

SAYMA Representative Meeting Minutes
Ninth Month 12, 2009
Representative Meeting #123 (Fall)
Crossville Friends Meeting, Crossville, Tennessee.

123-01 Meeting for Worship.

The meeting gathered with a period of expectant waiting.

123-02 Greeting and Introductions

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

123-03 Treasurer’s Report and 2010 Budget Adoption

Deanna Nipp-Kientz reported that SAYMA finances are stable. Noting that she is using rounded numbers in her oral presentation, she stated we presently have \$59,000 in available funds and \$15,000 has been set aside for special funds. With three weeks remaining in the fiscal year, our total 2009 income is approximately \$74,000 against which we have incurred \$73,000 in expenses. Assessment income for fiscal year 2009 was \$45,000, an increase over 2008, and \$3,000 more than we had projected. As interest rates have fallen our income from interest bearing accounts has declined. No additional unrestricted contributions were received this year. Cost of living raises were provided employees at the beginning of the year. All contributions to Wider Quaker Organizations and transfers to set aside accounts have been completed. Expenses for 2009 sessions of yearly meeting were slightly over revenue. SAYF is regularly submitting budget reports. We will receive a year-end report after the close of the fiscal year.

A friend asked if the credit card approved for use by the Administrative Assistant had been obtained. This has not yet been completed. The Treasurer and Administrative Assistant will work on this. Several questions were raised about how our accounting process tracks costs that come out of the SAYMA office but are expenses that should be charged to the cost of Yearly Meeting. Suggestions were made to provide greater clarity.

Minute: 123-03-01. We accept the Treasurer’s report of Ninth month 5, 2009 [Attachment 2]

123-04 FY 2010 Budget

Susan Phelan reviewed the 2010 budget. It is substantially the same as the preliminary budget presented and approved at our Yearly Meeting sessions. The Finance Committee recommends increasing the line item for treasurer’s expenses to \$600.

Minute 123-04-01 We ask the Finance Committee to further break out administrative costs and bring the budget back for approval.

123-05 Faith and Practice Revision committee

Kathleen Mavournin reported the Faith and Practice Revision Committee met two weeks ago. The committee has revised the proposed Community section [Attachment 3] and will be circulate it to monthly meetings for further discernment. The committee continues to work on the Marriage section and anticipates sending a revised version to monthly meeting by the end of the year. The committee hopes to bring both sections to yearly meeting in 2010. The committee encourages meetings to anticipate the time needed to discern these issues and reserve the time to develop comments. In order to meet the March deadline for Yearly Meeting consideration, minuted comments on the Community section should be submitted by December 2009 and to the Marriage section by the end of January 2010.

123-06 Southern Appalachian Young Friends (SAYF) Report

Ceal Wutka reported SAYF retreats are being well attended. The next retreat will be held in Atlanta and 45 young friends are expected to attend. The purpose and use of the Youth Enrichment Fund continue to be discerned by SAYF. The SAYF nurturing committee is exploring developing a travelling ministry project. As envisioned, this would include sending SAYF participants to visit other yearly meeting. Within SAYF several questions have been raised regarding the Youth Enrichment Fund. Will the fund continue to be supported by the Yearly Meeting? Is it appropriate to use the fund to support SAYMA young friends to attend other yearly meeting?

The Finance Clerk pointed out that we presently allocate \$250 a year to replenish the Youth Enrichment Fund and SAYF can request Yearly Meeting to increase the annual allocation. Other friends encouraged SAYF to consider using their own budget if available to provide additional revenue to support the travelling ministry project. A friend encouraged SAYF to develop their own guidelines for use of the Youth Enrichment Fund, perhaps modeled on the guidelines used by Ministry and Nurture. In addition, a SAYF young person travelling with a call to ministry might apply to the Spiritual Nurture Fund.

Ceal reported that SAYFers are requesting more retreats focused on cultivating their spirituality.

123-07 Nominations Report

Sallie Prugh brought forward two nominations for yearly meeting service.

123-07-01 On the recommendation of the nominating committee, we approve Kristi Estes to serve as yearly meeting planning committee clerk (2009-2011)

123-07-02 On the recommendation of the Junior Yearly Meeting Oversight Committee and the Nominating Committee, we approve Beth Myers and Jonathan Schinhofen to serve as the Junior Yearly Meeting Coordinators (2010).

