\$400.00	\$600	
FWCC	\$400	\$400.00	\$600	
Right Sharing of World Resources	\$400	\$400.00	\$600	
Quaker House	\$400	\$400.00	\$600	
Friends for LGBTQ Concerns	\$100	\$100.00	\$200	
Quaker Earthcare Witness	\$400	\$400.00	\$600	
Friends Peace Teams	\$150	\$150.00	\$200	
Wm Penn House	\$100	\$100.00	\$200	
Friends Journal			\$200	
Guilford College Archiving	\$100	\$100.00	\$100	
Rural Southern Voice for Peace	\$200	\$200.00	\$200	
Other				
Total Projects	\$5,750	\$5,750.00	\$7,700	\$2,400.00
Total Disbursements	\$69,850	\$63,812.12	\$72,850	\$6,165.04
Surplus (Deficit)	\$0	\$13,739.63	\$0	\$1,275.76

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

SAYMA Account Balances Report -- Fiscal 2007
 Prepared for Representative Meeting, Asheville, December 2, 2006

	2003 6/7/2003	2004 6/30/2004	2005 9/30/2005	2006 9/30/2006	2007 11/27/2006
Assets					
Bank Accounts					
Checking (Bank of America)	\$5,529	\$18,694	\$9,167	\$17,299	\$14,999
Money Market (Self Help)*	\$5,900	\$14,229	\$9,514	\$16,086	\$21,154
Savings (Self Help CD)*	\$8,244	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,098	\$5,120
SAYF Checking (off books in 2004)	\$784				
Total Available Funds	\$20,457	\$32,923	\$23,681	\$38,483	\$41,273
Liabilities					
Set Aside Budgeted Funds					
FWCC Third World Delegate	\$0	\$650	\$1,300	\$0	\$650
FWCC Triennial Delegates	\$2,115	\$667	\$1,667	\$2,367	\$3,067
Released Friend	\$2,250	\$2,650	\$3,050	\$3,150	\$3,350
Spiritual Development	\$1,782	\$2,082	\$582	\$982	\$1,482
Youth Quake	\$1,345	\$1,595	\$1,645	\$1,895	\$2,145
Young Adult Friends Scholarship			\$500	\$600	\$700
Accumulated Funds					
YM Scholarship	\$502	\$502	\$596	\$663	\$663
SAYF Scholarship Fund	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Claims against Available Funds	\$8,244	\$8,396	\$9,590	\$9,907	\$12,307
Net Assets = Assets - Liabilities	\$12,213	\$24,527	\$14,091	\$28,575	\$28,966
Fund Expenses in Fiscal Year					
FWCC Triennial Delegate		(\$2,447)			
Spiritual Development Fund		(\$200)			
Net 2005 YM Scholarship Fund			\$94.00		
Spiritual Development Fund -- 2 Delegates to World Gathering of			(\$2,000.00)		
Spiritual Development Fund -- FWCC El Salvador 5/9/2006				(\$100)	
FWCC Third World Delegate 7/5/2006				(\$1,950)	
Total		(\$2,647)	(\$1,906)	(\$2,050)	

*FY2007 interest flow reported on the budget page. Totals on this page reflect interest earned also.

SAYMA Fiscal Year 2006 -- Reviewed and Approved at Representative Meeting September 2005
Fiscal Year: October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006 -- End of FY2006 Report

