

South Berkeley Worship Group

Notes of business session held March 13, 1976 at San Lomond, California

-The first topic of discussion was that of clarifying our feelings about our relationship with Berkeley Meeting.

- After a fruitful discussion it was decided that we would have a committee look into the alternatives we have to bring under the care of Berkeley Meeting.

-The committee will consist of John Bird, Mike Turner, Caroline Cox and Penny Jennings.

-The above committee will report to the Worship Group by approximately mid-May.

-Friends expressed the following needs and feelings about what they seek in this Worship Group.

-To be a part of the Society of Friends

-To not be a burden on Berkeley Meeting

-To keep ties with other Friends groups (i.e. Quarterly and Yearly Meetings).

-To be able to become a member of a Meeting (feeling that Friend is not clear in becoming a member of Berkeley Meeting).

-Friends expressed the following hopes for the direction that this Worship Group will move in.

-Become a Preparative Meeting

-That the group not become too formalized, but focus on continuing to grow as a spiritual community.

-We should attempt to share our strengths with Berkeley Meeting, possibly by each of us attending there at least once a month.

-To become a Monthly Meeting.

-We are not ready for too much formalization.

-We should make a break from Berkeley Meeting.

-We are already in the process of preparing to become a Monthly Meeting.

-We don't need to make any changes from our present situation.

-Would like to have a group which Friend could join. We don't have to necessarily get bogged down by the bureaucracy that we have seen in other Meetings.

-Friend has mixed feelings.

-We should follow the Light.

-Beth Mills will help to coordinate rides to Worship on First Day for those who need them. Friends who can offer rides and Friends in need of same should contact her.

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March 26th South Berkeley Worship Group

Meeting for Business was opened by Bruce Sunstien acting as convener and Callie Wilson acting as recording clerk after a period of silence.

Childcare - It was agreed that Susis Nehmer will act as childcare co-ordinator and that children will be specifically encouraged to attend the first fifteen minutes of Meeting for Worship. Childcare has been planned for the next three months on an overlapping two week basis, so that the children will have continuity of care, and it is agreed that members of the meeting will provide this care on a rotating basis.

A First-day school/ childcare workshop is planned for Sunday, April 25th after meeting for worship (bring bag lunch) to discuss plans for curriculum, a log of childcare activities, family hour, pre-prepared kits and lesson plans for firstday school use. See Beth Mills, Mary Miche, or Cathy Barnhart if you have further suggestions.

Transportation - It was agreed that Beth Mills would continue to act as transportation co-ordinator. Anyone desiring or knowing of a need for transportation should contact her.

Hospitality - discussion postponed

Correspondant, Assistant correspondant and recording clerk It was agreed that Bruce Sunstien, John Byrd, and Caroline Cox would fill these positions respectively, and that in six months time this would be re-evaluated. The duties of correspondant were stated to be those of opening meeting and overseeing the physical details of arranging for meeting, and clerking business sessions, and of being our liason with Berkeley Meeting. The asisstant is named as the first person for the correspondant to contact if unable to perform duties. The recording clerk will record the minutes of meetings for business and establish a notebook of minutes so that minutes can be located.

Organization. Where are we headed? It was agreed that a Study Committee be formed, of John Byrd, Caroline Cox, Penny Jennings, and Mike Turner, with John as convener. The Committee is established not for decision making but for research, to answer the many questions which came up at Ben Lomond when we considered our options. In particular, points of order relating to worship groups, preparatory meetings and becoming a meeting are desired. The committee was directed to explore the experiences of friends who had been involved in forming meetings, Larry Perry and John Ullman in particular.

Visitation as a concern of Pacific Yearly Meeting It was brought to our attention that the yearly meeting ^{visitation} visiting committee thought it would be salutatory for friends to use visitation as a means of spiritual growth. ~~1/2~~ We agreed that visitors are welcome, but our lack of unity about the direction we should take made this a poor time for a visitation. The thought was expressed that our lack of resolution is perhaps just the kind of situation an outside, visiting Friend could bring light to. The question of visitation was delegated to the study committee to consider as a means for gathering information and clarifying our options.

Next Meeting for Business is scheduled for Friday May 14th, Potluck at 6:00, Mtg at 7:30, at the Sunstiens. Maps will be provided.

MEETING was closed with a period of silence. Gratitude was expressed for care, love, tenderness, humor and dispatch of the business session.

South Berkeley Worship Group

Business Meeting, Friday May 14, 1976

Held in the home of Bruce and Susan Sunstein

- The meeting opened with a moment of silence, following a call for agenda items by Convenor Bruce Sunstein.
- Larry Perry made an announcement about the Friends Bulletin and its potential interest and value for all of us. Anyone interested in subscribing should contact Larry.
- The latter part of the article, "As a Wordly Assembly or in the Wisdom, Love and Fellowship of God?" by Madge Seaver, from the March issue of the Bulletin was read.
- The minutes from our business meeting of March 26th were read and approved with the following correction; Under the paragraph labeled, "Visitation as a concern of Pacific Yearly Meeting", it should read, "Yearly Meeting Visitation Committee."
- It was decided that the Recording Clerk could decide whether or not to post the minutes of each business meeting.
- The Committee on Inquiry (aka Study Committee) submitted its report (see attachment).
- Also reported on was the meeting between John Bird, acting as a member of the Inquiry Committee and the Ministry and Oversight Committee of Berkeley Meeting.
 - It was suggested that a joint committee be formed to consider the relationship between the Meeting and the Worship Group.
 - If we do decide to request Preparative Meeting status, we would send a letter to Berkeley Meeting.
 - The question was raised, what does "under the care of" really mean?
- After a brief period of question relating to the report of the Inquiry Committee, we utilized the dialogue form to allow each of us to respond.
- There was no unity in the responses.
 - Some Friends feel that we are ready to request Preparative Meeting status, while other Friends do not yet feel comfortable with making any change in our status.
- There was a general feeling that we do need to become better acquainted with each other.
- It was suggested that we should delve more deeply into our purpose and direction as a group. Along the same line, it was suggested that we seek to deepen our meeting for worship.
- One Friend reminded us that our main focus should be on the Meeting for Worship.
- Another Friend expressed a concern that there were not enough of us present

to comprise a representative part of the whole Worship Group.

- No decision was made regarding the report of the Inquiry Committee.
- It was decided that we should set a date for further discussion for our direction and goals. This was put off until Sunday May 16.
- The question of where we are going to meet during the summer was also put off until Sunday next.
- The meeting closed with a moment of silence.

NOTES OF MEETING SUNDAY MAY 16, 1976

- It was decided that we should postpone our discussion of our direction and goals until the ~~FALL~~ fall. No date was set. It was suggested that in the intervening months we work on getting to know each other better and conduct some study and discussion groups.
- As the Perry's will be gone from about mid-June to mid-August, the following places were set for our Meetings for Worship.

June - Nemir's home

July - John McCarthy's home

August - Sunstein's ~~MM~~ home

All potlucks and business meetings will be held at the Bird's home.

It was tentatively ~~agor~~ set that we will resume meeting at the Perry's in September.

- June 4, 1976 - Potluck and dialouge at the Bird"s. Potluck at 6:00
Dialogue at 7:30.

REPORT FROM THE
COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY

SEVERAL OPTIONS SEEM TO BE OPEN TO THE SOUTH BERKELEY WORSHIP GROUP. AFTER MEETING WITH FRIENDS AND ATTENDERS OF BERKELEY AND OTHER MEETINGS, AND AFTER STUDYING THE DISCIPLINE, THE COMMITTEE SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS, WITH SOME OF THE RESTRICTIONS, ADVANTAGES, AND DISADVANTAGES OF EACH.

- OPTION I: Remain a worship group under the care of Berkeley Meeting. This is not a do-nothing option. If we decide to remain under the care of the Vine street meeting, we must assume the responsibilities of membership in that Monthly Meeting. This implies obligations of a financial as well as a spiritual nature. Those of us who seek an active position in the Society will seek it through Berkeley Meeting.
- OPTION II: Renounce all connections with local Friends' meetings as such and become an association of like-minded worshippers under the care of no official Quaker group. This option would allow us at a later date to request visitation and potentially membership in any yearly, quarterly, or monthly meeting anywhere in the United States. As a sub-option under this heading, we might renounce all ties but those of Pacific Yearly Meeting or of the Wider Fellowship of Friends.
- OPTION III: Request Preparatory^{ive} Meeting status from:
A: Berkeley Monthly Meeting. While under the care of Berkeley Meeting, we would be eligible not only for financial assistance but also for the services performable only by a Monthly Meeting, i.e. weddings, deaths and membership. We would hold responsibilities and communication with that meeting.
B: Quarterly Meeting. We would not have any of the services available as from monthly meeting, but our ties with the Berkeley Meeting would be, officially at least, severed.
C: Both Berkeley and Quarterly Meeting. The major advantage to this option is that it allows us more than one source of conceived truth--a larger range of Friends and ideas, as we develop towards a Monthly Meeting.
- NOTE: It is the opinion of a number of people to whom we have spoken that we are acting very much like a preparatory meeting in fact if not in letter. The formation of child care groups, the Committee of Inquiry, the presence of Clerk, Alternate Clerk, etc., all bespeak a quality of organization and community beyond that of a Worship group.
- OPTION IV: Request Monthly Meeting status immediately from either Berkeley Monthly Meeting or from the Quarterly Meeting. Clearly this requires a considerable degree of organization and preparedness on our parts.

John Bird
~~Carolyn~~ Cox
Michael Turner
Penny Jennings

Meeting for business - 9/26/76 - South Berkeley
Worship Group.

In view of the many ~~matters~~ concerns requiring consideration, we scheduled another meeting for business after meeting for worship, 10/3/76.

Jim, Cathy and Jonathan agreed to serve on a committee to consider alternatives for a fall and spring retreats to be discussed at meeting for business on 10/3/76.

The request from the Nominating committee of Berkeley monthly meeting that South Berkeley Worship group name a representative to serve on the Ministry and Oversight committee of the Berkeley monthly meeting was discussed. The concern was expressed that naming such a representative should be postponed until after the worship group had considered the question of the future direction of the group. Many were concerned that there may be division or distance between the monthly meeting and the worship group. It was suggested that neither the monthly meeting nor the worship group may be quite ~~so~~ sure of its responsibilities towards the other, and our need to correspond more regularly with the monthly meeting was stressed. It was suggested that the Nominating committee's request could be

seen as a desire for more communication. A decision was laid over until the next meeting for business.