123-07-03 We ask the Nominating Committee and the Yearly Meeting Oversight committee to explore the approval process for the Junior Yearly Meeting Coordinators and make recommendations to Yearly Meeting on the appropriate body to make this decision.

123-08 FWCC Regional Meeting in 2010

Sallie Prugh described a document she created summarizing the procedures and responsibilities required of a Monthly Meeting hosting the southeastern regional gathering of FWCC [Attachment 4]. Copies of the document will be distributed to Monthly Meetings. SAYMA will be hosting the gathering in the fall of 2010. There is some flexibility in the scheduling. Traditionally, meetings have been held in the period from late September to early November. Meetings interested in hosting the gathering should contact Tim Lamm or Sally Prugh no later than January 2010.

Sallie described the work of FWCC southeast region and identified the Yearly Meetings participating in the gathering. As part of the concern to increase contact and discernment among Friends, a regional gathering is held annually. The responsibility for hosting the gathering is rotated among the participating Yearly Meetings. A friend asked if we will provide financial assistance to Jamaican Friends to enable their attendance. Tim Lamm reported that North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative) is maintaining a fund on behalf of the FWCC southeastern region to pool funds supporting travel to FWCC gatherings. A friend suggested soliciting additional funds among our meetings and inviting other Yearly Meetings to do the same.

123-08-01: We approve allocating \$200 from the FY2010 budget to support the travel of Jamaican Friends to attend the FWCC southeast regional gathering. We ask our FWCC representatives to communicate this action to the other participating Yearly Meeting and encourage their support. We will encourage our Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups to contribute additional money to the North Carolina Yearly Meeting fund for this purpose.

123-09 Advancement / Outreach Discussion

Dennis Gregg reminded friends of the discussion from the 2009 Yearly Meeting arising from our decision to lay down the Advancement Committee, even as we recognized the need for advancement and outreach. Quaker Quest has been raised as one way to engage in outreach. Baltimore Yearly Meeting has a website devoted to outreach which the clerk gave as an example of electronic outreach. The clerk invited discussion.

Several friends described their meeting's experience with Quaker Quest and described the challenge of continuing it among small meeting. The "in-reach" part of the Quaker Quest process is very important preparation. Nashville is exploring Quaker Quest. Other forms of outreach were mentioned. Swannanoa meeting is hosting a peace essay contest in local schools in cooperation with a local Unitarian congregation. Several meetings are working with other community organizations and churches to raise the visibility of their meetings.

A friend encouraged us to be bold and prepare our spaces to welcome those who may be drawn to participate as a result of our outreach efforts. Part of the challenge is establishing strong Monthly Meeting communities to provide vital support to our members. Several friends encouraged us to consider how we build communities that includes and invites others, even if it challenges our comfort level. A friend encouraged us to remember that early friends were fervent in convincing others, but it is the Spirit which was the agent of change, not ourselves.

The clerk invited Friends to volunteer if they were interested in serving on new ad hoc Outreach Committee. Jerry Licciardello (Chattanooga), Hank Fey (Berea), John Geary (Boone), and Free Polazzo (Atlanta) were named. We ask the committee to consider their work, facilitate conversations on outreach and discern how they are led.

Following the discussion, we rose for a substantial and delicious lunch provided by Cookeville and Crossville Meetings. During the extended lunch time, many committees were able to meet.

123-10 Finance Committee

Susan Phelen reported that the Finance Committee recommends modifying the proposed budget by moving \$600 from SAYMA office administration to the Yearly Meeting printing, mailing, and phone line. This will permit better tracking of our administrative expenses. [Attachment 5 - Finance Committee Report].

Minute 123-10-01: On the recommendation of the Finance committee, we approved the fiscal year 2010 Budget as revised [Attachment 6].

123-11 Ecological Concerns Network

Roy Taylor reminded friends of the ministry shared at the 2009 Yearly Meeting on the urgency of responding to climate change. Roy reported Britain Yearly Meeting has developed a minute on climate change which he has circulated electronically. The FWCC Europe & Middle East section has also endorsed the minute. Roy requested SAYMA Friends to either endorse the BYM meeting or to develop our own. He expressed his hope that we would share our concern with political leaders before an international climate conference scheduled for Copenhagen in December 2009. Roy proposed that we might develop a process to expedite our meetings' deliberation on the statement.