	Budget FY 2005	Actual FY2005	Budget FY 2006	Actual FY2006
Income				
Assessments*	\$44,200	\$39,182.50	\$40,000	\$37,724.00
Bank Interest	\$50	\$185.79	\$100	\$784.07
Contributions	\$300	\$833.00	\$500	\$11,121.00
F&P Sales	\$250	\$91.10	\$250	\$93.05
Newsletter				
SAYF Receipts	\$500		\$0	
YM Total Receipts	\$25,000	\$29,304.63	\$29,000	\$27,829.63
YM Receipts	\$25,000	\$26,116.50	\$26,000	\$24,627.00
YM Scholarship Donations		\$968.00	\$1,000	\$767.00
YM Book Sales		\$2,220.13	\$2,000	\$2,435.63
Total Income	\$70,300	\$69,597.02	\$69,850	\$77,551.75
SAYMA OPERATIONAL EXPENSES				
Yearly Meeting	\$25,000	\$28,165.30	\$26,900	\$28,704.20
Yrly Meeting - Facilities		\$20,727.00	\$20,000	\$21,119.00
Prtng/Mail/Phone/Minutes/Misc		\$2,321.60	\$900	\$2,243.26
Junior Yearly Meeting -- JYM		\$2,842.87	\$3,000	\$3,023.27
<i>Coordinator</i>		\$1,800.00	\$1,800	\$1,800.00
<i>Ass't Coordinator</i>		\$1,000.00	\$1,000	\$1,000.00
<i>Supplies/Sitters/Misc</i>		\$42.87	\$200	\$223.27
Scholarships, WQO Reps		\$212.50	\$1,000	
YM Bookstore		\$2,061.33	\$2,000	\$2,318.67
SAYF Operation & Admin Transfers	\$3,000	\$2,800.00	\$3,000	\$2,250.00
SAYF Retreats				
Delegate Expenses	\$6,800	\$5,151.12	\$6,900	\$3,730.87
Rep Mtgs	\$300	\$60.00	\$300	
Del to WQOs	\$6,500	\$5,091.12	\$6,600	\$3,730.87
Committees	\$1,200	\$799.84	\$1,300	\$287.63
Ministry and Nurture	\$700	\$328.00	\$700	\$12.00
Ecological Concerns	\$300	\$148.00	\$300	\$60.00
Faith and Practice	\$200	\$265.60	\$200	\$215.63
Nominating		\$58.24	\$100	
SAYMA Liability Insurance	\$500	\$615.00	\$800	\$621.00
SAYMA Personnel	\$18,400	\$18,821.53	\$19,500	\$16,635.43
SAYMA Staff Training	\$0	\$300.00	\$0	
SAYMA Office Administration	\$3,000	\$4,311.22	\$3,500	\$4,388.01
Phone, Internet & Office Expenses		\$1,305.48		\$1,113.79
Postage		\$1,056.43		\$403.68
Duplication		\$1,611.21		\$1,119.24
Misc. Office		\$338.10		\$1,751.30
SAYMA Newsletter	\$1,300	\$1,152.28	\$1,300	\$1,132.57
SAYMA Directory	\$600		\$600	
SAYMA Treasurer	\$300	\$484.91	\$200	\$223.98
SAYMA F&P	\$500	\$172.80	\$100	\$88.43
SAYMA IRS Penalties, Interest		\$190.31	\$0	
Total Operational Disbursements	\$60,600	\$62,964.31	\$64,100	\$58,062.12
YEARLY MEETING PROJECTS				
Transfers To Funds	\$3,300	\$3,300.00	\$2,300	\$2,300.00
Spiritual Development Fund	\$500	\$500.00	\$500	\$500.00
Released Friend Fund	\$400	\$400.00	\$100	\$100.00
FWCC - 3rd Wld Del	\$650	\$650.00	\$650	\$650.00
FWCC Triennial Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000.00	\$700	\$700.00
YouthQuake	\$250	\$250.00	\$250	\$250.00
Young Adult Friends Scholarships	\$500	\$500.00	\$100	\$100.00
Contributions Wider Quaker Org	\$6,400	\$6,400.00	\$3,450	\$3,450.00
<i>AFSC</i>	\$800	\$800.00	\$400	\$400.00
<i>FCNL</i>	\$800	\$800.00	\$400	\$400.00
<i>FGC</i>	\$800	\$800.00	\$400	\$400.00
<i>FWCC</i>	\$800	\$800.00	\$400	\$400.00
<i>Right Sharing of World Res</i>	\$800	\$800.00	\$400	\$400.00
<i>Quaker House</i>	\$800	\$800.00	\$400	\$400.00
<i>Friends for LGBTQ Concerns</i>	\$200	\$200.00	\$100	\$100.00
<i>Quaker Earthcare Witness</i>	\$400	\$400.00	\$400	\$400.00
<i>Friends Peace Teams</i>	\$300	\$300.00	\$150	\$150.00
<i>Wm Penn House</i>	\$200	\$200.00	\$100	\$100.00
<i>Quaker Eco-Witness NL</i>	\$400	\$400.00		
<i>Guilford College Archiving</i>	\$100	\$100.00	\$100	\$100.00
<i>Rural Southern Voice for Peace</i>	\$0		\$200	\$200.00
Other				
Total Projects	\$9,700	\$9,700.00	\$5,750	\$5,750.00
Total Disbursements	\$70,300	\$72,664.31	\$69,850	\$63,812.12
Surplus (Deficit)	\$0	(\$3,067.29)	\$0	\$13,739.63