As we are completing our first six months of cooperative child care, an evaluation of our experience is needed. Almost all regular attenders had taken on child care responsibilities. Though the experience was generally positive for the adults, it was of varied value for the kids.

Some of the problems were:

1. kids are of different ages and need different levels of structured activities.
2. Goanna was not comfortable with the fact that tenders and houses were constantly changing. Also that different kids came on different weeks added to the unfamiliarity of the situation for her.
3. Anticipated bad weather will limit options for activities.

Options for future:

1. allow children to enter and leave meeting for worship at will provided that they understand that a choice to enter meeting means a choice to be as quiet as possible, and provided they don't enter and leave too frequently.
 - a. disadvantage - may distract those in meeting, particularly the child's parents.
 - b. advantage - gives child a chance to share

by choice in meeting for worship, and makes being with child-care person more of a positive choice for the child rather than something she or he must do.

2. Paying someone (probably a non-friend) to provide child care would have the advantage of providing a regularly attending person for the children (though the place of the meeting and the ~~different~~ children attending would still vary from week to week). Friends were divided on this option, some wanting to provide child care from within our community.

3. Continuing with our present arrangement except lengthening to at least a month the consecutive 1st days each ~~of~~ child care person would serve. It was felt this might be ideal if there were friends who really wanted to do it, but that lacking that desire, such an arrangement would not work well at all.

It was decided that kids would be welcome to sit in meeting for worship as they pleased on a trial basis. Child care would be provided as previously except that no structured activity would be expected. Perhaps each child could bring a bag of her/his toys to play with. The decision whether or not to hire a child care person was postponed until after

we've had a chance to experience this new arrangement.

The possibilities for future directions of the ~~meeting~~ worship group were briefly outlined for friend's consideration during the coming week. These were:

1. remaining a worship group under the care of Berkeley meeting.
2. becoming a preparatory meeting under the care of Berkeley meeting
3. becoming a preparatory meeting under the care of Quarterly meeting.
4. asking to become a monthly meeting.

Meeting for business closed with a brief period of silent worship.

Jim Barnard

South Berkeley Worship Group
Business Session
October 3, 1977
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- Kathy Barnhart announced that she will have a slide show party on 10-22 to show her slides from her recent trip to Haiti.
- Bruce Sunstein, convenor reviewed the agenda items and asked for additions or corrections.
- The ad hoc Retreat Committee gave it's report. It was recommended that we have a one day local retreat in November the emphasis of which will be to enhance the spiritual life of our community. After a discussion of various technicalities it was approved that we hold a retreat on Sunday November 7 following the recommendation of the Retreat Committee. Discussion and decision making about the agenda items for the retreat will be held Sunday October 24 following the rise of worship. The Retreat Committee agreed to continue and to act as co-ordinators for the upcoming retreat.
- Jim Barnard read the minutes of the last business session which was held Sunday October 17. They were approved with the following addition: The new system for Child Care will be reviewed in three months.
- Future of this group. We spent a good amount of time in the discussion of the direction which this group will take. From the outset it was agreed that this group would continue, the discussion focused on which specific structural form we ought to adopt. After much discussion it was approved that we become a Preparative Meeting and request to be under the care of Berkeley Meeting.
- After very little discussion it was approved that we change our name to Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting.
- It was approved that a committee consisting of Bruce Sunstein, Barbara Perry, Phil Nemir and John Bird would write a letter to Berkeley Meeting to request Preparative Meeting status and that would go to Ministry and Oversight Committee meeting this week to present our request in person. The above committee was also requested to write a letter to the Nominating Committee of Berkeley Meeting explaining that we have not filled the position on Ministry and Oversight Committee because of the change in our status.
- Where to meet for worship. We approved that it become our policy to alternate between the available houses on a rotating basis for a period of 2 months at each house. A schedule of locations was agreed upon (see attached).
- We discussed an idea which was brought by several of us on the matter of our corporate responsibility to minister to the concerns of any one of us. This writer feels it too difficult to simply summarize that discussion and so will not attempt to do so. It was agreed that we would season the ideas raised and take action at some unspecified later date.
- After being reminded that we had run over our time, by our bodies as well as by our peers the meeting was closed with a brief period of silence.

Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting
Meeting for Business, December 3, 1976

- Tim and Betty Hall will be having a Christmas Tree decorating party on Sunday the 12th of Dec. from about 2 'til 5, at 3001 College in Berkeley.
- We will have a Christmas Party at the Perry's on Dec. 21, potluck to begin at 6:15. Friends will help with the clean-up as the Perry's will be providing dishes and drinks.
- We discussed the upcoming visit by the Brinton Visitor, Ed Morganroth. Ed has offered us the dates May 3 & 4, 1977. Bruce will write a letter to clarify further plans we may make. A copy of Bruces letter will be posted on the bulletin board.
- Our next meeting for business will be held on January 23, following Meeting for Worship at the Perry's. Bring bag lunch.
- It was approved that we should have a separate list of our participants within the Berkeley Meeting Directory. Caroline Cox and Larry Perry will get together to compile such a list.
- As part of our ong going discussion as to how we should organize ourselves, we had an extensive discussion of the concept of having a nominating committee. No action taken.
- John Bird resigned as Assistant Correspondent and it was approved that for the time being, our Correspondent Bruce Sunstein would be free to ask whom ever he choses to cover for him when ever he is unable to function as our Correspondent.
- Caroline Cox resigned as Recording Person, and Kathy Barnhart agreed to fill the position until such time as we choose new officers.

The meeting ended with a period of silence.

STRAWBERRY CREEK PREPARATIVE MEETING --Meeting for Business 1/23/77

(Larry Perry, Acting Clerk; John McCarthy, Acting Recording Clerk)

Meeting of December 3 minutes were read and approved.

John McCarthy has prepared an address list; corrections will be noted on the bulletin board

Each person present gave a brief summary of their experience and affiliation with Friends.

After considerable discussion, the meeting decided upon the following procedures for the nomination and selection of officers:

1. To name a minimum of three persons to constitute the core of an ad hoc nominating committee.
2. That this committee will also include any other members of the meeting who wish to participate on it.
3. That the committee will meet following meeting for worship on January 30 and other times as necessary.
4. That this committee will consult with other members and meet as necessary, and make a report to the next Meeting for Business on February 27, following the rise of Meeting for Worship.
5. That the initial core members of the ad hoc nominating committee will be Susan Nemir, John McCarthy, Barbara Perry, and George Mills (if George agrees)
6. That the committee will prepare brief job descriptions and recommend persons for the following positions: Clerk; Recording Clerk; Transportation Coordinator

Susan Nemir will continue to coordinate childcare through March, pending our decision on what type of arrangements we want to make for children in the future.

John McCarthy will prepare a written description of our experimental method for dealing with problems of Ministry and Oversight.

The agenda for our next Meeting for Business on February 27 will include nomination and selection of officers; childcare/first day program; newsletter. Other possible agenda items which may be considered if time permits, or postponed if not, include "a regular meeting for business," "what it means to be 'under the care of' Berkeley Meeting," "the size of our meeting," "Quaker dialogs, reading and discussion groups," "the meaning of membership", "retreats",

During the month of February, Meeting for Worship will be at Lea Burroughs' home, 2323 Ward Street.

Meeting for Business

Feb. 27, 1977

Lea Burrough's

Minutes were read and approved for last meeting for business.

~~Other agenda items~~

Other agenda item: meeting with Ed Morgenroth.

Approved to meet at McCarthy/Barnhart household for March & April. Transportation will be arranged by the transportation coordinator.

Another meeting for business was scheduled for Mar. 27. It was decided that the last Sunday of each month would be scheduled for meeting for business, unless there is no business, in which case, the meeting would not be held.

George Mills gave the Nominating Com. report. Susie Nemir requested that her name be left off the Nominating Committee report because of dissatisfaction with the way in which the Nominating Committee functioned. A major concern was that the Nominating Committee didn't seek adequate input from the group at large. This issue was discussed. No one present at the meeting spoke of feeling left out of the nominating process. Lea Burroughs suggested that in the future the Nominating Committee should actively solicit opinions and comments of concern; that the Nominating Committee meetings be open to any attenders of this meeting and announced as such, and that the seeking of comments preserves the discretion for which the committee was formed. Discretion can be achieved by listening to comments rather than engaging in an evaluation of nominees with non-committee members. (This was a concern, not a minute.)

Mike Turner requested that we have a dialog on the subject of the nomination of officers.

Kathy Barnhart volunteered for Child Care Coordinator to replace Susie Nemir.

George Mills requested that the meeting discuss the nomination for clerk. A discussion followed.

The nominations of Barabara Perry for Clerk and Wendy Carson for Recording Clerk were approved by the Meeting. Descriptions of these positions are to be posted on the bulletin board so that they can be approved or modified at the next Business Meeting.

Larry Perry was nominated for Transportation Coordinator. Jonathon Harris was nominated also. He was approved for the position.

This Meeting minutes its appreciation to Beth Mills for her past efforts in the position of Transportation Coordinator and thanked her for offering to hold this job until the vacancy was filled.

Childcare was discussed. Susie Nemir reviewed how the Meeting has handled its responsibility for childcare during the past ~~two years~~+. The question of paying an outside individual to handle childcare came up. It was generally recognized that there are two aspects to

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childcare: one involving babies and very young children, the other involving older children. Barbara Perry suggested that we might use materials from the Friends' General Conference on First Day programs. It was approved that Kathy Barnhart be involved with the selection of volunteers. Pat Dienstfry, Susie Nemir, Sue Burr, Kathy Barnhart, and possibly Lynn Byrd (not present) agreed to comprise a committee to secure materials for developing a childcare program. Childcare will continue in its present form until the committee can report to the Meeting at the next Business Meeting. The question of whether to hire a person for childcare of the younger children was laid over until next Business Meeting. Betty Hall raised the issue of whether or not children should sit in the first or last part of the Meeting. It was agreed that this item should be laid over until April as it has been discussed in past Business Meetings.

Berkeley meeting will have a retreat with Redwood Forest Meeting April 30-May 1. Interested friends were to see Larry Perry.

An Ed Morgenroth Committee was formed of Larry Perry and Mike Turner to discuss topic, format, transportation, and accommodations. Other members could be added as it felt moved and report is to be at the next Business Meeting. This committee will be responsible for communicating with Ed Morgenroth.