In response to questions, Roy reported that the President Obama would be attending the Copenhagen conference, as will representatives of Wider Quaker Organizations. We were reminded our yearly meeting has already endorsed the Earth Charter and minuted a concern for climate change. It was suggested that we direct the clerk to write a letter on our behalf reflecting the urgency of these concerns. A representative cautioned us about taking action as a Representatives Meeting without sufficient consultation with monthly meetings. Roy expressed his hope that individuals and meetings in SAYMA will carry the weight of this concern.

We were reminded that enormous obstacles impede our ability to respond to climate change, but are challenged to speak out nonetheless. A friend encouraged Roy and ECN to gather statements, fact sheets and queries to prepare Meetings.

123-11-01: We ask the clerk to write a letter to our leaders reflecting our previous decisions on climate change and the Earth Charter in advance of the Copenhagen Conference and to express our support for international action on this issue.

123-11-02: We ask our Monthly Meetings to continue wrestling with this issue.

123-12 Administrative Assistant Report

Liz Perch reported that Yearly Meeting minutes and directories have been circulated. If there are substantial corrections to the directory, she will provide a corrections addendum. Liz has begun revising the SAYMA Handbook and expects feedback from those serving in positions of responsibility. Liz has initiated a new registration process for representative meeting. She will collect this information and communicate it with host meetings, rather than having individuals send information directly to the host meetings. Liz continues to have time available to assist with Yearly Meeting work.

123-13 Schedule

Representative body is scheduled to meet in Nashville in March 6, 2010. The Fall 2010 meeting place will be determined at the spring meeting. Two Monthly Meetings will be exploring their willingness to be the host.

123-14 Wider Quaker Organizations

Roy reported that the Ecological Concerns Network and Quaker Earthcare Witness are mobilizing in response to the Copenhagen Conference. David Ciscel reported that QEW has a small grant program to support meeting's efforts to address ecological issues. There is a web based application process available at the Outreach page of QEW (<http://www.quakerearthcare.org/>).

Jere Licciardello reported on a meeting held in November 2008 of the National Religious Coalition Against Torture. Jere was encouraged to share information within the yearly meeting. Information on NRCAT is available at <http://www.nrcat.org/>

The FWCC Section of the Americas annual meeting will be held in Baltimore in the spring of 2010. Tim Lamm plans on attending.

A friend asked us to hold the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) in the Light during their current financial crisis.

123-15 Friends General Conference (FGC)

Kristi Estes announced that FGC's annual fund is continuing, they have almost met their fundraising goal. She encouraged Friends to contribute financially to FGC and reported that donations contributed by the end of September will be matched by a donor.

Kristi reminded friends of the FGC bookstore and their recent publication *Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship*. The authors will be speaking in Atlanta and Savannah shortly.

123-16 Ministry and Nurture Committee Report

Kristi Estes reported the Ministry and Nurture Committee (M&N) will meet with Birmingham Friends on Tenth Month 10, 2009. M&N meets quarterly and welcomes invitations from Meetings to visit and worship. Contact Judy Geary if your Meeting wishes to extend an invitation.

Two Friends have requested and received funds for spiritual development. Presently, Chattanooga Monthly Meeting and the Yearly Meeting are supporting Marilyn Sizer's study at the Earlham School of Religion. Friends are encouraged to apply for Spiritual Development funds after they have gone through a discernment process in their local meeting.

Ministry and Nurture is planning on developing another State of the Yearly Meeting report. Monthly Meetings are requested to submit their 2009 State of the Meeting reports no later than April 9, 2010. [Attachment 7 – Ministry and Nurture Report]

123-17 Yearly Meeting Planning Committee Report

Kristi Estes reported the YMPC had reviewed the evaluations from the 2009 Yearly Meeting. In general, people were pleased with workshops, facilities and food. The golf cart system was appreciated and will continue to be developed. Other ways to make the yearly meeting accessible and welcoming to all will be a priority. Fees did not seem a barrier for participation. The committee hopes to retain a similar fee structure next year, pending final negotiation with the college. A contract with Warren Wilson College is being developed. The committee will continue working on the online registration system.

