

SAYMA Representative Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2008
Representative Meeting #121 (Fall)
Chattanooga Friends Meeting, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

121-01 Meeting for Worship.

The meeting gathered for a period of expectant waiting.

121-02 Greeting and Introductions

Those present introduced themselves, their purpose attending the meeting and their monthly meeting affiliation [Attachment 1 – Attendance List].

121-03 Minute of Appreciation for Kristi Estes

Minute 121-03-01: We express our thanks for the service of Kristi Estes as clerk of Yearly Meeting.

121-04 Final Budget Report

David Ciscel distributed his report on the 2008 Fiscal Year [Attachment 2]. Finances are in good shape. There is a \$1,800 surplus for the year, primarily the result of yearly meeting revenue. Total income from all sources was \$74,048.98, with expenditures of \$72,249.13. We are awaiting the SAYF year-end report, but do not anticipate any major changes. Expenses were less than we budgeted. Funds appropriated to support the travel of our representatives to Wider Quaker Organizations were not fully used. A Friend noted that AFSC reimburses for representative travel expenses. Most meetings contributed their expected assessments. In addition, all but three monthly meeting are now submitting their assessments on a quarterly basis, which has substantially resolved our previous difficulties with cash flow. Our yearly meeting contributions to Wider Quaker Organizations remain restrained. Funds balances were reported and are attached. Net assets of the yearly meeting at the end of FY 2008 are \$42,398. Budget details are reported in the attached report.

A Friend pointed out that SAYF has just completed its last retreat of the year and will be submitting their report shortly.

Minute: 121-04-01. We accept the Treasurer's report of September 24, 2008.

Minute: 121-04-02. Thanks to David Ciscel. We thank David Ciscel for his service as Treasurer for the last five years. His clear thinking and efforts have enabled us to make good decisions.

121-05 Yearly Meeting Planning Committee Report (YMPC).

The clerk distributed copies of the report submitted by the Yearly Meeting Planning Committee [Attachment 3]. Kathleen Mavournin noted that she has not yet given permission for the circulation of a recording of her performance at the 2008 yearly meeting sessions. This led to a general discussion of the purpose of recording and the subsequent use of recordings.

Minute: 121-05-01: We ask Yearly Meeting Planning Committee to consider if there is a purpose for our electronically recording yearly meeting sessions. If there is, we ask the Yearly Meeting Planning Committee to insure we secure a written release for the recording, production and duplication of presentations from the speakers/presenters when we plan to record. If we choose to make recordings available, we ask the committee to consider how the production, editing and subsequent sale of these should be handled both financially and practically. We encourage using the Administrative Assistant to provide staff support for this project. We encourage the committee to develop policy and procedure for handling these matters in the future. We ask Yearly Meeting Planning Committee to report back to Representative Meeting on this matter.

Minute: 121-05-02: We ask the YMPC committee to negotiate with Kathleen Mavournin to resolve outstanding issues about the recording of her presentation at Yearly Meeting 2008.

A friend raised a concern over the committee's plan to limit the number of paper copies of advance programs being sent to monthly meetings. It was suggested that the Administrative Assistant poll meetings and worship groups as to their needs.

Minute: 121-05-03: We ask the YMPC and the Administrative Assistant to consult together and determine the appropriate number of paper copies of advance programs to be distributed to monthly meetings and worship groups.

A friend recommended we circulate advance materials to other yearly meetings to encourage their participation in our sessions.

Minute: 121-05-04: We approve *Spirit Woven in our lives: A Tapestry of Light* as the theme of our 2009 Yearly Meeting Sessions.

121-06 Site Selection Committee Report

The clerk reported that the members of the site selection committee have been in consultation with one another. Steve Livingston has prepared a written report for the committee describing the physical requirements for a yearly meeting site [Attachment 4]. Friends offered suggestions for modifications and additions to the site requirements. A friend recommended that our plenary sessions should be able to seat more than 200, in order to accompany young friends and our guests. The dormitory space for SAYF teens must provide for at least 60 and include kitchen facilities for the preparation of breakfast.

In considering sites, friends encouraged us to consider the environmental friendliness of the site, how welcoming the site is to our diversity, air-conditioned sleeping space, and reducing our environmental footprint. We struggle with the appropriate level of technology. The Administrative Assistant reported that she has undertaken initial exploration of potential sites. Based on her analysis, Maryville, Tennessee is the weighted rough geographic center of our yearly meeting. Friends are encouraged to share their ideas about potential yearly meeting sites with the committee through the SAYMA office.

121-07 Faith and Practice Report

Free Polazzo submitted a report electronically which the clerk read [Attachment 5].