It was boisterously approved that Bruce Sunstein be commended for his service as Clerk of the Worship Group and Preparative Meeting and we wish him best wishes in his new life.

Meeting closed with Silence.

Phil Nemir and Kathy Barnhart
(smn)

Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting

Barbara Perry - M. Michele

Minutes of the Meeting for Business, April 24, 1977, at the Nemirs' home.
Barbara Perry, Clerk; Phil Nemir and Mary Miche, acting as Recording Clerk.
* Items to be taken up at a later business meeting

Minutes of the March business meeting were read and approved as corrected.

- * Ministry and Oversight - The distinction was made between the functions of ministry and oversight. The experimental procedure used in the past was discussed. It was felt by some that although this procedure dealt effectively with personal problems, it may be lacking in providing oversight for the Meeting as a whole.

After lengthy and difficult discussions it was minuted that the question of Helping Groups and the function of Ministry and Oversight will be put aside for discussion at the next monthly business meeting, in May, and that the present procedure for personal helping groups will continue in the interim. In addition we are asking the adult study group to discuss the history, etc. of Helping Groups and Ministry and Oversight.

Adult Study Group - Phil Nemir will be the leader. It was minuted that Phil would post a note on the board at next meeting giving the time and place of the first study group meeting.

Ed Morganroth visit - A list of times and places where Ed Morganroth will meet with members of Strawberry Creek is to be posted on the bulletin board.

Report of the First Day School Committee - The committee recommended that a paid person be hired to take care of toddlers during Meeting for Worship. \$5 per meeting was a suggested rate of pay. It was minuted that the Meeting is united on the principle that a paid person should be hired to take care of toddlers, and that the First Day School Committee will be responsible for hiring the person. It was agreed that members of this Meeting will contribute money to pay the individual.

- * Retreat - Kesa Noda and Mary Miche will work on a Retreat Committee. It was approved that the Committee look into a fall weekend retreat and report back to the May monthly meeting for business.

May - June Meeting for Worship will be held at the Nemirs' home.

- * May Business Meeting will be May 29.

Relationship to Berkeley Monthly Meeting - Anyone interested in being on Berkeley Meeting committees should see Lynn Byrd who is on their nominating committee.

- * Finances - A number of topics to be discussed were raised, including whether we should assume the costs incurred by Berkeley for dues to Quarterly, Yearly, and for the Friends Bulletin; how we will pay for the newsletter and the First Day School paid person; whether we should have a scholarship fund for school and retreat attendance; and what structure we should set up for handling finances.

Meeting approved that John Bird be the person to communicate with the Berkeley Meeting treasurer, to keep track of the money and be authorized to withdraw it. Barbara Perry will be the back-up person for this job. This arrangement will be temporary, until we discuss finances further in September.

- * Which time children spend in Meeting for Worship - It was asked that we discuss whether children attend the first or last 15 minutes of meeting. Past discussions of this topic were mentioned. Since many people had already left the business meeting, the topic was put over for another meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:45

Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting
Minutes, ~~June~~ Meeting for Business
Nemirs' home

1977, May

Meeting opened with silence. The clerk read the 5th month Queries and Advice. Minutes were read and approved as corrected. A letter from Caroline Cox was read and posted. The College Park resource list was described and Friends invited to list themselves in it.

Finances - John Byrd reported that Berkeley Meeting has received \$110 in the name of Strawberry Creek. So far there have been no requests for disbursements. They should be made to John.

Education - Kathy Barnhardt says we are still looking for a permanent paid child care person. We should suggest people to her.

Adult Discussion Group - the group will next meet June 20 at Sam Cox's. Those wanting help with transportation should check with Jonathan Harris, Phil Nemir or Barbara Perry. The group is reading "Friends for 300 Years."

Newsletter - Appreciations were expressed and some corrections announced.

Retreat Committee - The committee now consists of Kesa Noda, Mark Beckham and Mary Miche. Next business meeting we will discuss whether we want to work together with Berkeley Meeting on a joint retreat near the end of the year. We reaffirmed plans to have our own retreat in the fall. It was suggested that Friends who would like a retreat sooner may do retreat-type things on their own, inviting others.

Address lists - New lists are available, prepared by John McCarthy.

College Park Quarterly Meeting - Many Strawberry Creek Friends attended.

State of the Meeting Report - In June we will decide our procedure for preparing it, since the Discipline gives no guidance.

Ed Morgenroth - it was asked that the minutes reflect his visit, and the discription of it in our newsletter was suggested as appropriate. It said:

"Strawberry Creek Friends met with Ed Morgenroth, Pacific Yearly Meeting's first Brinton Visitor, during a lunch, a tea and a potluck. He also came to the Men's Group, and was at Quarterly Meeting at Ben Lomond. He shared with us from his life experiences without glossing over the difficulties. He spoke of Meetings and Membership, his current travels visiting various Meetings, and of his family. He has a wonderful sense of humor, and a natural gift for using anecdotes to illustrate a point. Friends found him full of the Spirit, and able to share that with the group."

FCL Representative - Wendy Carson has been nominated to the Executive Committee of California FCL. She asked whether we would like her to serve as our Meeting Representative, rather than At Large. We put over deciding to season the question of whether we are at a point as a meeting where we want representatives to Quaker groups.

June 1977 Business Meeting

Where to Meet - We decided that the duration of our stay at a given Friend's home will be from one to three months, at the choice of the person volunteering, but with a preference for two months. The question of how to deal with growth, in terms of a large enough place or a permanent place, was put over. We will look into a Flatlands meeting place near Strawberry Lodge. We put over to season the question of meeting at or with Berkeley Meeting. We put over discussing growing or encouraging smallness.

Our new meeting schedule is:

- July - Dearborne home
- August and September - Deinstfreys
- October - Cox 's
- November and December - Perrys

Ministry and Oversight

It was minuted that we are united on forming a standing committee usually called Ministry and Oversight. We will at a later time decide on a name for this committee. Helping groups will continue as have been structured in the past. One member of 'UM&O' (Usually Ministry and Oversight) will be the liason to whom a helping committee reports when it is established and at its conclusion.

We previously discussed what a Ministry and Oversight committee does in terms of caring for the membership and oversieeing the Meeting's corporate life.- being responsible for "good order." It was felt that nurturing was the M and O function we are most in need of. Some preferred the name "Nurture Committee" ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ as more descriptive, and less likely to create a feeling of alienation or separation from M & O members who might be perceived as "weightier." Others favored keeping the name Ministry and Oversight, which has so much Quaker tradition, brining our own freshness to the name.

Although the ad hoc helping groups will report to Ministry and Oversight, a friend who would like such a group should still ask anyone in Strawberry Creek to set up a such a committee, which will meet X until the person's situation is resolved.

Relationship to Berkeley Meeting

This will be the first item of business in the June and July business meetings, for the first hour of each meeting. There was concern that bad feelings which some Friends hold toward Berkeley Meeting may be based on outdated stereotypes. Some Friends said they would like to see more interaction between Strawberry Creek and Berkeley Meetings. Pat Stewart suggested that we reopen and discuss the question of whether we would prefer to be under the care of Berkeley Meeting.

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STRAWBERRY CREEK PREPARATIVE MEETING

JULY BUSINESS MEETING JULY 31, 1977

The clerk convened the meeting at noon, after a period of worship. Seventeen people were present. The queries for the seventh month were read. The June minutes were read and approved, with a change from "should" to "hope they will" with respect to the Berkeley Meeting sending Friends to ~~the~~ Meetings for Business and Worship.

The clerk announced that ~~a~~ ^{in Marriage} ~~Committee~~ The Berkeley Meeting had formed a Committee for Clearness ^{at the request of Kathy Barnhard and John McCarthy, who intend to be married this fall}. The committee, consisting of John ~~McCarthy~~ (??), Barbara and Dick Emmons, Jonathan Harris, and Barbara B Perry, met with Kathy and John and agreed to recommend ~~to Berkeley Meeting~~ that Berkeley Meeting approve the marriage. It ~~is~~ planned to take place on First Day, Oct. 2, at 3:30 PM in Ben Lomond. Kathy requested that food for a potluck following the ceremony be brought in lieu of presents.

Merlin

A get-together, in preparation for Pacific Yearly Meeting, will take place at the Perry's, 7:30, Aug. 4.

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- ? - There was a letter from Bob Shaley of Friends Bulletin.
- ? - *PYM needs cabin program - see Gordon Bornstein.*
- *Adult Study Group meets Aug 1, 7:20 PM, Perry's.*
- *more child care people needed.*

The Ad Hoc Retreat Committee, convened by Kesa Noda, ~~reported~~ ~~that two retreats be considered.~~ ~~The first~~ had looked into two retreats, one in the fall and ~~a~~ one in the spring. After a discussion of details, the Meeting approved a minute to hold a retreat in Inverness on Oct. 29 and 30, and another in Ben Lomond on April 21, 22, and 23. The Meeting authorized the Retreat Committee to make necessary ~~deposits~~ deposits to hold these places and to decide on ~~the financial arrangements~~ suitable financial arrangements with the owners of the house in Inverness.
Reserve

A discussion of themes for the retreats, ~~for~~ which the ~~the~~ Retreat Committee had not yet ~~discussed~~ considered, included "time to play together", a meeting at the beginning of the weekend to arrive at themes, and a ~~meeting~~ special meeting prior to the retreat to discuss food and organization. In conclusion, the Meeting approved a minute that suggestions or desires for the October Retreat should be communicated to members of the Retreat Committee by writing or phone; and that these suggestions should be presented by the Retreat Committee to the ~~the~~ September Meeting for Business.

Pat Stuart announced that ~~the~~ Berkeley Meeting will hold a retreat in Berkeley, on the weekend of Sept. 24, probably running from Friday evening to the First Day Meeting for Worship. Exact information will appear in the Berk. Meeting Newsletter.

Strawberry Creek Prep. M. attenders ~~were~~ are cordially invited to participate.

Jonathan Harris was ~~add~~ added to the Retreat Committee.