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

SAYMA Account Balances Report -- Fiscal 2006
9/30/2006 -- End of FY2006 Report

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
	6/30/2002	6/7/2003	6/30/2004	9/30/2005	9/30/2006
ASSETS					
Bank Accounts					
Checking (Bank of America)	\$5,399	\$5,529	\$18,694	\$9,167	\$17,299
Money Market (Self Help)*	\$10,960	\$5,900	\$14,229	\$9,514	\$16,086
Savings (Self Help CD)*	\$7,934	\$8,244	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,098
SAYF Checking (off books in 2004)	\$1,413	\$784			
Total Available Funds	\$25,706	\$20,457	\$32,923	\$23,681	\$38,483
Set Aside Budgeted Funds					
FWCC Third World Delegate	\$1,300	\$0	\$650	\$1,300	\$0
FWCC Triennial Delegates	\$1,905	\$2,115	\$667	\$1,667	\$2,367
Released Friend	\$1,850	\$2,250	\$2,650	\$3,050	\$3,150
Spiritual Development	\$1,282	\$1,782	\$2,082	\$582	\$982
Youth Quake	\$1,095	\$1,345	\$1,595	\$1,645	\$1,895
Young Adult Friends Scholarship				\$500	\$600
Accumulated Funds					
YM Scholarship	\$502	\$502	\$502	\$596	\$663
SAYF Scholarship Fund		\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Claims against Available Funds	\$7,934	\$8,244	\$8,396	\$9,590	\$9,907
Net Assets	\$17,773	\$12,213	\$24,527	\$14,091	\$28,575
Fund Expenses in Fiscal Year					
FWCC Triennial Delegate			(\$2,447)		
Spiritual Development Fund			(\$200)		
Net 2005 YM Scholarship Fund				\$94.00	
Spiritual Development Fund -- 2 Delegates to World Gathering of Quaker Youth				(\$2,000.00)	
Spritual Development Fund -- FWCC El Salvador 5/9/2006					(\$100)
FWCC Third World Delegate 7/5/2006					(\$1,950)
Total			(\$2,647)	(\$1,906)	(\$2,050)
*FY2006 interest reported on the budget page. Totals reflect interest earned in FY2006.					

SAYF Financial Report - Income
October 1, 2005 - September 30, 2006

	10/01 - 12/31/05	1/1- 3/31/06	4/1- 6/30/06	7/1/- 9/30/06	TOTALS
INCOME:					
SAYMA Support:					
November, 2005	\$ 750.00				\$ 750.00
May, 2006			\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
Total					\$ 2,250.00
Donations:					
Brevard Friends Mtg	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00
Atlanta Friends Mtg		\$ 300.00			\$ 300.00
Total:					\$ 400.00
Retreats:					
Chapel Hill	\$ 487.50				\$ 487.50
Knoxville	\$ 750.00				\$ 750.00
Asheville	\$ 890.00				\$ 890.00
Atlanta		\$ 890.00			\$ 890.00
Berea		\$ 875.00			\$ 875.00
Nashville			\$ 750.00		\$ 750.00
Total					\$4,642.50
TOTAL INCOME					\$ 7,292.50