121-07-01 Correction to Yearly Meeting minute 38-23-01. The incorrect version of the revised Equality section of SAYMA Faith and Practice approved at yearly meeting 2008 was attached to Yearly Meeting minutes. The correct Equality section should begin with following paragraph and is attached to our minutes [Attachment 6]:

Friends believe that all people have the capacity to bear and respond to the Light and that all forms of human relations should reflect this spiritual truth. As a beloved child of God, each of us has God-given gifts. Each of us can grow in tenderness. Our differences provide openings that allow God's grace to shine through us in unique ways.

121-08 Announcements

Ric Cedergran asked friends planning on attending the dedication of Celo's new meetinghouse on October 12 to let the meeting know in advance so adequate plans can be made. Friends are asked to communicate their plans electronically to Ric Cedergran (FISH@yanchey.main.nc.us).

121-09 Southern Appalachian Young Friends (SAYF) Report

Mark Wutka reported the SAYF steering committee and SAYF nurturing committee held a joint retreat at Swannanoa Meeting. A SAYF retreat was held in Atlanta recently with 50 young friends attending. The next retreat will be held in Asheville, hosted by Chapel Hill-Durham young friends. SAYF is now permitting young friends not yet 12 years old but who are entering 7th grade and attend SAYF at yearly meeting to participate in subsequent SAYF retreats.

121-10 Nominations

Sally Prugh reported that the committee's nominee for the January 2009 ecumenical peace conference, Christina Repoley (Atlanta MM), has been invited to be a presenter. As a result, we are permitted to identify another representative. Cassandra Fralix

(Columbia MM) is nominated.

Minute 121-10-01: On the recommendation of nominating committee we approve Cassandra Fralix to serve as the SAYMA representative to Heeding God's Call: A Gathering on Peace to be held in Philadelphia January 13-17, 2009.

Sally brought forward additional nominations for consideration.

Minute 121-10-02: On the recommendation of Nominating Committee, we approve David Ciscel to serve as assistant treasurer for a one year term, June 2008 – June 2009.

Minute 121-10-03: On the recommendation of nominating committee, we approve Gita Larson and Kathleen Mavournin to serve on the personnel committee for a two year term, June 2008- June 2010.

The clerk asked if we wished to permit nominating committee to name temporary appointments to current vacant positions to serve until they can be considered by the representative meeting.

Minute 121-10-04: We approve permitting the Nominating Committee to ask individuals to serve the yearly meeting by filling current vacant positions. These temporary appointments will be considered by representative meeting at the March 2009 meeting, at which time a decision will be made about continuing this practice.

121-11 FWCC Request

Susan Phelan reported Finance Committee has received a request from Tim Lamm and Sally Prugh that the Yearly Meeting increase our contribution to our FWCC Triennial Fund. The next world gathering will be held in Kenya as both a gathering and world conference. Given this important occasion, SAYMA may wish to send additional representatives, including younger friends. In addition, they encouraged us to increase our support for third world Friends to attend through increased funding of the FWCC Third World Delegate Fund. Susan reported we are presently contributing \$700 a year to the conference fund and \$650 to the third world delegate fund, Tim and Sally recommend an increase in both funds. Finance Committee has not incorporated this request into the 2009 budget.

A friend expressed concern about the precedent of the Yearly Meeting increasing support for Friends to attend special meetings of Wider Quaker Organization at great distance and adding to the number representatives we send to those gatherings. Another friend encouraged us to consider supporting a SAYMA young Friend to attend and to lay out expectations for all representatives to report back. A friend reminded us that individual meetings could provide support to these funds, as well as individuals.

Minute 121-11-01: On the recommendation of Finance Committee, we approve changing the name of the FWCC Triennial Fund to the FWCC World Conference Fund.

Minute 121-11-02: We ask monthly meetings to consider the request from Tim Lamm and Sally Prugh to increase our Yearly Meeting's level of annual contribution to our FWCC World Gathering Fund and FWCC Third World Delegate Fund. We ask Finance Committee to facilitate the dissemination of this request.

121-12 Ministry and Nurture Committee Report

Beth Ensign reported that Ministry and Nurture Committee will be meeting next week in Athens, Georgia. The committee hopes to meet with Greenville and Cookeville Meetings in the next year and welcomes invitations to visit other meetings. Ministry and Nurture Committee would like to be part of the process of developing queries for yearly meeting worship sharing. At this time, no committee member is led to participate on the Yearly Meeting Planning Committee and Ministry and Nurture has not been in communication with YMPC.

Several friends who have developed queries in the past thought that the Ministry and Nurture offer would be welcomed. Ministry and Nurture Committee was encouraged to communicate directly with the Yearly Meeting Planning Committee worship coordinator. The clerk reported that the yearly meeting worship coordinator position is presently vacant.