The theme for our 2010 yearly meeting will concern clearness and discernment, involving process, spiritual nurture and conflict. The basic structure of evening programs will be retained with a panel, speaker and talent show. Drama is anticipated. Friends are encouraged to submit workshop proposals to Kristi Estes or Sharon Annis.

The planning committee will be meeting again in December to continue their planning.

123-17 Closing Minute of Thanks to Crossville Monthly Meeting

Minute 123-20-01. SAYMA representative body offers our thanks to Crossville and Cookeville Monthly meetings for their generous hospitality, loving attention and

wonderful food. It is always a deep treasure to be among Friends and discern how the spirit moves.

123-21: Next Meeting.

If it is in accord with Divine will, our next meeting will be held Third Month 6, 2010 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Dennis Gregg, Clerk
(archive copy signed)

Bill Holland, Recording Clerk
(archive copy signed)

Attachment 1: Attendance at Representative Meeting #123

1. Chris Berg – Greenville
2. Shawn Chavis - Birmingham
3. Carol Ciscel - Memphis
4. David Ciscel – Memphis
5. Hank Fay - Berea
6. Dennis Gregg – Crossville
7. Kristi Estes – Oxford
8. John Geary - Boone
9. Dennis Gregg - Crossville
10. Bill Holland – Atlanta
11. Tim Lamm - Berea
12. Jere Licciardello - Chattanooga
13. Kathleen Mavournin West Knoxville
14. Deanna Nipp-Kientz - Cookeville
15. Liz Perch – Savannah/Admin Asst
16. Susan Phelan – Huntsville
17. Kit Potter – Nashville
18. John Potter - Nashville
19. Sally Prugh – Columbia
20. Roy Taylor – Centon Worship Group
21. Linda Trask - Nashville
22. Adrienne Weir – Asheville
23. Bob Welsh – Swannanoa Valley
24. Bill Wolfe - Nashville
25. Ceal Wutka – Atlanta
26. Mark Wutka - Atlanta

Attachment 2: Treasurer's Report



Deanna Nipp-Kientz, Treasurer & Peter Furst, Assistant Treasurer

Treasurer's Report for September 2009 Representative Meeting
Prepared Saturday, September 5, 2009

Our 2009 fiscal year budget runs from October 1, 2008, through September 30, 2009. This year's Budget is based on a \$60 assessment. Attached please find (1) the budget report and (2) the account balances report as of September 5, 2009.

Issues to report include:

1. In spite of the significant downturn in the national economy, SAYMA's finances are sound with \$20,312 in the checking account and \$39,328 in the two Self Help Credit Union savings accounts, giving a total of \$59,640 in net assets. A total of \$15,789 is in set aside funds (liabilities). Total income is \$74,729.47 and disbursements are \$73,221.36, with three weeks left in the fiscal year. At this point we have not achieved a draw-down in reserves planned for in the 2009 budget.
2. Income in FY2009. Assessments received total \$45,232.50 up from the \$40,850 in FY2008 and more than \$3000 above the amount projected for the year. Interest rates and income for our two savings accounts have fallen. There have been no special contributions by individual SAYMA Quakers.
3. Operational Expenses in FY2009. In several areas expenditures were less than expected: SAYF, delegates to WQO's, committees, office administration, and our directory. Cost-of-living raises were provided to both employees at the beginning of FY2009. Our employees receive a monthly payment in lieu of a benefit package. SAYMA treasurer expenses have gone well over budget because of the need to replace our previous payroll system and to purchase both checks and deposit slips this year.
4. Yearly Meeting Projects in FY2009: All contributions to Wider Quaker Organizations budgeted for FY2009 have been sent. Transfers have been made to SAYMA's Set-Aside Budgeted Funds and Accumulated Funds. As shown on the Account Balances Report, \$200 has been used from one fund, the Spiritual Development Fund.
5. Yearly Meeting. Yearly Meeting cost was \$29,255.09; total receipts were 28,688.06. Speakers expenses were significant this year.
6. SAYF continues to submit quarterly reports on their finances to the treasurer. For the first three quarters of FY2009, SAYF had an income of \$6,410 and expenditures of \$6,279.09. SAYF requested and received \$2,000 from SAYMA during the second quarter of FY 2009. The SAYF Coordinator is paid through SAYMA and appears under the personnel costs on the budget report.
7. Assessments from Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups in FY2009 were received from: **Asheville MM, Athens MM, Atlanta MM, Berea MM, Brevard MM, Birmingham MM, Celo MM, Chattanooga MM, Columbia MM, Cookeville MM, Crossville, Foxfire MM, Greenville MM, Huntsville MM, Memphis MM, Nashville, MM, Oxford MM, Swannanoa Valley MM, and West Knoxville MM.**