The second part of the Retreat Committee's report, concerning the possibility of a joint retreat with Berkeley Meeting, led to some confusion. Some Friends had the impression that the above-mentioned Sept. retreat was ~~for~~

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by the Meeting

The second part of the Retreat Committee's report, concerning the possibility of a joint retreat ~~with Berkeley Meeting to consider the relationship between the two meetings~~ of Strawberry Creek with Berkeley Meeting to consider their relationship and the meaning of one meeting being "under the care of" another, led to ~~the~~ some confusion. Some Friends had the impression that the abovementioned Sept. retreat was for this purpose. Sheila Davis and Pat Stuart indicated that no decision had been made about the subject of the Sept. retreat; but that Strawberry Creek Friends were welcome to take part in the retreat, or in its planning. The question was then posed whether there should be a separate, joint, jointly planned retreat; which was answered in the affirmative. The Meeting requested the Clerk to communicate ~~to Berkeley Meeting~~ ~~its desire~~ to Berkeley Meeting its desire to arrange such a retreat in mid-winter. A core, but not necessarily the only topic should be the relationship between the two meetings.

The discussion of our relationship with Berkeley Meeting was then continued from June Business Meeting, and it was agreed to limit the discussion to one-half hour (which it was).

Some Friends found the lack of communication, or the confusion in communication, troubling. It was pointed out that the ~~concern of the~~ ~~Committee~~ for the care of Strawberry Creek P.M. was for general ministry and oversight; and that formal communications were the responsibility of the respective Clerks. ~~The Committee has the further~~

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The confusion seemed to arise from some messages of activities being informally carried by Committee members, such as the invitation to the Sept. Berkeley Meeting retreat. Also, various Friends' understanding of what had been decided in committee meetings were not always consistent.

There was a reiteration of a desire for motion away from any previous negative feelings toward Berkeley Meeting, and a sense that such feelings, inasmuch as they existed, should be the affair of individuals and not of this Meeting as such.

Kathy Barnhart noted that her and John's request for a Committee on Clearness required some effort on the part of Berkeley Meeting, ~~since~~ since it lay in the realm of the still undefined relationship called "under the care of". Pat Stuart suggested that such an effort was good for Berkeley Meeting.

The Meeting agreed that the Clerk should send notes of this and the June discussion to the Berkeley Ministry and Oversight Committee, and that this discussion ~~be referred also to the Joint~~ ~~Committee~~ should also be considered ^{under} with the joint retreat is discussed.

A further point was made that a dialogue needed to continue, not only regarding "under the care of", but also the fact that there could be, in the long term, two Monthly Meetings in the same geographical area.

A discussion of the ~~committee~~ as yet unnamed committee to function as a Committee on Ministry and Oversight. The Meeting approved using this name for the committee; Mark Beckham and Jim Barnard were recorded as standing aside.

The rest of the meeting was spent on the ~~pro~~ procedure and timetable for the ~~operation of the~~ process of nominating members of ~~the~~ this committee. The two basic alternatives appeared to be a Nominating Committee, such as we used last spring to ~~choose~~ nominate the Clerk, the Recording Clerk, and the Transportation Clerk, or a Committee of the Whole, which would undertake the nominations.

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Both alternatives had strong advocates. Some Friends had expressed dissatisfaction with the spring's Ad Hoc Nominating Committee, first because it did not seek out the opinions of all members Meeting members with sufficient diligence; ~~second~~ second because its ~~work~~ were not announced ~~so~~ widely enough or ~~soon~~ enough in advance. ~~the main~~

~~There was a further desire expressed that operating as an "open above-board" Committee of the Whole, though difficult, ought to be tried.~~

On the other hand, some Friends thought ~~there-w~~ it would be very ~~a~~ hard to express any uneasiness ~~in/~~ concerning nominations in a Committee of the Whole. Furthermore, it was suggested that, ~~an Ad Hoc~~ an Ad Hoc Nominating Committee would be the more expedient solution with respect to time.

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It was pointed out that the real task is to arrive at a balanced committee, rather than simply choosing "good" individuals.

~~An acceptable compromise, ~~was found between these two choices~~ summarized in the following Minute: that there shall be a ~~special~~ ~~called Meeting~~ special call to a Meeting for Business in early September, the exact date to be set ~~by the Clerk~~ by the Clerk, for the purpose of nominating names for the Committee on Ministry and Oversight. The Special Meeting shall set subsequent meetings as required, and ~~report to the September Meeting for Business~~ and should continue to meet until consensus is reached. It may report ~~to the September Meeting for Business~~ its nominations to the September Meeting for Business but is not constrained to do so, if more time is required.~~

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This Recording Clerk understood that ~~a~~ the Special Meeting's ~~committee~~ report should include a list of names of those present in the meeting.

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A further difficulty arose around the urgency with which this Special Meeting should proceed. Some Friends urged beginning in August; others ~~felt that~~ felt that such a serious matter should be begun in September, after vacations and time for ~~real~~ adequate notification.

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The Meeting ended at about 2:30 with a period of silence.

— Ed. Hazard

STRAWBERRY CREEK PREPARATIVE MEETING

MEETING FOR BUSINESS

August 28, 1977

The meeting began at noon, after a period of worship.

The minutes of the May and July Business Meetings were read and approved as corrected.

The Clerk read a letter from Peter Nutting ^{to BMM requesting membership} describing ~~and [redacted] dramatic [redacted] progress in his spiritual journey, during the time he has been attending this Meeting.~~

The Clerk ~~[redacted]~~ read a letter from Eric Moon concerning the College Park Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Oversight Committee retreat at Ben Lomond, Nov. 4-6. Later during this meeting, the Meeting approved that Mary Miche and Lynn Bird go to this ~~[redacted]~~ retreat on our behalf, and report to us on their experience.

~~[redacted]~~ The Clerk received a letter from Ellen Lyon which included the PYM Peace Committee minutes and requested a representative for that committee. The response was laid over to a future meeting.

A letter from Ruth Flower of the Friends' Committee on Legislation asked if we wish to be listed as part of the Northern California Coalition against the Death Penalty. This was laid over. Both letters were put on the bulletin Board.

A request for money from Tom Brown for ^{??}...?.... was referred to individual consideration.

The Clerk made a special call to Meeting for Business on September 11 and the rise of Meeting for Worship, to nominate undertake nominations for the Committee on Ministry and Oversight.

^{to deposit at}
Mary Miche reported for the Retreat Committee. The Inverness retreat requires ~~●~~ \$5/adult and \$2.50/child. Retreat agenda input was requested, ^{to be put on} a list on the bulletin board. She asked to know who was going as soon as possible. ~~Concerning finances~~ To clarify financing, The Meeting approved a Minute that contributions to the Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting should be sent to the treasurer of the Berkeley Monthly Meeting, referring it to the Strawberry Creek Fund. On the other hand, deposits for the ~~October~~ Inverness Retreat should be mailed to Mary Miche, made out to the Berkeley Mo. Meeting; and she will forward it to the Strawberry Creek Fund.

A treasurer's report was requested for the September Meeting. The meeting approved dispersement of any additional funds for scholarships or necessary deposits for the Inverness retreat. The Retreat Committee will be responsible for giving scholarships.

The Education Committee will meet Aug. 31, at Kathy Barnhart's house.

Peter Nutting reported on The Pacific Yearly Meeting in Chico, which was attended by a number of Strawberries. He had a special concern about the Minute from the Peace Committee concerning healing the wounds, of all kinds, in the aftermath of the Vietnam War. He mentioned disarmament, the Korea situation, the assessments of Monthly Meetings to finance PYM, a very detailed set of queries on marriage, and statistics about new membership in PYM Monthly Meetings as some of the subjects which were discussed and otherwise brought to his attention there. The Meeting expressed appreciation to Peter for his report.

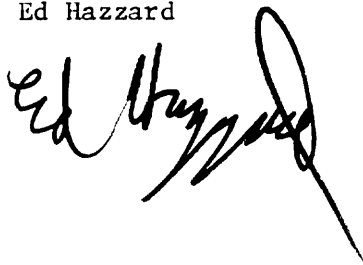
While at PYM, Peter Nutting ~~and Mary Niche~~ sat in on the Representative Committee, and ~~Peter~~ was recorded as our representative. The issue of whether we need a representative, and if so, who ~~should be~~ it should be, was laid over to the September Meeting for Business.

Because of various conflicts, the October and December Meetings for Business were moved forward one week, to Oct. 23 and December 18, respectively.

The Meeting closed ~~at~~ at about 2:00, after a period of silence.

humbly submitted,

Ed Hazzard

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Hazzard", written in a cursive style.

Minutes for Meeting for Business, held 25 September 1977 at the ~~Drink~~ Dienstfrey's.

Meeting began with a period of silence. The queries for September were read. The clerk asked those wishing to speak at business meeting to rise and wait to be acknowledged by the clerk. Our remarks should be addressed to the clerk and not directly to each other.

Minutes for the August meeting for business were read and approved as ammended.

Announcements:

1. The McCarthy-Barnhardt wedding will start at 2 instead of 3. Friends should sign themselves up for rides and pot-lucks.
2. Quarterly meeting is 15-16 October at John Woolman School.

Committee Reports:

1. Finance. Income as of 25 Sept.: \$220. Expenses: approx. \$300. (for newsletter, childcare, Ben Lomond desposit). ~~As~~ Letters from John Bird to the treasurers of Berkeley Meeting have been so far unanswered, ~~so~~ our exact financial situation is uncertain. John Bird ~~sugg~~ proposed that we set up our own books beginning 1 January 1978. (~~Approval?~~) The clerk and John Bird will consult with ~~the~~ John Fitz, current treasurer of Berkeley Meeting, to ascertain our present financial situation.

2. First-day School Committee.
Announcement: Evaluation of the program will take place on the first first-day in November (6th) at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to inform themselves of what is happening in the program and to give feed-back to the committee.

Minute: Meeting approved dropping the paid assistant for meeting for worship.

Minute: Meeting approved having children come in to meeting for worship at 11:15 on an experimental basis for the months of December, January, and February. The experiment will be evaluated at the February meeting for business.

3. Retreat Committee.
Announcement. Deadline for sign-ups and money is 16 October. Residents of the Inverness house are asking a flat \$200. fee. Input on what we will be doing during the retreat is still being solicited. Matters of scholarships, food, childcare are still to be discussed. Those needing scholarships should notify the committee by 2 October.

Minute: A revised registration fee of \$7./adult and \$3.50/child was approved.

4. Special meeting of the whole to nominate ministry and oversight committee. (see ~~Sept~~ October newsletter for report). Concern was expressed about the unfriendly atmosphere of our meetings for business. It was felt that we need to understand and care for each other on a more personal level. Too often we follow the leadings of ~~our~~ our own individual light rather than that of the Light which unifies us.

Meeting approved

Minute: postponement of further discussion of ministry and oversight until after a series of Quaker dialogues on such questions as membership in the Society of Friends, the future direction of our meeting, and our spiritual needs and experiences.