Minute 121-12-01: We encourage the Ministry and Nurture Committee to actively assist the yearly meeting worship coordinator in creating queries for yearly meeting.

121-13 Columbia Meeting House Presentation

Gita Lawson (Columbia MM) reported Columbia Friends have continued to envision the challenges and possibilities of establishing a meetinghouse. A fund has been created. Representatives of the meeting are exploring possible locations as a way of making the vision tangible, although unity has not yet been sought on a particular site. The meeting is now over 40 years old. The meeting is exploring possible sources of support from within the meeting and the wider Quaker world. Columbia meeting welcomes the opportunity to communicate with Friends who have had experience with designing and establishing meetinghouses. Please communicate with Gita Larson at: <gitalarson@aol.com>

Gita was encouraged to talk with friends in Celo and Nashville who have had experience with creatively meeting the challenges of building or renovating meetinghouses. Another Friend encouraged talking with Friends from Nashville and Birmingham. Friends noted

the challenges of maintaining a spiritual center to the process and the vision.

121-14 SAYF and YAF Representatives from outside of SAYMA

Sally Prugh reported that the SAYF steering committee had nominated a SAYF young friend who is a member of Chapel Hill-Durham meeting to represent our Yearly Meeting. While the nominee was subsequently unable to accept the position, it raises the issue of who can serve as our Yearly Meeting's representative. There is a sizable group of young friends who participate in SAYF who are not members of our constituent meetings. At issue is the appropriateness of our naming individuals to serve as representatives of our Yearly Meeting who are not members of our constituent meetings. The Nominating committee asked the advice of representative body.

A friend encouraged us to adopt of practice of only asking persons who are members or active attenders of one of our constituent meetings to represent our yearly meeting. Another friend encouraged us to think more broadly. Participants in SAYF and YAF are strongly affiliated with these groups and, through them, identify with SAYMA, and consider themselves part of SAYMA. A general discussion raised questions as to the importance of formal membership in our yearly meeting, the expectations of the receiving group and our expectations of representatives to report back to the Yearly Meeting. A friend suggested the concept of "common-law" membership. The clerk suggested we form an ad hoc group to clarify our common understanding of this issue.

Minute 121-14-01: We ask Mark Wutka and Charles Schade to develop a proposal describing our expectations and basic qualifications of persons we ask to serve as representatives of our Yearly Meeting. We ask the committee to specifically address the question of membership in the Yearly Meeting and our constituent meetings.

121-15 Request from two young adult friends, for assistance to attend 2008 FCNL Annual Meeting.

Susan Phelan reported the Finance Committee has received requests from two SAYMA young adult friends seeking financial assistance to attend the FCNL annual meeting in November 2008. Neither young Friend is a designated FCNL representative, but both have been involved in YAF and have an active interest in FCNL. At issue is how the Yearly Meeting negotiates with friends seeking financial support for travel and meeting.

The clerk noted there are several funds and budget lines that could be drawn upon support the requests. A friend pointed out that SAYMA presently has two unfilled FCNL slots and suggested we use the funds associated with these positions to support their participation.

Minute 121-15-01: We approve allocating up to \$1000 total to support Woods Nash and Will Fisher to attend the FCNL annual meeting. We ask the treasurer in consultation with the Finance Clerk to determine how best to fund these requests.

We ask Woods and Will to submit a written report of their participation.

121-16 Finance Committee. – Presentation of 2009 Budget

Sharon Phelan reviewed the process of consultation by which the 2009 budget was developed by Finance Committee. Based on wide consultations before and since Yearly Meeting, there are no changes to the preliminary budget presented at the June 2008 sessions. Finance Committee is looking at the funding for Junior Yearly Meeting, but no changes are recommended at this time. Contact information for the new Treasurer is being circulated and friends are encouraged to share this information with their meetings. Finance will be facilitating the consultation within the yearly meeting over the FWCC World Gathering allocations.

A friend asked if we are allocating sufficient financial support for YAF. A friend expressed the view that YAF has not, to this point, developed sufficient internal organization to request and manage funds. The general question of the purpose and proper utilization of our designated funds continues to be an issue. A friend suggested that we set aside funds in the general budget designated for YAF and contingent on their developing a budget. As a practical matter, the YAF group has not requested funds from the yearly meeting. As YAF develops, they may require more financial support.

Minute 121-16-01: On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, we approve the 2009 Budget as presented. [Attachment 7]

Minute 121-16-02: We ask the Clerk's Committee to review the purpose and guidelines for the Youth Enrichment and Young Adult Friends Scholarship funds.