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SAYMA Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Report
Budget Approved at Representative Meeting September 30, 2008
to cover October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009
Report Prepared September 5, 2009

	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
	FY 2008	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2009
Income				
Assessments*	\$41,200	\$40,850.00	\$42,000	\$45,232.50
Bank Interest	\$1,200	\$1,080.76	\$900	\$808.91
Contributions	\$3,720	\$149.51	\$3,260	\$0.00
F&P Sales	\$0	\$25.05	\$250	\$0.00
Newsletter				
SAYF Receipts		\$100.00		\$0.00
YM Total Receipts	\$29,000	\$31,843.66	\$29,000	\$28,688.06
YM Receipts	\$26,000	\$29,539.14	\$26,000	\$23,430.37
YM Scholarship Donations	\$1,000	\$90.00	\$1,000	\$2,979.63
YM Book Sales	\$2,000	\$2,214.52	\$2,000	\$2,278.06
Total Income	\$75,120	\$74,048.98	\$75,410	\$74,729.47
SAYMA OPERATIONAL EXPENSES				
Yearly Meeting	\$26,900	\$30,347.26	\$28,900	\$29,255.09
Yrly Meeting - Facilities	\$20,000	\$24,390.78	\$22,000	\$21,730.93
Prtng/Mail/Phone/Minutes/Misc	\$900	\$867.67	\$900	\$2,069.84
Junior Yearly Meeting -- JYM	\$3,000	\$3,043.01	\$3,000	\$2,966.17
<i>Coordinator</i>	\$1,800	\$1,800.00	\$1,800	\$1,800.00
<i>Ass't Coordinator</i>	\$1,000	\$1,000.00	\$1,000	\$1,000.00
<i>Supplies/Sitters/Misc</i>	\$200	\$243.01	\$200	\$166.17
Scholarship WQO Reps	\$1,000		\$1,000	\$486.87
YM Bookstore	\$2,000	\$2,045.80	\$2,000	\$2,001.28
SAYF Operational Transfers	\$3,000	\$2,100.00	\$3,000	\$2,000.00
Delegate Expenses	\$6,900	\$4,400.73	\$6,900	\$5,077.53
Rep Mtgs	\$300		\$300	
Del to WQOs	\$6,600	\$4,400.73	\$6,600	\$5,077.53
Committees	\$1,800	\$1,220.42	\$2,000	\$23.44
Ministry and Nurture	\$1,000	\$972.17	\$1,200	\$0.00
Ecological Concerns	\$300		\$300	
Faith and Practice	\$400	\$248.25	\$400	\$23.44
Nominating	\$100		\$100	
SAYMA Liability Insurance	\$700	\$534.00	\$700	\$522.00
SAYMA Personnel	\$20,970	\$20,438.34	\$21,809	\$21,816.78
SAYMA Staff Training	\$100		\$100	
SAYMA Office Administration	\$3,500	\$3,393.34	\$3,500	\$1,875.41
Phone, Internet & Office Expenses		\$775.23		\$545.40
Postage		\$519.73		\$151.14
Duplication		\$645.15		\$114.75
Misc. Office & Travel		\$1,453.23		\$1,064.12
SAYMA Newsletter	\$1,400	\$539.41	\$1,300	\$1,135.94
SAYMA Directory	\$500	\$108.01	\$600	\$206.43
SAYMA Treasurer	\$250	\$72.62	\$250	\$506.84
SAYMA F&P	\$100		\$100	\$1.90
SAYMA Other Expenses**	\$0	\$95.00	\$0	
Total Operational Disbursements	\$66,120	\$63,249	\$69,159	\$62,421.36
YEARLY MEETING PROJECTS				
Transfers To Funds	\$3,700	\$3,700.00	\$4,800	\$4,800.00
Spiritual Development Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000.00	\$1,500	\$1,500.00
Released Friend Fund	\$1,000	\$1,000.00	\$1,500	\$1,500.00
FWCC - 3rd World Delegate	\$650	\$650.00	\$650	\$650.00
FWCC World Conference Fund	\$700	\$700.00	\$700	\$700.00
Youth Enrichment Fund	\$250	\$250.00	\$250	\$250.00
Young Adult Friends Scholarships	\$100	\$100.00	\$200	\$200.00
Contributions Wider Quaker Org	\$5,300	\$5,300.00	\$6,000	\$6,000.00
<i>AFSC</i>	\$600	\$600.00	\$700	\$700.00
<i>FCNL</i>	\$600	\$600.00	\$700	\$700.00
<i>FGC</i>	\$600	\$600.00	\$700	\$700.00
<i>FWCC</i>	\$600	\$600.00	\$700	\$700.00
<i>Right Sharing of World Resources</i>	\$600	\$600.00	\$700	\$700.00
<i>Quaker House</i>	\$600	\$600.00	\$700	\$700.00
<i>Friends for LGBTQ Concerns</i>	\$200	\$200.00	\$200	\$200.00
<i>Quaker Earthcare Witness</i>	\$600	\$600.00	\$700	\$700.00
<i>Friends Peace Teams</i>	\$200	\$200.00	\$200	\$200.00
<i>Wm Penn House</i>	\$200	\$200.00	\$200	\$200.00
<i>Friends Journal</i>	\$200	\$200.00	\$200	\$200.00
<i>Guilford College Archiving</i>	\$100	\$100.00	\$100	\$100.00
<i>Rural Southern Voice for Peace</i>	\$200	\$200.00	\$200	\$200.00
Other				
Total Projects	\$9,000	\$9,000.00	\$10,800	\$10,800.00
Total Disbursements	\$75,120	\$72,249.13	\$79,959	\$73,221.36
Surplus (Deficit)	\$0	\$1,799.85	(\$4,549)	\$1,508.11