Minute: Meeting approved an ad hoc committee (John McCarthy, convenor; Sue Burr, Linda McConnell, Betty Hall, Peter Nutting) open to any interested attenders of the meeting. The committee will arrange the times and topics for 3 Quaker dialogues, ^{it was decided that} the first of which will be held at the Inverness retreat, the remaining 2 in Berkeley/N. Oakland. The committee is ~~ask~~ asked to report at the October meeting for business.

The question of representation to FCL, PYM, and other Friends organizations will be laid over to the December 1977 business meeting.

Meeting ended with a few moments of silence.

Submitted by

Peter Nutting

Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting
Meeting for Business
October 22, 1977
Cox's home

Meeting opened at 12:05 with a period of silence.

Queries for the 10th month were read.

The clerk reminded us to rise and wait to be acknowledged by the clerk when moved to speak in meeting for business; to address the clerk or the meeting as a whole and not another individual; Usually Friends speak only once to a given agenda item.

Minutes were read and approved as corrected.

It was decided that we will meet at the Perry's for November, December and January; at the Byrd's in February; and at Mary Miche's in May and June. We will try to find a home for March and April at the November business meeting.

John Bird gave a Finance Committee report. We need to discuss various aspects of our finances, such as whether we want Berkeley Meeting to continue to pay our members' dues for Quarterly, PYM, etc., out of its own funds, and whether we want a separate checking account. It was minuted that we will discuss finances at the November meeting for business, that John Bird will prepare an agenda for this discussion, and that we will invite our Berkeley oversight committee as listeners and helpers, and the Berkeley Finance Committee clerk.

Kesa Noda reported on final plans for the retreat. We discussed which dialogs we would like to have at the retreat. After failing to reach unity, we minuted acceptance of the Retreat Committee's report, on both physical and program plans, with people attending the retreat to proceed as they decide there, taking into account what has been said at this meeting. They will take the dialog questions in order.

We accepted the dialog committee report. We decided to have two dialogs per question, ~~we~~ tentatively set the 6th and 11th of November for the second question. The committee may modify or add to these dates, and will pick two more dates for the third question.

We minuted our thanks to the Retreat and Dialog Committees.

Concerns: presented:

- making sure Susie Nemir gets enough help on the newsletter.
- making sure the children spend a full 15 minutes in meeting.
- Anyone interested in midweek worship should see Eleanor, Peter or Mary about rescheduling a convenient time.

We decided to have our discussion of Ministry and Oversight in the business meeting for ~~November~~/December (check one).

After a period of silence, meeting closed at 2:45.

November Meeting for Business
Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting
November 27, 1977

Annex 2
12/10/77
Monthly Business Meeting

The Meeting began at 12:15 following a period of silence with 22 people in attendance. The Clerk read the queries for the 11th month. She then reminded us of the ways in which Friends should conduct business. Wendy Carson read the minutes from the last Meeting. They were approved as read. The Clerk announced that Wendy Carson would be unable to serve as Recording Clerk. Kathy Barnhart volunteered to record for this meeting.

Kathy Barnhart, from the First Day Committee, reported that the children will enter Meeting for Worship the last 15 minutes beginning in December. The November evaluation session was successful and a request was issued for another assistant to volunteer for next First Day. The Meeting approved a minute expressing appreciation to Ted Dienstfrey and his assistants, Jane Rubin and John Bird, for their direction of the preparation of snacks by the children for the Meeting for Worship.

Friends evaluated the October retreat. Most of the feelings were positive. Thoughts to keep in mind while planning the next retreat should include:

- 1) Should we plan for our elderly attenders if they don't come?
- 2) Retreats are very well-attended events.
- 3) Food planning could be more detailed.
- 4) It would be helpful if the physical arrangement provided enough space for activities and silence.

Friends approved Mary Mische's house as a place for Meeting for Worship during the months of March and April. In case of rain, children could go to the Nemir's or to Jane Rubin's house.

The clerk reported to the Meeting about the history and purpose of an ad hoc Sharing Group which involves seven people from our Meeting. Some people were concerned that the group was "closed" and expressed the hope that future groups would be announced earlier and made accessible to others. Sue Burr reported that this particular group would like to share its experiences in January, after the group has met for the last time.

Betty Hall gave a report from the Women's Sharing Group. (see attached). The Group proposed the following minute to be considered at the December Business Meeting:

That the existing Women's Sharing Group be placed under the care of the meeting and that the Women's Sharing Group be included in the newsletter's "Calendar of Events," and the the Women's Sharing Group convenors be listed under the "QUESTIONS** PEOPLE TO CALL" section.

Friends expressed their appreciation to the Group and to Betty for their thorough report and preparation of the minute.

The major portion of the Business Meeting was a discussion of finances. The Clerk introduced two members of Berkeley Monthly Meeting, John Fitz, Treasurer, and Tom Woodhouse, Finance Committee Clerk. The Clerk read an agenda for the discussion prepared by John Bird. John Fitz reported that Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting has \$295.08 in its treasury, not including membership dues to Pacific Yearly Meeting. John Bird reported that the present system is cumbersome for him since he doesn't know what bills have been paid or what our status is. John Fitz said some reasons for having the checks written by Berkeley Meeting were for tax deduction

purposes and because Strawberry Creek is under the care of Berkeley Meeting. Tom Woodhouse stated that the present system was not the best for the Finance Committee because it doesn't have a sense of oversight for our finances. He proposed two alternatives, which were discussed.

It was mentioned by John Bird and John Fitz that contributions to Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting are tax deductible, even though we are not a formal Monthly Meeting.

Ed Hazzard suggested that the first question to answer is whether or not to open a checking account for the purpose of making payments. John McCarthy proposed a minute to that effect, but it was decided that the minute should be seasoned and held over to the December Business Meeting. Friends agreed that all specific proposals for handling finances should be held over to the December Meeting for Business for approval. Tom Woodhouse mentioned that since Berkeley Monthly Meeting was drawing up its budget in December, perhaps the proposals could be submitted to the Finance Committee for consideration as soon as possible.

Other proposed minutes regarding finances are as follows:

- 1) To establish the position of Treasurer of Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting. This office is being created to a) pay bills, and, b) present a financial statement to Strawberry Creek Meeting and Berkeley Meeting.
- 2) John Bird will be the Acting Treasurer until new officers are selected in June.
- 3) That Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting open a checking account for direct receipt of monies
- 4) That one signature be required on the check, the Treasurer and the Presiding Clerk being the only two authorized signatures on a check.

There was a discussion of whether or not the Treasurer should be a member of the Religious Society of Friends. We had a brief period of silence.

A discussion of receiving funds followed. John Bird mentioned our running expenses for child care, the newsletter, retreats, and postage. He suggested that instead of receiving an "allowance" from Berkeley Meeting, that we could receive our own funds directly and arrange with Berkeley Meeting to have a small reserve fund for borrowing purposes.

It was estimated that we would need funds to cover the following yearly expenses:

\$230	PYM membership dues for 17 members
17	Quarterly membership dues for 17 members
48	Berkeley Meeting newsletter
120	Strawberry Creek newsletter
240	First Day School
<u>\$655</u>	total, not counting advance payments for retreats

John McCarthy suggested that members of the Religious Society of Friends could pay some amount to Berkeley Monthly Meeting for expenses incurred on their behalf and another amount to Strawberry Creek.

After more discussion, there was not agreement on whether or not to receive funds, if so, how, or what our financial relationship with Berkeley Meeting should be.

John Fitz and Tom Woodhouse were invited to return December 18 for a continuation of the discussion of finances.

The Clerk raised the issue of the newsletter before the Meeting. Susie Nemir is unable to edit December's newsletter. There was no volunteer to take on the job, but Mary Mische agreed to work on a newsletter at the end of December. Barbara Perry agreed to make a calendar sheet for the bulletin board for December events. The newsletter was discussed, and Friends approved a minute to express appreciation to Susie Nemir for her work on the newsletter. The Meeting can see her need for a respite and would be happy to discuss the future of the newsletter with Susie at a later time if she would like. Friends approved another minute thanking Mary Mische for offering to help produce a newsletter during the last two weeks of December. Mary will consult with Susie for a final solution.

The Meeting discussed the agenda for December's Meeting for Business. Meeting approved of taking only the issue of finances on the agenda. A new Ad Hoc Dialogue Committee, consisting of John McCarthy, Jane Rubin, and Peter Nutting was approved. It will set times, places, and questions for dialogues to be held in January and February, keeping in mind four current topics:

- 1) membership
- 2) business meetings
- 3) organizations to which we might wish to contribute
- 4) M and O committee

Lynn Bird raised two concerns:

- 1) How to share the ideas she got from an M and O retreat on Business Meetings.
- 2) Her desire to convene a social event for the Meeting in December

Perrys announced their plans to hold a Meeting for Worship at their house December 25, 10:30 a.m.

Meeting closed at 4:15 with a period of silence, with 15 attenders.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Barnhart

Kathy Barnhart
Substitute (Acting) Recording Clerk

Minutes. December Meeting for Business 1977 1
12/18/77

The Meeting opened with a period of worship at 12 noon with 10 Friends in attendance. The acting clerk, Lynn Bird read the queries for the 12th month. The minutes from last month were read and approved.

The first item of Business was the selection of a recording clerk. A number of methods were suggested. It was proposed

that we select a committee to nominate a recording clerk and have them bring the nomination to the January meeting for business Meeting approved. It was further proposed:

That Friends who are familiar with the duties of recording clerk be asked to act ~~on~~ the nominating committee Meeting approved. Those suggested were:

Mary Miche, Kathy Barnhart, Peter Nutting and Ed Hazzard, as an alternate.

Correspondence was read and posted (letter from John Woolman School)

Dialogue committee report was given by Jane Rubin.

Their recommendations were:

That 3 Dialogues be held, one each month, for the months of January, February, and March on the topics of: Meeting for Business, Membership, and the Size of the Meeting. Report attached.

The Meeting approved their recommendations

The Women's sharing group minute was read.

Some friends felt uncomfortable with the wording:

"under the care of the meeting".

An alternate minute was proposed and approved

"That the existing women's sharing group be listed in the Newsletter calendar of events and the convenors of this group be listed under the 'Questions - People to Call' section."