Minute 121-16-03: Representative Meeting is excited and inspired by the new energy and depth brought to our Yearly Meeting by SAYMA's Young Adult Friends (YAF). We are one body. We hope we can find ways to be supportive to YAF presence, so we can be informed and nurtured and open to the presence of young adult Friends. We want to insure we are in right relationship with YAF as well as other young adults that may not be active with YAF. We look forward to hearing about the relationship YAF envisions with the Yearly Meeting and determining how we can be part of that vision.

121-17 Administrative Assistant Report

Liz Perch reported that she has supported committees through special mailings, and routine support for the Yearly Meeting. She described the process of creating the annual Directory and asked for Representative body to consider the appropriate deadline for publishing the next edition. Publishing the Directory before Yearly Meeting means a number of appointments are out of date after our June sessions. A friend suggested the directory be published immediately after Yearly Meeting each year with a draft available for review at Yearly Meeting. Another friend suggested separating the Directory and the list of Yearly Meeting appointees.

Minute: 121-17-01: On the recommendation of the Administrative Assistant, we support the publication of the Yearly Meeting Directory after Yearly Meeting.

The census report will go out the end of December. Beginning in February, Liz will be reworking sections of the Handbook to reflect current practice. Liz continues to welcome opportunities to provide assistance to the Yearly Meeting.

121-18 Announcements

Kathleen Mavournin reported that the deadline for Southern Appalachian Friend is October 10.

121-19 Interim decision-making.

The Clerk asked how we will make decisions on items requiring action before the March representative meeting. A friend reminded us that called meetings could be held.

Minute 121-19-01: The Clerk in consultation with the Clerk's Committee and appropriate committee(s) is authorized to act on behalf of the Yearly Meeting for operational matters requiring timely action.

121-20 Closing Minute of Thanks to Chattanooga Monthly Meeting

Minute 121-20-01. SAYMA Representative body offers our deep thanks for the kind and generous hospitality and support provided by Chattanooga Monthly Meeting. We were delighted by nourishing and creative food offerings. We enjoyed the fellowship with friends at lunch, the graceful comfort of the meetinghouse and the beautiful grounds. We are deeply appreciative for the special effort Chattanooga Friends have made to welcome us again.

121-21: Next Meeting.

If it is in accord with Divine will, our next meeting will be held March 28 in Birmingham.

Dennis Gregg, Clerk
(archive copy signed)

Bill Holland, Recording Clerk
(archive copy signed)

Attachment 1: Attendance at Representative Meeting #121

1. Chris Berg – Greenville
2. Ric Cedergran - Celso
3. Carol Ciscel - Memphis
4. David Ciscel - Memphis
5. Dennis Gregg – Crossville
6. Beth Ensign - Atlanta
7. Kristi Estes – Memphis
8. Dennis Gregg - Crossville
9. Bill Holland – Atlanta
10. Gita Larson – Columbia
11. Kathleen Mavournin West Knoxville
12. Deanna Nipp-Kientz - Cookeville
13. Liz Perch – CPMM/Admin Asst
14. Susan Phelan – Huntsville
15. Judy Prince – Birmingham
16. Sally Prugh – Columbia
17. Charles Schade - Charleston
18. Ceal Wutka – Atlanta
19. Mark Wutka - Atlanta

Attachment 2: Treasurer's Report

David H. Ciscel, Treasurer & Deanna Nipp-Kientz, Assistant Treasurer

Treasurer's September 2007 Representative Meeting Report
Prepared: Wednesday, September 24, 2008
End of Fiscal Year Report – 2008

This budget report is for the end of 2008 fiscal year. This year's budget was based on a \$60 assessment. Attached, please find two documents: (1) the FY 2008 Budget Report, (2) the FY 2008 Account Balances report.

Budget issues to report include:

1. The FY 2008 budget is attached (page 2).
 - a. Overall, the budget has produced a surplus of \$1,800 for FY2008. Contributions are slightly larger than expenses. The surplus can be traced to a surplus in Yearly Meeting. Assessments were very close to budget projections. Total income was \$74,048. Total expenditures and transfers to funds were \$72,249.13.
 - b. SAYMA's fiscal stability is based on lower than projected expenses with higher than projected income.
 - c. Expenditures were also less than expected in certain areas. For the third year in row, Friends use of the Delegate funds to WQO's budget line has been less than expected. Also, two committees did not use requested budget funds. SAYF, the Newsletter, the Directory and F&P have all used less than budgeted in 2008.
 - d. YM receipts were \$31,843.66, including \$2,214.52 from the bookstore. The cost of YM was \$30,347.26, including \$2,045.80 from the bookstore. Overall, YM was operated with a surplus: \$1,496.40. Data on YM scholarships and grants for services are sketchy. YM 2008 did not have significant speaker expenses.
2. Assessments from Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups in FY 2008 were received from: **Berea MM, Huntsville MM, Birmingham MM, Athens Religious Society of Friends, Atlanta MM, Greenville MM, Memphis MM, Nashville MM, Brevard MM, Oxford Quaker Mtg, Asheville MM, Swannanoa MM, Columbia MM, Charleston MM, Cookeville MM, Crossville, Boone MM, and Celo MM.** All but three Meetings paid in installments during the fiscal year.
3. Notes from the FY 2007 Account Balances sheet (page 3). SAYMA has \$15,013 in checking (in Bank of America) and \$38,573 in savings (in Self Help Credit Union) at the end of the fiscal year – total of \$53,587 in assets. We have set aside \$11,189 in special funds that were not spent during 2008. We have net assets of \$42,398, up slightly from 2007. We spent \$1,495 from these funds during this fiscal year (all from the Spiritual Development Fund).
4. SAYF turns in regular reports on their income and expenses. However, the SAYF coordinator is paid out of the SAYMA budget.
5. Fiscal 2009 will begin on October 1, 2008.

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SAYMA Fiscal Year 2008
 Approved at Representative's Meeting September 15, 2007
 October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008
 September 30, 2008

	Budget FY 2007	Actual FY 2007	Budget FY 2008	Actual FY 2008
Income				
Assessments*	\$40,000	\$46,905.00	\$41,200	\$40,850.00
Bank Interest	\$300	\$1,253.30	\$1,200	\$1,080.76
Contributions	\$3,300	\$3,210.00	\$3,720	\$149.51
F&P Sales	\$250	\$42.11	\$0	\$25.05
Newsletter				
SAYF Receipts				\$100.00
YM Total Receipts	\$29,000	\$30,020.00	\$29,000	\$31,843.66
YM Receipts	\$26,000	\$27,737.50	\$26,000	\$29,539.14
YM Scholarship Donations	\$1,000	\$0.00	\$1,000	\$90.00
YM Book Sales	\$2,000	\$2,282.50	\$2,000	\$2,214.52
Total Income	\$72,850	\$81,430.41	\$75,120	\$74,048.98
SAYMA OPERATIONAL EXPENSES				
Yearly Meeting	\$26,900	\$32,536.69	\$26,900	\$30,347.26
Yrly Meeting - Facilities	\$20,000	\$24,638.87	\$20,000	\$24,390.78
Prntg/Mail/Phone/Minutes/Misc	\$900	\$2,666.19	\$900	\$867.67
Junior Yearly Meeting -- JYM	\$3,000	\$3,107.27	\$3,000	\$3,043.01
Coordinator	\$1,800	\$1,800.00	\$1,800	\$1,800.00
Ass't Coordinator	\$1,000	\$1,000.00	\$1,000	\$1,000.00
Supplies/Sitters/Misc	\$200	\$307.27	\$200	\$243.01
Scholarship WQO Reps	\$1,000		\$1,000	
YM Bookstore	\$2,000	\$2,124.36	\$2,000	\$2,045.80
SAYF Operational Transfers	\$3,000	\$1,000.00	\$3,000	\$2,100.00
Delegate Expenses	\$6,900	\$2,910.31	\$6,900	\$4,400.73
Rep Mtgs	\$300	\$50.00	\$300	
Del to WQOs	\$6,600	\$2,860.31	\$6,600	\$4,400.73
Committees	\$1,500	\$774.64	\$1,800	\$1,220.42
Ministry and Nurture	\$700	\$637.32	\$1,000	\$972.17
Ecological Concerns	\$300		\$300	
Faith and Practice	\$400	\$137.32	\$400	\$248.25
Nominating	\$100		\$100	
SAYMA Liability Insurance	\$700	\$715.00	\$700	\$534.00
SAYMA Personnel	\$20,300	\$20,009.73	\$20,970	\$20,438.34
SAYMA Staff Training	\$100		\$100	
SAYMA Office Administration	\$3,500	\$2,840.53	\$3,500	\$3,393.34
Phone, Internet & Office Expenses		\$575.40		\$775.23
Postage		\$278.23		\$519.73
Duplication		\$343.00		\$645.15
Misc. Office & Travel		\$1,643.90		\$1,453.23
SAYMA Newsletter	\$1,300	\$351.03	\$1,400	\$539.41
SAYMA Directory	\$600		\$500	\$108.01
SAYMA Treasurer	\$250	\$271.35	\$250	\$72.62
SAYMA F&P	\$100		\$100	
SAYMA Other Expenses**	\$0		\$0	\$95.00
Total Operational Disbursements	\$65,150	\$61,409.28	\$66,120	\$63,249
YEARLY MEETING PROJECTS				
Transfers To Funds	\$2,400	\$2,400.00	\$3,700	\$3,700.00
Spiritual Development Fund	\$500	\$500.00	\$1,000	\$1,000.00
Released Friend Fund	\$200	\$200.00	\$1,000	\$1,000.00
FWCC - 3rd World Delegate	\$650	\$650.00	\$650	\$650.00
FWCC Triennial Fund	\$700	\$700.00	\$700	\$700.00
Youth Enrichment Fund	\$250	\$250.00	\$250	\$250.00
Young Adult Friends Scholarships	\$100	\$100.00	\$100	\$100.00
Contributions Wider Quaker Org	\$5,300	\$5,300.00	\$5,300	\$5,300.00
AFSC	\$600	\$600.00	\$600	\$600.00
FCNL	\$600	\$600.00	\$600	\$600.00
FGC	\$600	\$600.00	\$600	\$600.00
FWCC	\$600	\$600.00	\$600	\$600.00
Right Sharing of World Resources	\$600	\$600.00	\$600	\$600.00
Quaker House	\$600	\$600.00	\$600	\$600.00
Friends for LGBTQ Concerns	\$200	\$200.00	\$200	\$200.00
Quaker Earthcare Witness	\$600	\$600.00	\$600	\$600.00
Friends Peace Teams	\$200	\$200.00	\$200	\$200.00
Wm Penn House	\$200	\$200.00	\$200	\$200.00
Friends Journal	\$200	\$200.00	\$200	\$200.00
Guilford College Archiving	\$100	\$100.00	\$100	\$100.00
Rural Southern Voice for Peace	\$200	\$200.00	\$200	\$200.00
Other				
Total Projects	\$7,700	\$7,700.00	\$9,000	\$9,000.00
Total Disbursements	\$72,850	\$69,109.28	\$75,120	\$72,249.13
Surplus (Deficit)	\$0	\$12,321.13	\$0	\$1,799.85