**SAYF Financial Report -- Expenses
October 1, 2005 - September 30, 2006**

	10/1-12/31/05	1/1-3/31/06	4/1- 6/30/06	7/1- 9/30/06	YTD
EXPENSES:					
Retreats:					
Chapel Hill (09/05)	\$511.84				\$511.84
Knoxville (10/05)	\$569.52				\$569.52
Asheville (11/05)	\$915.74				\$915.74
Atlanta (01/06)		\$ 967.69			\$ 967.69
Berea (03/06)		\$ 723.65			\$ 723.65
Nashville (04/06)			\$ 473.48		\$ 473.48
SAYMA (06/06)			\$ 424.93	\$ 98.67	\$ 523.60
Chapel Hill (09/06)				\$ 93.90	\$ 93.90
TOTAL					\$ 4,779.42
Steer Comm Mtgs.:					
(02/06)		\$ 412.42			\$ 412.42
(08/06)				\$ 215.58	\$ 215.58
TOTAL:					\$ 628.00
Worship Journals:					
Chapel Hill	\$97.29				\$97.29
Knoxville	\$87.13				\$87.13
Asheville	\$113.01				\$113.01
Atlanta		\$ 133.50			\$ 133.50
NC/SC Retreat (2/06)		\$ 28.10			\$ 28.10
Berea		\$ 103.87			\$ 103.87
Nashville			\$ 85.64		\$ 85.64
SAYMA			\$ 149.48		\$ 149.48
NC/SC Retreat (8/06)				\$ 22.64	\$ 22.64
TOTAL:					\$ 820.66
Administrative / Other					
Office Supplies		\$ 70.50		\$ 40.27	\$ 110.77
First Aid kit supplies			\$ 35.43		\$ 35.43
FAP Training supplies			\$ 52.21		\$ 52.21
Retreat manual (copies)				\$ 40.56	\$ 40.56
Parent Letter				\$ 71.85	\$ 71.85
Letter to Meetings				\$ 15.60	\$ 15.60
TOTAL:					\$ 326.42
TOTAL EXPENSES					\$ 6,554.50

SAYF Financial Report

End of FY 2006 BALANCE:

SAYF Checking Account		
Beginning Balance (as of 10/01/05)	\$	229.58
Income	\$	7,292.50
Expenses	\$	6,554.50
CURRENT BALANCE	\$	967.58

SAYMA Yearly Meeting Adjunct Scholarship Fund		
Beginning Balance (as of 10/01/05)	\$	215.07
Interest	\$	2.38
CURRENT BALANCE	\$	217.45

Appendix C – Peace and Social Concerns Committee reports from their 2 meetings

Summer 2006 Peace and Social Concerns Committee Meeting Report

The SAYMA Peace and Social Concerns Committee held its first meeting in the Winter of 2006, to discern our work based on the charge given to the committee by the 2004 Yearly Meeting. At the Spring 2006 Representative Meeting, we reported our discernment regarding the purpose of a Minute of the Yearly Meeting that speaks to matters of peace or social concerns. We offered a set of queries we had devised to guide us in the seasoning process of a proposed minute.

Taking into account the advice given to us by the Representative Meeting, we met again at the Summer 2006 Yearly Meeting to revise our guidelines. We are prepared to offer for the Yearly Meeting Community's consideration the following definition of the purpose of a Minute:

“A Minute of the Yearly Meeting is our testimony to the world of a new understanding of truth that has been discovered through the process of Quaker discernment.”

To season a proposed Minute to be brought to the Yearly Meeting, we offer the following queries:

1. What Quaker testimony or testimonies does the proposed Minute stand upon?
2. Does the Minute address political or social concerns? How are they balanced with the spiritual aspects of the Minute?
3. What does the minute offer that is hopeful or affirming?

We intend to offer this definition and these queries to the Fall Representative Meeting for approval, so that we may clearly see how to proceed with our work. If we learn in the next few weeks that many SAYMA Meetings are moved to bring a Minute concerning torture to the 2007 Yearly Meeting, we intend to convene our committee prior to the Fall Representative Meeting so that we may begin our work sooner.

Respectfully submitted by the SAYMA Peace and Social Concerns Committee
Steve Livingston, clerk
Kay Hogan Smith, Deanna Nipp, Jere Licciardello, and Dennis Gregg, members

Minutes of SAYMA Peace and Social Concerns Committee Meeting 061028

Our meeting convened at 12 noon at the Chattanooga meetinghouse. Committee members Jere Licciardello, Kay Hogan Smith, Deanna Hatch, and Steve Livingston had all arrived a few minutes early. We commenced with a shared meal of potatoes au gratin, deviled eggs, cole slaw, and homemade pumpkin bread and brownies. Many thanks to Larry and Becky Ingle for their unflagging hospitality. During the meal we discussed informally the work that our committee had done so far, and the growing volume of concerns expressed by monthly and yearly meetings regarding the issue of torture.