The Proposed minutes on finance formulated at the October meeting for business were read

- ① To establish the position of Treasurer of Strawberry Creek Meeting
 - ② That John Bird act as Treasurer until we select ~~new officers in May~~
 - ③ That we open a checking account for the receipt of monies and for the payment of bills
 - ④ That one signature be required on a check and that the Treasurer and Clerk of the Preparative Meeting be the only two authorized signatures
- Friends approved the minutes as read

Lynn Bird gave a report on the Quarterly Meeting's Ministry and Oversight Retreat - "Friend Clerk Thyself" held at Ben Lomond

Concerns:

- ① That we should get a retreat committee started working on the April retreat. It was suggested that this could be done at the January Meeting for Business

② That the first proposed dialogue would conflict with the Simple Living Presentation. The date for the dialogue was changed to January 22. Friends approved

③ Friends were asked to give any pertinent information to Mary Miche for the January Newsletter

④ It was proposed that John Bird communicate in writing those minutes concerned with finance approved at this meeting to the Treasurer and Clerk of Berkeley Meeting. Friends approved

⑤ Some questions on finance are still unresolved:

What responsibilities do we expect to take on from Berkeley Meeting - especially dues and contributions to other Friends Organizations

⑥ That the question of Ministry and Oversight be continually discussed until it is resolved

It was proposed the the first dialogue question be changed to that of "Membership" to assist the meeting in resolving this issue. Friends approved

⑦ A friend inquired about Mary Martine

It was reported that she has withdrawn her membership from Berkeley Meeting and is now happily active in the Berkeley Friends Church.

The meeting closed with a period of worship at 1:45

Submitted by Mary Miché

MEETING FOR BUSINESS
STRAWBERRY CREEK PREPARATIVE MEETING
January 29, 1973

The meeting began shortly after noon with a period of worship.

The Clerk, Barbara Peery, announced - outlined the agenda and presented

several pieces of correspondence. *Those read aloud were: a letter from Linda Hall Cornell, a letter from PYM Finance Comm. to all monthly meetings, a letter from PYM Nominating Comm. to Str. Creek. Other correspondence was posted on the bulletin board.*

Recording Clerk ~~The Nominating Committee~~ ^{The} A committee formed to nominate a Recording Clerk, consisting of Kathy Barnhart, Mary Miche, and ... Peter Nutting, proposed Ed Hazzard as Recording Clerk and Eleanor Warnock as Alternate Recording Clerk. ~~The Meeting accepted these nominations~~ and the Meeting accepted these nominations. Their term of office will be until the end of May.

Finance Committee ^{The Finance Comm.} John Byrd, the acting Treasurer, reported ~~that~~ a ~~balance-of-~~ balance of \$300. He looked into opening an account, and is proceeding with the necessary paperwork of doing so. Checks can now be ~~accepted~~ made out to "Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting".

The Ad Hoc Sharing Group, having not completed its scheduled meetings, has postponed its report to the Meeting.

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The discussion on ~~financing~~ financial operation of this Meeting, which has taken place during the last two Meetings for Business, was completed with comments to the effect that ~~at~~ the Berkeley Meeting Finance Committee felt no action to be necessary on its part; and that further ~~financial~~ questions of financial responsibility, such as to ~~PA/ PYM and PQM~~, ~~were tied up with the status of this Meeting as a~~ ~~h~~ would be handled as the ~~status of this Meeting as a~~ official status of this Meeting evolved.

Most of the rest of the meeting was spent the formation of ~~the~~ Committee on Ministry and Oversight, and the question of our evolution toward Monthly Meeting status. ~~The two issues, complex in themselves, became substantially intertwined in the course of the discussion, which was remarkable for its thoughtfulness, restraint, and a sense of mutual and cooperative striving.~~ care, and a sense of mutual and cooperative striving toward a fine sense of the meeting.

In the dialogue held on the subject of Ministry and Oversight, the vast majority felt that membership in the Religious Society of Friends was not necessary for M&O members, since we are a Preparative Meeting. A small minority ~~felt~~ felt the opposite. Much of the difficulty ~~seemed to lie in our status as a Preparative Meeting. Three Resolution~~ ^{Three possible} ~~might come through~~ 1) becoming a monthly meeting, 2) returning to ~~being suggestions to~~ being a Worship Group, and 3) forming two committees, namely: Ministry, for the care of the Meeting ~~and vocal ministry~~ for Worship; and Oversight, for the care of the membership. ~~The latter function seemed to cause the most conflict.~~ ^{to A} ~~The latter function seemed to cause the most conflict.~~ Several people has serious reservations about non-Friends being on a committee for Oversight.

Then Susie Nemir, proposed that we ~~should~~ ^{move toward} become a monthly meeting.

1st Day School Comm meeting approved the following minutes: *A*

particular special

solutions distinct

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Faith and Practise

The procedure for doing so was read out of Faith and Practise. After some discussion, there was a sense that that proposal, while expressing the desires of most of the/ this Meeting, was needed to be carefully seasoned. ~~No direct action was taken~~ In short, people generally wanted to move toward Monthly Meeting status; there was some uncertainty about how fast; and there ~~would~~^{might} be some ~~who~~ who would not be able to take part.

~~There was an effort then to resolve the question of Ministry and Oversight~~ Returning to the question of Ministry and Oversight, there seemed to be three views: that the issues of M & O and Monthly Meeting status were ~~completely interwoven~~ inextricably intertwined; that the two issues ~~could~~^{might} be treated separately; and that the two were linked, but ~~could be~~^{must} be dealt with ~~in~~ one after the other, in order. ~~Faced with the~~

A The latter function seemed to cause the most conflict. Several people had serious reservations about non-Friends being on a committee for Oversight. Furthermore, ~~could there be oversight of membership if there is were no "membership", which in this case means membership in the Religious Society of Friends?~~ ^{case could there be oversight of membership if there is} Clearly this ~~Meeting had members,~~ ^{the} that is, participants, but there was a sense that ~~a more formal function like Oversight had to be answered by a more formal definition of membership, and a more formal rule of about who who could be on that committee.~~ ^{the creation of} ~~And this seemed difficult to agree on~~ And ~~these~~^{this} seemed to be made difficult by our singular status as a Preparative Meeting.

B The suggestion that membership on the R S of F be a "relative" criterion, ~~that is one~~ th but not an absolute requirement, was made but could not be agreed ~~to~~ upon.

The Meeting then focussed on the specific function of Ministry, ~~of the meeting~~ Barbara Perry mentioned a Meeting in southern California which separated the functions of Ministry ~~and Oversight~~; and Ministry was dealt with by a Committee of the Whole which ~~met~~ met montly.

A ~~The basic functions of such a committee were enumerated: oversight of members~~ The functions responsibilities of such a committee were read in Faith and Practise. ~~Betty Hall suggested~~ ~~It seemed as if the "eldering" aspects of such a committee~~ There was concern expressed that the "eldering" aspects of ~~such a~~ this committee would be difficult in a meeting of the whole. ~~Yet the idea seemed worth~~ ^{raising and accepting} ~~worth~~ ^{criticism --} experimentin trying, since it resolved, or at least put aside, the problems of criteria for membership ~~of/ on M & O, and on the committee, and of the fuation of Oversight.~~ Thus the following minutes:

Minute Strawberry Creek Prep. M. shall establish a ~~Worship and Ministry-C-~~ an experimental ~~Worship and Ministry Committee of the whole~~ Committee of the Whole on Worship and Ministry, which will meet montly during ~~February, March, and April,~~ ^{February, March, and April,} and follow the guidance given in Faith and Practise as to its responsibilities.

The work of the ~~Committee~~ will be evaluated at the May Meeting for Business.

Minute There will be convenor of this committee who will establish times and places, and bring a tentative agenda to the first committee meeting; and report for the Worship and Ministry Committee to the May business Meeting for business.

Minute The Clerk shall ask Lynn Byrd to be the convenor, and Larry Perry to be the alternate convenor.

(note)
Minute Our concern for the question of Oversight is laid over to an unspecified Meeting for business.

Minute-

April Retreat (April 21, 22, 23, Ben Lomond)

Minute We approve the following people for the Retreat Committee:

Mike Turner, Mary Miche, Barbara Perry, Kesa Noda, John McCarthy.

The Committee should report to business meeting between now and April and announce the time and place of their meetings on the bulletin board.

Times for the Meeting for business.

Since a considerable number of holidays fall on the last First Day of the month in 1978, making it difficult to hold Meetings for business then, the following ~~minute was approved.~~ two minutes were approved.

Minute Meetings for business shall be held on the first First day of the month beginning with the Third month; and there shall be no Meeting for business in Second Month (March) (February).

Minute

The First Day School experiment of bring children into the Meeting for Worship during the last 15 minutes will be continued through the first week in March, and the evaluation will take place in the March Meeting for business.

* Concern was expressed about holding Meetings for Business on Sunday afternoons., and Sunday evening was suggested as an alternative. This question was laid over to the March Meeting for Business.

The following minute was approved in response to a letter from the Pacific Yearly Meeting (PYM).

Minute The Clerk will ask Lynn Byrd and Peter Nutting to act as observers for Str. Cr. Prep. M. at the Representative Committee of PYM on Saturday, March 4 at Palo Alto Meeting.

Earnest Bignell, of Hayward Meeting, asked sent a letter announcing a Spring Festival they will hold as a benefit to the FCL, the last Saturday in April, and asking if anyone in this meeting could give them a hand. It was agreed to invite him to a Meeting for worship and give him an ~~occasion~~ ~~chance~~ opportunity to be available afterward to discuss this.

Dialogues. The dialogue on Feb. 12 will be at John McCarthy and K. Barnhardt's house; with a potluck at 6pm and the dialogue at 7:15. It was suggested to have a signout sheet of those for those who/att intended to come to either or both parts, including what they would bring for food.

The meeting closed with a period of worship at about 4:15 pm.

MEETING FOR BUSINESS
MARCH 5, 1978

STRAWBERRY CREEK PREPARATIVE MEETING

read:
- John Bird's report.
- Mary Miche-retreat report.
- Jan. minutes

The March Meeting for Business, held at the apartment of Mary Miche, opened began at 12:15 with a period of worship. There were 24 people in attendance.

The Minutes of the December and January Meetings for Business were read and approved at corrected.

Correspondence, announcements.

A letter from the Ben Lomond Committee, asking for flood repair assistance, was read and posted.

A letter from Hayward Meeting ~~announced their~~ asked our consent to cancelling their spring festival, ~~which they had written to us about~~ about which they had written to us previously. Our consent was given.