* based a \$60.00 assessment per member and regular attender
 ** IRS Penalty for late payment

SAYMA Account Balances Report -- Fiscal 2008
End of Fiscal Year 9/30/2008

	2004 6/30/2004	2005 9/30/2005	2006 9/30/2006	2007 9/30/2007	2008 9/30/2008
Assets					
Bank Accounts					
Checking (Bank of America)	\$18,694	\$9,167	\$17,299	\$17,660	\$15,013
Money Market (Self Help)*	\$14,229	\$9,514	\$16,086	\$21,978	\$22,640
Savings (Self Help CD)*	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,098	\$10,386	\$15,933
Total Available Funds	\$32,923	\$23,681	\$38,483	\$50,024	\$53,587
Liabilities					
Set Aside Budgeted Funds					
FWCC Third World Delegate	\$650	\$1,300	\$0	\$650	\$1,300
FWCC Triennial Delegates	\$667	\$1,667	\$2,367	\$1,067	\$1,767
Released Friend	\$2,650	\$3,050	\$3,150	\$3,350	\$4,350
Spiritual Development	\$2,082	\$582	\$982	\$822	\$327
Youth Enrichment Fund	\$1,595	\$1,645	\$1,895	\$2,145	\$2,395
Young Adult Friends Scholarship		\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800
Accumulated Funds					
YM Scholarship	\$502	\$596	\$663	\$0	\$0
SAYF Scholarship Fund	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Claims against Available Funds	\$8,396	\$9,590	\$9,907	\$8,984	\$11,189
Net Assets = Assets - Liabilities	\$24,527	\$14,091	\$28,575	\$41,040	\$42,398
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 Gatherin		(\$2,000.00)			
Spiritual Development Fund -- FWCC El Salvador 5/9/2006			(\$100)		
FWCC Third World Delegate 7/5/2006			(\$1,950)		
Spiritual Development Fund -- School of the Spirit 3/6/2007				(\$500)	
FWCC Triennial Fund -- 2007 Meeting 4/25/2007				(\$825)	
Spiritual Development Fund -- QUIT Conference 5/14/2007				(\$160)	
YM Scholarship Fund -- YM 2007 Deficit 7/1/2007				(\$663)	
FWCC Triennial Fund -- 2007 Meeting 7/1/2007				(\$1,175)	
Spiritual Development Fund -- FGC Consultation 11/7/2007					(\$160)
Spiritual Development Fund -- Earlham Scholarship 11/7/2007					(\$300)
Spiritual Development Fund -- FGC Consultation 11/7/2007					(\$210)
Spiritual Development Fund -- Registration for Philadelphia YM 2/5/2008					(\$325)
Spiritual Development Fund -- Earlham Scholarship 3/31/2008					(\$500)
Total	(\$2,647)	(\$1,906)	(\$2,050)	(\$3,323)	(\$1,495)

*FY2008 interest flow reported on the budget page. Totals on this page reflect interest earned also.