After the meal, we considered the feedback we had received from the Spring Rep meeting pertaining to our proposed processes. This led us to recognize a distinction between further seasoning of a minute that had already been discerned, seasoned, and approved by a monthly meeting or worship group, versus seasoning a minute for eventual consideration by the Yearly Meeting. We recognized that it was not our purpose to critique the discernment of a monthly meeting; rather, it was our charge to discern whether, and how, a monthly meeting's expressed leading could rise to the level of an action minute of the yearly meeting.

We also affirmed that the time necessary to complete the process of bringing a concern from the monthly meeting to the yearly meeting level obviates any possibility of addressing what might be viewed as an urgent crisis. We reiterated that that is not the purpose of our committee, and that in addressing a matter of great urgency, methods that existed before our committee began should be looked upon as more appropriate than turning the matter over to us. We view our work as being fundamentally spiritual rather than temporal, and we affirm that there is no timetable for spiritual discernment. If Friends are moved to request that the Peace and Social Concerns Committee respond to a felt urgency, we will endeavor to direct them to an appropriate agency.

In response to a concern raised by the Spring 2006 Rep Meeting, we considered how the work of our committee resembles, or does not resemble, the work of a traditional clearness committee. A principle difference is that a traditional clearness committee assists the individual Friend in finding a right action, whereas we begin our work with a right action already having been discovered. Our role is then to understand what is the impetus for this action, and the meaning of it, to convey this to the SAYMA constituency, and to discover whether and how this discernment is shared among all SAYMA Friends. Ultimately if we are able to articulate this shared discernment of truth, a Yearly Meeting Minute could arise.

To date we have received six Minutes on torture from monthly meetings and two from yearly meetings. We shared the sense that the issue of torture is weighing upon many SAYMA Friends, and felt led to begin a process to discover whether a Yearly Meeting Minute might arise to address this shared concern. At the same time, we shared the sense that we have to lay a foundation for our continuing work in fulfilling our charge to foster communications and interaction among SAYMA Friends about our concerns and actions. We envisioned a possible outcome that we would

facilitate an open meeting at the 2007 SAYMA Gathering, for the purpose of drafting a Minute expressing the sense of our Yearly Meeting regarding torture. Friends who are moved to gather and hold this process in the Light could then devote the time outside of business meeting to seek clarity on a wording to present to a subsequent session of the 2007 business meeting.

We decided to embark upon our work by contacting all SAYMA Monthly Meetings, Preparative Meetings, and Worship Groups, inquiring as to whether they had a standing committee concerned with issues of peace, social justice, and the environment, find out who the contact person is, learn what is the ongoing work of the committee and the Meeting, and what are their primary concerns. Subsequent to that, and in a timely manner, we decided we would send a second mailing to apprise each Meeting of the concerns and responses on the torture issue, and invite Meetings to join together in determining how we as a Yearly Meeting should respond.

Appendix D – Ministry and Nurture Committee

SAYMA Ministry and Nurture Committee presented queries and advices for initial consideration.

The QUERIES

What is our yearly meeting doing to nurture emerging ministry?

What are our monthly meetings doing to nurture emerging ministry?

PRELIMINARY ADVICES (from SAYMA Ministry and Nurture)

- Asking Young Adult Friends to serve in positions of responsibility (recording and reading clerks) in the yearly meeting and providing ongoing support and guidance to them as they serve.
- Asking Friends to tell their stories relating to theology, the testimonies and being a Quaker as part of plenary.
- Inviting newcomers into the community, onto committees, and into service of the meeting.
- Increasing awareness and commitment to include Young Adult Friends in our yearly meeting and monthly meeting lives and work.
- Recognizing and naming special attributes/gifts of youngsters in meetings e.g. a meeting child extending hospitality and care to a visiting child from the neighborhood and a pre-teen's capacity to be present to and caring for infants and toddlers.
- Monthly meetings hosting yearly meeting groups thus offering opportunities for members to engage in spiritual hospitality.
- Mentoring newcomers in Quaker process so they can use their gifts most suitably.
- Pacing newcomers in their participation in the life of the meeting, thus preventing burn out.
- Meetings taking care not to take on more projects than they can manage with the gifts of ministry in their meetings.
 - Clearness committees around vocational callings.