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

** IRS Penalty for late payment

SAYMA Account Balances Report -- Fiscal 2009
September 5, 2009

	2005 9/30/2005	2006 9/30/2006	2007 9/30/2007	2008 9/30/2008	2009 9/5/2009
Assets					
Bank Accounts					
Checking (Bank of America)	\$9,167	\$17,299	\$17,660	\$15,013	\$20,312
Money Market (Self Help)*	\$9,514	\$16,086	\$21,978	\$22,640	\$22,953
Savings (Self Help CD)*	\$5,000	\$5,098	\$10,386	\$15,933	\$16,375
Total Available Funds	\$23,681	\$38,483	\$50,024	\$53,587	\$59,640
Liabilities					
Set Aside Budgeted Funds					
FWCC Third World Delegate	\$1,300	\$0	\$650	\$1,300	\$1,950
FWCC World Conference Fund after 2008 (FWCC Triennial Fund through 2008)	\$1,667	\$2,367	\$1,067	\$1,767	\$2,467
Released Friend	\$3,050	\$3,150	\$3,350	\$4,350	\$5,850
Spiritual Development	\$582	\$982	\$822	\$327	\$1,627
Youth Enrichment Fund	\$1,645	\$1,895	\$2,145	\$2,395	\$2,645
Young Adult Friends Scholarship	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800	\$1,000
Accumulated Funds					
YM Scholarship	\$596	\$663	\$0	\$0	\$0
SAYF Scholarship Fund	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Claims against Available Funds	\$9,590	\$9,907	\$8,984	\$11,189	\$15,789
Net Assets = Assets - Liabilities	\$14,091	\$28,575	\$41,040	\$42,398	\$43,851
Fund Expenses in Fiscal Year					
Net 2005 YM Scholarship Fund	\$94.00				
Spiritual Development Fund 2 delegates to World Gathering of Quaker Youth	(\$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)	
Spiritual Development Fund -- Earlham Scholarship 8/1/2009					(\$200)
Total	(\$1,906)	(\$2,050)	(\$3,323)	(\$1,495)	(\$200)

*FY2009 interest flow reported on the budget page. Totals on this page reflect interest earned also.