Attachment 3: Yearly Meeting Planning Committee

Report of the Yearly Meeting Planning Committee

September 20, 2008

The Yearly Meeting Planning Committee met on Saturday, September 13th, at the home of Carol Nickel. Our agenda included review of the feedback from attendees of the yearly meeting this past summer, setting the theme for 2009 as well as considering who might be our speaker, and preliminary budget considerations. We have the following to report to the representative meeting on September 27, 2008:

- We plan to include a couple of telephone numbers in the advance material this year so that folks can leave a contact number at home in case of emergencies.
- Friends can expect an advance poster to arrive in February or March to encourage Friends to consider attending the yearly meeting. However, we know that the word of mouth witness of Friends as to the value of attending yearly meeting is the most effective way of encouraging Friends to attend and hope that representatives will continue to promote yearly meeting in their home communities.
- We plan to invite those who brought displays last year to bring a workshop presentation, as well.
- We will seek to find a powered mixer to use during the plenary sessions as well as for the Saturday folk dance and talent show.
- We hope to have an interactive evening on Thursday.
- John Potter has a CD of Kathleen Mavournin's storytelling on Friday evening which he hopes to share with Friends for a \$10 donation to cover costs, his time and a contribution to yearly meeting.
- We will encourage SAYF to schedule a time of reflection on the talent show for consideration of appropriate presentations to the particular audience at yearly meeting. Despite our efforts, there are always some Friends who find that some offensive material is performed during the talent show. We seek to bring a G rated evening to the many ages at yearly meeting.
- We plan to send fewer copies of the Advance Program to meetings, hoping that Friends will make additional copies as needed. Smaller meetings will receive two copies and larger meetings will receive five copies. If more than that number is requested, we will send that number.
- We hope to provide hired child care givers for our youngest attendees.
- The college has hired Jon Verner as summer programs coordinator, relieving him of the additional responsibilities for housing direction. We look forward to a more responsive relationship with the campus as a result, also hoping that a contract for services will be productive. We will ask for more students on the cafeteria crew so that the lines will move faster at meals, especially at lunch and dinner.
- John Potter, our workshop coordinator urges Friends to consider presenting a workshop, or encouraging others in their meetings to do so. He seeks to have a full list of presenters earlier than last year.
- The committee is hoping to increase the number of worship sharing times to three, as we used to do. The timing, right after lunch is also being reconsidered. We may

want to start the day with worship sharing, instead. We hope to work closely with the clerk of yearly meeting to schedule the business meeting sessions, perhaps in smaller chunks.

- We spent the afternoon in contemplation of the theme. After a long period of worshipful consideration, we found unity on the theme

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- We discussed the budget and anticipate a larger budget due to the proposed request for additional mealtime staff from the college and the honorarium we will need to provide for our speaker. A small increase in the registration may be necessary. A more detailed budget projection will be presented in the spring.
- The committee will meet again in December, hopefully with better attendance from committee members, and in the spring with the representative meeting. We regret that we were unable to meet with you this time. However, Asheville Friends, of whom three members of the committee are active members, has a residential retreat planned for the weekend which was originally not a representative meeting date.

We send our warmest greetings for a wonderful representative meeting. We look forward to meeting with Friends in the spring or late winter.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Esther, clerk
Yearly Meeting Planning Committee

Attachment 4: Yearly Meeting Site Committee

Site Selection Report Errol Hess

Steve Livingston has given us the following requirements for a yearly meeting site:

LODGING

- Four basic groups, not exceeding: 200 adults, 50 young adults, 50 children, 50 teens
- Teens and young adults prefer separate accommodations
- Simple living option for about 25 people requires refrigeration and cooking facilities accessible to lodging
- Handicap access street level, elevators, bathrooms & shower, doors, etc. meet ADA guidelines

CAFETERIA

- Able to serve 200+ people in a 20 minute time frame
- Lots of vegetarian offerings
- Salads and fruits with every meal
- Breakfast prompt at 7:15 am
- Fresh produce, not overcooked
- No "slab of meat" type entrees
- Desserts and ice cream essential
- Meal prices in \$6-8 range
- Access during meals to private meeting spaces helpful