Van Cunst ~~of S. Meeting~~ and ~~...~~ were visited for part of the meeting, from ~~...~~ *from Salt Lake City*

The clerk asked ~~at~~ that we consider, at the April Meeting for Business, having an orientation meeting for this year's PYM in August.

Finance

Finances

John Bird, being unable to attend, sent a written treasurer's report (attached), including several requests to the Meeting. ~~The following were approved.~~

It was approved

~~that~~ that the treasurer pay expenses ^{incurred by} ~~of~~ the Clerk, Recording Clerk, and Treasurer, ~~and~~ ^{when presented for payment.} ~~which when they present expenses for payment.~~

It was agreed that the issue of paying this Meeting's share of dues to the Religious Society of Friends, and ~~other~~ Berkeley Meeting expenses on our behalf, should be raised at the April Meeting for Business.

Committee for Worship and Ministry Lynn Bird agreed to be convenor of the ~~first meeting of~~ this committee. She suggested four dates, and the Clerk selected Friday, March 31, at 7:15 PM. The Meeting accepted Ted Dienstfrey's offer of his house as the meeting place.

Retreat Committee

Mary Miche read the ~~report~~ report of the Retreat Committee for the April retreat at Ben Lomond. (attached). The ~~Schedule~~ schedule, food arrangements, and child care arrangements were ~~accepted~~ approved, with the following ~~alt/~~ changes.

It was agreed not to invite the Santa Cruz Meeting for the Sunday morning Meeting for Worship; there was some hesitation about the possible interruption it might represent.

The Retreat Committee was asked to arrange for child care in Berkeley that Sunday.

There should be a quiet time, beginning at 11 PM, in areas where people wish to retire and sleep.

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The Ad Hoc Sharing Group reported that its ^{was} meetings ~~were~~ completed, and that its members would like to share their experiences on Saturday afternoon of the retreat with anyone who is interested. The group met for dinner and a dialogue, meeting only when all members could attend, and focussing on ~~one member~~ a different member in each meeting. ~~They would like to split and re-form new groups, and were very positive about the format.~~ They were very positive about this format, and would like to split and re-form new groups, including other people in the meeting. They plan to put personal reflections about the experience in the Newsletter.

at the end

The evaluation of children coming in for the last fifteen minutes of the Meeting for Worship proceeded with numerous expressions of support for this arrangement. It was suggested that Mary Miche discuss it with the children, as report how they feel about it to the April Meeting for Business.

Minute We will continue to bring the children into the Meeting during the last fifteen minutes of worship.

The time for the Meeting for Business was discussed, in response to some concern over the present time of Sunday afternoon. Many suggestions were made, each with its own merits, and it was clear that no easy solution lay at hand. It was approved that the Clerk ~~would write~~ and someone else should write up a summary of all the possible arrangements for the Newsletter, ~~and take~~ The subject would be taken up again ~~at~~ the April Meeting for Business. Possible arrangements included:

Sunday afternoon, after Meeting for Worship.

Sunday evening.

Friday evening.

an evening during the week, which, if the period of ~~1~~ silence which opened it ~~was~~ rather long, could ~~also~~ also serve as a mid-week meeting for Worship. ~~via~~

any of the above, preceded by a potluck, or a very simple "finger food potluck", or a meal prepared by ~~a~~ just a few people.

State of the Society Report (for the CPQM May Meeting)

~~This report is ~~present~~ customarily present to~~

~~It was approved that a rough draft of this report be ready for the April Meeting~~

It was approved that a rough draft of this report be written by an ad hoc committee of three people. It will be ~~distributed on the First Day preceding the April 2 Meeting for Business~~ considered at the April Meeting for Business and distributed on the First Day preceding it.

The Meeting approved a committee of Ed Hazzard (convenor), Ted Dienstfrey, and Elizabeth Perry.

It was noted that the report should be a chance to review for ourselves what we ~~are~~ are and what we should or should not be doing; and to pass on a picture of our situation to the entire Quarterly Meeting. The report should consider the quality of the Meeting for Worship, the responsibility taken for the children, and ~~what struggles~~ the year's struggles and difficulties.

Nominating Procedure

~~The Meeting considered how to~~

After considerable discussion, the Meeting approved that we have a Nominating Committee which will bring preliminary nominations to the April Meeting for Business and final nominations to the May Meeting for Business, for the following positions: ~~Prisiding~~ Presiding Clerk, Recording Clerk, Treasurer, First Day School Committee Clerk, and Transportation Coordinator.

A minute that str. cr. should have for decision
~~The possibility of an assistant or alternate~~ Presiding Clerk was discussed and laid over to the April Meeting for Business. It was approved, however, that the Meeting ask the Nominating Committee to bear this in mind, and, ~~be prepar~~ in the event that the April Meeting for Business approve this position, be prepared to present a ~~nom~~ nomination for it.

~~It was suggested that the Nominating Com.~~

The Meeting then agreed to nominate the Nominating Committee, and ~~after~~ After a short period of silence, the Meeting nominated and approved Jim Barnard, Betty Hally, and Mary Miche.

(convenor)

After ~~mored~~ discussion, the Meeting approved that the Nominating Committee would have three members.

Then there was considerably more discussion of the process which had just taken place. Peter Nutting was recorded as standing aside from the nomination of the Committee, not because of his ~~dissatisfaction with~~ the members chosen, but ~~because of his~~ with the process: perhaps it was too rapid, and there was not a careful enough consideration of the whole range of positions and ages in the Meeting. *There was a surge that less than complete trust existed among the members of this Meeting, which resulted in arguments about the number and*

The concern was raised that no member of the Religious Society of Friends was on the committee, and that John Bird was thought to feel strongly *constituted on this committee* on this issue. John Uhlmann was proposed as a fourth member, but this compromise was not accepted, Nor was the suggestion that the committee be dissolved and selected again, since it was agreed that the objections were to the procedure and not to the committee as constituted. The definite awkwardness of nominating a well-rounded committee (of more than one person) out of a meeting of the whole, remained for us to resolve ~~at~~ on a future occasion.

7 Suggestions to the Nominating Committee, on which no formal action was taken, included:

- that it should call on ~~regular~~ *regular* attenders ~~of the~~ and seek their views;
- that it should be open to input but not necessarily poll all attenders;
- that it should be aware of different ideas within the meeting;
- that it should consult Faith and Practise;
- that it should not ~~exclu~~ necessarily exclude its own members from nominations, *if they can be clear about it.*

~~It was agreed to postpone till after the Nominating Committee report consideration of whether the Alternate Clerk should be a member of the Religious Society of Friends.~~

~~Where to meet~~

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Retreat
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part,
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~~Kesa Noda withdrawn from the Retreat Committee~~

The Meeting accepted with regret Kesa Noda's withdrawal from the Retreat Committee.

The Meeting closed at 5:15 with a period of silence, and twenty people still in attendance.

Ed Hazzard
Eleanor Warnock

Recording Clerks

MEETING FOR BUSINESS
STRAWBERRY CREEK PREPARATIVE MEETING

APRIL 2, 1978
home of Mary Miche

The Meeting began at 12:15 with a period of silence and a reading of the queries for Fourth Month.

The minutes of the March Meeting for Business were read and approved as corrected. *was laid over to May M. for Business*

The subjects of the time of Meeting for Business and of dues for PYM and CPQM *were laid over to June.* *that*

CORRESPONDENCE

Berkeley Interfaith Council

Friends' Association of Services for the Elderly
AFSC: job opening

FINANCES

John Bird reported a balance of \$577.40 and pointed out that it is customary to have a yearly audit.

CHILDREN

Mary Miche reported that the children like the present arrangement of coming into Meeting for Worship for the last fifteen minutes.

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

Lynn Bird reported on the PYM Representative Committee Meeting which she attended.

An orientation meeting for this summer's PYM, to be held after Meeting on April 30, was approved by the Meeting.

STATE OF THE SOCIETY REPORT

The Ad Hoc Committee to write this report presented a first draft (attached), which was discussed in detail for about two hours.

The Committee was instructed to prepare a final draft, using the Meeting's corrections and suggestions, and distribute it a week before the May Meeting for Business.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Meeting reconvened about 3:15, after a brief recess.

Minute: The Meeting approved adding the position of Alternate Clerk to the officers of the Meeting. This person assumes all of the duties of the Presiding Clerk in the event that he or she cannot do them.

The Clerk read a letter from John Bird, in which he asked the Meeting to "minute my reservation concerning the decision to ~~include the present people~~ select a nominating committee composed of three experienced faithful non-member attenders." He recommended that the Committee not be asked to give a report, and that it be recomposed to include the present people and two members of the Society experienced in Quaker nominating committees.

After some discussion, the Meeting heard the Committee's report on the procedure it had followed, it being pointed out that receiving the report did not oblige the Meeting to approve its contents. It was then agreed to hear the rest of the report, and John Bird left the room. Ted Dienstfrey was sent to ask him to come back, and a Meeting for Worship was held until they returned.

There was then some discussion about whether the ~~name~~ names of

nominees should be read if the Meeting had doubts about the Committee's procedure and constitution. The main procedure in question was the Committee's decision that current officers should not be considered for their current or other positions for next year. The Committee had agreed to follow this rule, and then set it aside as a result of John Bird's ~~criticism~~ ~~concern~~.

There was general but hisitant agreement that the method of selection of the Committee at the March Meeting for Business had been far from ideal, but that we should proceed, and be wiser the next time around.

It was finally agreed to choose two members of the Society of Friends, at least one of whom had Nominating committee experience, to augment the present Nominating Committee. Betty Hall and John Bird were appointed as a two-person ad hoc committee to nominate these two additional members. They nominated Larry Perry and Pat Stewart, who were approved by the Meeting.

The Nominating Committee presented the following nominations:

Clerk: Lynn Bird
 Alternate Clerk: Peter Nutting
 Recording Clerk: Jane Rubin
 Education Committee Clerk: Dick Emmons
 Transportation Coordinator: Tim Hall
 Treasurer: none (Those asked had declined.)

There was some discussion about two officers coming from the same household. The sense was that potential nominees should not necessarily be excluded for that reason, but that it was, on the other hand, a valid consideration.

The question then arose as to whether the treasurer had to be a member of the Society of Friends. This brought up the question of exactly how Faith and Practice should be interpreted on this matter. The Meeting approved that the Nominating Committee should seek a member of the Society for treasurer, at this particular time. Jim Barnard and Jonathan Harris were recorded as standing aside. Betty Hall was recorded as "uneasy".