Attachment 3: Faith and Practice Revision Committee Report

Proposed Revision to Faith and Practice, August 2009¹

Community

“As many candles, lighted and put in one place, do greatly augment the light, and make it more to shine forth, so when many are gathered together in the same life there is more of the glory of God.”
Robert Barclay (1678)

"When we focus on our oneness and unity in the Love that is God, it's tempting to believe that we will all live happily ever after together, with never an unkind word or misunderstanding, much less legitimate complaints, anger or real nastiness. The challenge of course is to hold up and live out the vision while acknowledging and accepting the reality of our own flawed humanity and that of those we live with."

Patricia Loring, *Listening Spirituality: Corporate Practice Among Friends*
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Community is one of the important foundations of Quakerism. This testimony arises from our experience that a group worshipping together encounters God. Since the first generation, Friends have had a practice of discernment where unity is the focus, looking not only to individual inspirations but also to the movement of the Spirit in their midst. Friends followed this practice in meetings for worship with a concern for business. It was not the person with the most money, age, or length of history with Friends who made the decisions; it was the group as a whole that discerned the will of God. That sense of the meeting, that Spirit which the worshippers recognized in unity, was the authority.

All Friends are bound together in community by our shared seeking of the Light. Our life together is grounded in the practice of listening deeply to each other and looking truthfully at how we live in the world. It is the task of the meeting community to affirm, inspire, and hold each of us accountable in our faithfulness to God's leadings.

Ministering to each other's spiritual and material needs builds and nurtures community. Both requesting and giving assistance are essential aspects of Friends' life together; taking a warm, personal interest in one another's welfare strengthens the meeting and the individuals alike. Such assistance may take the form of a clearness committee, financial or other material aid, or other appropriate help. Friends also provide spiritual and emotional support by holding in the Light those experiencing special hardship or joy. When we join in service and support, whether in our home communities, in the wider community or in the world, we express our love for God and one another as well as recognizing and experiencing God's gifts to us.

¹ Approved by SAYMA Faith and Practice Revision Committee, August 2009 for circulation to monthly meetings for comment. Comments on this section due to committee by December 2009.

Every community experiences difficulties and it is important to avoid the temptation to “sweep them under the rug.” Open recognition of and respect for differences, forthright sharing, and sincere corporate reflection strengthen meetings and provide ways to resolve conflicts in a direct and loving manner. Conflicts affecting entire meetings may be addressed through threshing sessions or worship sharing. SAYMA’s Ministry and Nurture Committee is available for help with conflicts among Friends. For conflicts between individual Friends, a clearness committee may be helpful. It is Quaker practice to prefer mediation or negotiation, avoiding litigation, to resolve disputes. Harmony emerges not merely from coming to understanding and resolution but also from the mutual search for the truth conducted in a spirit of tender listening and care. The unity we seek is not sameness of belief, but the oneness of people drawn together in love and concern for each other, grounded in the Spirit.

We want our meetings to be affirming and nurturing, but if we expect that we will always feel safe and comfortable there, we risk becoming unwilling to welcome Friends different from ourselves. The practice of inclusivity challenges each of us in different ways to reach past our limiting assumptions and fears to find the Light in others. When we do so, we find aspects of the Light we did not expect: the diversity of our community may be greater than we can easily accept. It is painful to admit that we often fail to live up to our aspirations. Our meetings are often homogeneous – socially, politically, racially, spiritually, and in other respects. The process of inclusion, though it requires adjustments from each of us, gives us all a deeper experience of the Spirit.

Quaker community extends beyond the monthly and yearly meetings. Yearly meeting sessions and committee work, inter-meeting visitations, regional gatherings, visiting other monthly and yearly meetings, and participation in Wider Quaker Organizations are all opportunities for Friends to find nurture, spiritual growth and fellowship. The interconnectedness of all life continues to call Friends to be full participants in the universal community. Our understanding of God’s love does not stop at the meetinghouse door. Everywhere we go, Friends strive to build the blessed community, which some Friends call “the Peaceable Kingdom.” Our testimonies of peace, equality, integrity, simplicity and community mean little unless they are practiced in relation to all.