PLENARY SPACE

- Able to seat 200 people
- A/V system helpful
- Sound reinforcement helpful
- Six folding tables available
- Space available around the clock

BOOKSTORE/DISPLAY SPACE

- 30 folding tables available, or 24 folding tables and 12 smaller tables (for chat & chew)
- 1000 sq ft total space
- Refrigerator helpful
- Food service hot tray table helpful
- Industrial size coffeemaker/tea service helpful
- Space available 7am-10 pm

OTHER MEETING SPACES

- 1 room with 60 capacity, A/V equipped
- 12 rooms with 30 capacity, A/V equipped (2 available until midnight)

- 12 rooms with 15 capacity, A?V helpful (4 available around the clock)
- Dance space with capacity for 150, sound system helpful, available until midnight Sat. night
- 1 room with piano, capacity of 30
- 1 kid friendly room, 50 capacity
- All meeting rooms should meet ADA guidelines
- All rooms available until 7 pm except as specified

AMENITIES

- Swimming pool
- Playing fields
- Hiking trails helpful

The Site Selection committee needs to review this list, with input from staff and representatives

Attachment 5: Faith and Practice Revision Committee Report

The Faith and Practice committee report:

The committee has posted on the SAYMA website, the approved changes, thru the 2008 YM, of our Guide to our Faith and our Practice.

We were unable to meet as we had planned in September, as a quorum was not going to be achieved.

Our next meeting will be in late January or early February.

If anyone asks about the marriage section revision, you can tell them that we won't be able to present anything at the 2009 Yearly Meeting.

There are some other items that have been held over from previous YM's that we can present.

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Attachment 6: Equality Section to SAYMA Faith and Practice as approved by yearly meeting, June 2008.

Equality

There is a principle which is pure, placed in the human mind, which in different places and ages hath had different names. It is, however, pure and proceeds from God. It is deep and inward, confined to no forms of religion nor excluded from any where the heart stands in perfect sincerity. In whomsoever this takes root and grows, of what nation soever, they become [brothers and sisters] in the best sense.

John Woolman, "Considerations on Keeping Negroes,"
Works (1774)

...one universal God hath given being to us all; and that God hath not only made us all of one flesh, but hath also, without partiality, afforded us all the same sensations, and endowed us all with the same faculties; and that however variable we may be in society or religion, however diversified in situation or color, we are all of the same family, and stand in the same relation to God.

Benjamin Banneker,
Letter to Thomas Jefferson (1791)

Friends believe that all people have the capacity to bear and respond to the Light and that all forms of human relations should reflect this spiritual truth. As a beloved child of God, each of us has God-given gifts. Each of us can grow in tenderness. Our differences provide openings that allow God's grace to shine through us in unique ways.

A commitment to equality, the earliest of Friends social testimonies, was partly an assault on pride. In keeping with the teaching of the New Testament, early Friends held the radical belief that God could speak to every person, regardless of gender, race, class, age, or formal education. This led Friends to eliminate behaviors that granted superiority based on social status or wealth. They rejected the use of honorific titles, provided expanded leadership roles for women in their communities, and eschewed "hat honor", removing one's hat as a sign of deference. Friends retained the traditional "thee" and "thou" to avoid the emerging seventeenth century usage of granting an undue distinction to an upper-class individual with a plural "you". For these beliefs, they sometimes paid with their property, and sometimes with their lives.

Our ability to both bear and respond to the Light can be affected by social prejudices that dim awareness of God's leadings. Friends believe that we are called to work to end prejudice and oppression. Modern Friends have wrestled with our awareness of what equality demands in its continued application in our daily lives. In order for individuals to follow their leadings, and exercise their God-given gifts, social and physical barriers often must be broken down. In the last two centuries, many Friends have worked and are working toward honoring and expanding the rights of women and people of color.

More recently, Friends are beginning our work to expand equal rights regardless of sexual orientation. Friends reject stereotyping, discrimination, and artificial barriers that separate people from one another. Equality has been the foundation of Friends' approach to each other and the world. Friends recognize that much work still needs to be done within ourselves, within the society at large, and within our meetings, where privileges of educational attainment and social status too often prevail.

We believe all can be empowered by God and encourage all to speak for themselves, expressing their own experiences and understandings of God's leadings. We must lovingly speak the truth to others as it is revealed to us, and we must listen for truth that is in them, lest we miss it. Other's perspectives can change us and help our meetings discern the actions we take to work toward equality. In our continuing spiritual search, we are open to revising our approach to social change as new insights arise.

We are blessed by the myriad differences that are found among us, and are grateful for the efforts Friends and others have made in uncounted ways that bring forth that of God in all.