Attachment 4: FWCC Hosting

The Southeastern Region of Friends World Committee for Consultation Section of the Americas (FWCC-SOA) tries to have a gathering each year. It is SAYMA's turn to host the gathering in the fall of 2010.

Regional gatherings are not business sessions. Rather, they are more like a retreat or small conference with a program that is of interest to Friends from various traditions. A regional planning committee will plan the program for the gathering and invite speakers. However, we need a monthly meeting to host the gathering.

The gathering will be open to all Friends. FWCC representatives from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, North Carolina Yearly Meeting (FUM), North Carolina Yearly Meeting Conservative, SAYMA, Jamaica Yearly Meeting and Southeast Yearly Meeting will likely attend as well as perhaps a representative from the national office. Local Friends and other SAYMA Friends are also invited to attend. Getting to know Quakers from other yearly meeting and other Friends traditions can be an enriching experience for you and your meeting.

Responsibilities for Monthly Meetings who would host a regional FWCC Gathering:

1. Provide hospitality for approximately 30 guests including breakfast and a potluck meal. People would arrive Friday evening or early Saturday morning.
2. Provide a meeting space for Friday evening, Saturday morning and Saturday evening.
3. Suggest sites of interest in the surrounding areas for field trips for Saturday afternoon.
4. Invite members of their monthly meeting to attend.

We ask that you bring this to your monthly meeting to see if you feel led to host this gathering.

Tim Lamm and Sallie Prugh,
SAYMA Reps to FWCC

Attachment 5 – Finance Committee Report

Finance Committee Report September 12, 2009

Between presentation of the draft FY 2010 budget at Yearly Meeting and the proposed budget presented at the Representative's Meeting, one adjustment was made in the amount budgeted, an increase of \$350 to the Treasurer's allocation to cover the costs involved with implementing a necessary and new check writing system, and other necessary supplies.

Funds were reallocated from the Administrator's budget to the Yearly Meeting operational budget to more accurately record the costs of printing materials for Yearly Meeting.

The Finance Committee will meet early in the new year to prepare the preliminary budget for FY 2011, review our planning process, and explore ways to interact more directly with Monthly Meetings. The committee will also assess SAYMA's surplus funds, reserve levels, and monitor any impacts the wider budget crisis might be having on expected revenue.

The committee welcomes questions, concerns or suggestions at any time. Please feel free to contact any committee member.

Susan Phelan, clerk, Huntsville Area Friends Meeting
Kendall Ivie, West Knoxville Friends Meeting
LeeAnn Swarm, West Knoxville Friends Meeting
Julia Sibley-Jones, Columbia Friends Meeting

Attachment 7: Ministry and Nurture Committee Report

SAYMA Ministry and Nurture (M&N) Committee Report Fall Representatives Meeting, 9/12/09 Crossville, TN

- SAYMA M&N Committee will have our fall meeting in Birmingham on October 10. We are looking forward to our time together, as well as to fellowship and worship with Birmingham Friends.
- We are requesting that Friends within other monthly meetings consider inviting M&N to meet in their communities. We meet in the fall, spring, and winter. Please write Judy Guerry, Clerk of M&N, at guershea@hiwaay.net to find out about availability of dates and to explore any questions that you may have about ways that we might be together with your monthly meeting.
- Also, we have received requests for financial assistance from Friends for spiritual development that we will consider next month in Birmingham. We will gladly consider other requests for financial help from Friends who have gone through a clearness process within their meetings. We are providing support for Marilyn Sizer's studies at Earlham School of Religion (ESR), joining with Chattanooga Friends in support of her leading. Please send requests for financial assistance to the clerk of M&N.
- M&N plans to write another State of the Yearly Meeting Report next spring. We ask that meetings provide their State of the Meeting Reports (**no later than 4/9/10**) to Liz Perch, SAYMA Administrative Assistant (adminassist@sayma.org). Also, we request that meetings send to M&N any queries that have been helpful (or that you think **may be helpful**) to monthly meetings in the writing of State of the Monthly Meeting Reports. Please send those queries to M&N Clerk (or to Liz P.) by **December 12** so that we may collect, synthesize, and send them out to all monthly meetings.

Report respectfully submitted by Judy Guerry, Clerk, SAYMA M&N Committee