Lynn Bird said that she could be Clerk only if Faith and Practice were followed, or if the Meeting united on not following it on a given point, for instance, having non-members as officers. It was pointed out that the paragraph on Preparative Meetings was subject to different interpretations.

It was agreed to hold the Meeting for Worship at Burgess's house in May. The Meeting closed at dusk with thirteen people still present.

Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting

Meeting for Business

Home of Jackson & Elena Burgess

May 7, 1978

Barbara Perry, Clerk

The meeting opened at 12:25 with a period of silence. Twenty-four people were in attendance.

Queries for Fifth Month were read.

Minutes of the April meeting for business were read and approved as corrected.

Correspondence

A letter was received from the AFSC concerning South Africa and would be posted. The Berkeley Area Interfaith Council invited us to become a member of their organization. Discussion was laid over to the June meeting for business. Palo Alto Meeting requested help with their Harvest Festival to benefit the Friends Committee on Legislation. The letter would be posted, and interested people were asked to get in touch with Barbara Perry.

Finances

The treasurer's report (attached) gave a balance of \$644.24, costs for the Ben Lomond retreat amounting to \$529. It suggested that the meeting might at some future time consider a budget, an assistant treasurer, a finance committee, and membership dues and contributions.

Place of Meeting

Meetings for worship will be held:

<u>month</u>	<u>at the home of</u>
June	McCarthy/Barnhart
July	(to be discussed at next business mtg)
August	Dienstfrey
September	Dienstfrey

Nominating Committee

Betty Hall presented the report of the Nominating Committee (attached). Bill Cooper was nominated for Treasurer,

to take office in September 1978, John Bird for Treasurer in the interim, June through August 1978.

Before any action was taken on the nom comm's report, there was ~~some~~ discussion of Lynne Bird's concern, expressed last business meeting, about following Faith and Practice. There was some uncertainty about what it meant to accept Faith and Practice as a "guide"; that is, would it be our standard, to be followed unless we specifically deviated from it, or would it be merely a general roadmap, with details to be worked out in the meeting. (The meeting's biggest difficulty with Faith and Practice has been in the area of membership.) Some were uneasy about putting the burden on those who want to depart from Faith and Practice, since we would have to reach complete unity among ourselves in order to make any changes. Some were also uncomfortable that the question of acceptance of Faith and Practice was tied to the appointment of a new clerk. On the other hand, some felt that it was important to affirm our connection with Friends' traditions, and to use the experiences of others. Other ideas expressed were: that we were a preparative meeting and therefore Faith and Practice's rules didn't apply to us as they would to a monthly meeting; that underlying our difficulty with Faith and Practice were differences in our ideals of the perfect Quaker meeting and these should be discussed; and that there seemed to be a fear that the meeting would ride roughshod over people's concerns. The following minute was proposed: "We re-affirm that we are a Friends' body. We approve using Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice as our guide. We will search for unity on particular points in areas where we are uneasy." Further discussion was laid over to the June meeting for business.

The following nominations were approved:

Jane Rubin	Recording Clerk
John Bird	Treasurer (1 June 78 - 31 Aug 78)
Bill Cooper	Treasurer (1 Sept 78 - 31 May 79)
Dick Emmons	First Day School Coordinator
Tim Hall	Transportation Coordinator

Lynne Bird, uneasy about accepting the clerkship when the meeting was not explicitly a Friends' gathering, withdrew her name from consideration. Peter Nutting's nomination as alternate clerk was regrettably disapproved since he would be leaving in the fall and would (reportedly) be away most of the summer. Barbara Perry agreed to continue as presiding clerk through the June meeting for business.

The meeting decided to appoint a new nominating committee to fill the positions of clerk and alternate clerk. It approved appointing an ad hoc committee to nominate the nominating committee; Mike Turner and Mark Beckham, preferring a committee of the whole to name the nominating committee, stood aside. Betty Hall and Larry Perry were appointed. After meeting together, the ad hoc committee proposed Carl Anderson, convenor; Dick Emmons; and Jonathan Harris. Carl and Dick are both members of the Society of Friends. These names were approved. The new nominating committee was instructed to fill the positions of presiding clerk and alternate clerk, and any other positions that became vacant in the process of nomination. They were to post the names of nominees as soon as they had them, no later than the Memorial Day weekend. They might consider all people in the meeting, including those who currently held positions and those approved to hold positions in the coming year. One member of the committee commented that they would try to be sensitive to people's sentiments. Another Friend urged them to meet in the light and search for the truth, not just to merge all the people's wishes. For the last few minutes of the discussion the clerk stepped aside and Jane Rubin clerked the meeting.

State of the Meeting Report

The state of the meeting report, which had been distributed the week before, was approved with minor corrections. The meeting thanked the committee for its excellent work.

Committee of the Whole on Ministry and Worship

Lynne Bird reported on the first meeting of the Committee of the Whole on Ministry and Worship, held Friday evening May 5 at the home of Tim and Betty Hall (report attached). The committee proposed the following minute for consideration by the meeting: "The person to close meeting would rotate when meeting place changes (every 1-3 months). Ministry and worship committee would take on the responsibility for posting sign up lists for people to volunteer homes for meeting and to close meeting. They would also consider others who might do either of these, contact these people, explain what is involved and bring a schedule to meeting for approval." Other topics discussed at the meeting included announcements at rise of meeting for worship, orderliness of the bulletin board, holding meeting for worship outdoors, speaking loudly enough for all to hear, and ~~xxx~~^{ways} to discuss the meaning of membership. The committee meets at 7:15 the Friday evening preceding the meeting for business. The next meeting was scheduled for Friday June 2 at the home of John and Lynne Bird and would consider the meeting for worship--expectations, experiences, and feelings about the quality of the vocal ministry.

Time of the Meeting for Business

The time of the meeting for business will be discussed as the second item of business (after nominating committee report) at the June meeting for business. Meanwhile Jackson Burgess will post a questionnaire on the bulletin board.

Retreat Report

Barbara Perry, for the Retreat Committee, discussed evaluating the recent retreat at Ben Lomond. She suggested written comments by Retreat Committee members, to be posted, and written comments by other attendees of the retreat, all to be collected into a retreat file for future reference. The meeting approved this process in general and asked the committee to condense the comments and report to the business meeting.

Discussion of reserving Ben Lomond for next spring and discussion of a fall camping retreat were laid over to the June meeting for business.

Newsletter

Ted Dienstfrey will edit the newsletter in May. Jackson Burgess will be editor starting at the end of May.

Concerns

Mike Turner would like the meeting to contribute to the APSC work camp that he will be running at Ben Lomond this summer. He suggested \$50-100; he is trying to raise \$500-1000 from monthly and quarterly meetings.

He also expressed concern that the meeting account keeps growing and objected to accumulating a large amount of money without using it.

Ted Dienstfrey brought up a couple who have attended the meeting and who are now separated, and suggested that they ought to be a concern of the meeting.

Betty Hall suggested that items of business that were laid over should be scheduled. The meeting decided that the question of becoming a monthly meeting should appear on all business meeting agendas until the question is resolved. It also instructed the clerk to rough out agendas for the next six months based on concerns that have been raised.

~~The July business meeting will be moved away from the weekend close to the fourth of July.~~

The meeting closed with a period of silence, at 5:15 with 13 people present.

Eleanor Warnock
Alternate Recording Clerk

A CONCERN WAS RAISED ABOUT THE DATE OF THE JULY AUGUST & SEPTEMBER MEETINGS FOR BUSINESS. THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting
Meeting for Business
4 June 1978

The June Meeting for Business, held at the home of John McCarthy and Kathy Barnhart, began at 12:20 P.M., with 20 people in attendance.

The minutes of the May Meeting for Business were read and were approved with one correction.

The Clerk, Barbara Perry, read the Queries for the Sixth Month. She suggested that the Meeting consider evaluating the Meeting in the light of the Queries and the Queries themselves, on a monthly basis, as is the custom in some Meetings.

The Clerk then read the agenda for the June Meeting for Business.

Report of the Nominating Committee; Carl Anderson read the report of the Nominating Committee (attached). The committee recommended the names of Lynne Bird, Clerk, and Mary Miche, Alternate Clerk.

Lynne Bird was asked if her acceptance of the nomination indicated a change in her previous decision that she would only be willing to serve if the Meeting agreed to adhere to Faith and Practice. Lynne explained that, following her uneasiness after the last Meeting for Business, she went to the Nominating Committee and asked for a meeting on clearness. After this meeting, she felt that Strawberry Creek wants to be a Quaker gathering and that she is comfortable with its direction. She also requested that individuals call her if they have concerns about this issue. The Meeting then approved the nomination of Lynne Bird as Clerk.

After much discussion, the Meeting agreed that it could not come to unity on the name of Mary Miche for the position of Alternate Clerk.

Betty Hall and Susie Nemir both commended the Nominating Committee on a job well done.

The Meeting then discussed the possible ways of nominating an Alternate Clerk. The Meeting agreed to act as a nominating committee of the whole. It also agreed that membership in the Society of Friends, while desirable, was not an essential criterion in the selection of the Alternate Clerk. After a period of silence, the names of Tim Hall, Betty Hall, Ed Hazzard, John McCarthy, Barbara Emmons, Betsy Dearborn, Larry Perry, and Jane Rubin were suggested for the position of Alternate Clerk. It was agreed that the name of the individual nominated would be held over for approval until the July Meeting for Business. After more discussion, the Meeting united behind the name of Betty Hall for the position of Alternate Clerk. ~~Betty requested the nomination, but added that she had told out of the Meeting following her experience on the Nominating Committee and at the April retreat. She requested clearing from the Meeting during the time preceding the July Meeting for Business.~~

Peter Nutting expressed his concern that the Meeting communicate to Mary Miche the reasons that it could not unite behind her nomination and that it assure her of its continued love and support. The Meeting approved the establishment of a visiting group, consisting of Tim Hall, Betsy Dearborn and Mark Beckham, for this purpose. Tim Hall agreed to serve as convener of the committee.

Report of the Men's Sharing Group: Mark Beckham read a letter from the Men's Sharing Group describing its history and current procedures. He reminded the Meeting that the group will be opening itself to new members during the summer and asked anyone who is interested to contact Larry Perry before June 20th.

Location of July Meeting for Worship: The Meeting approved meeting at the home of Dick and Barbara Emmons during the month of July. Betty Hall agreed to contact Barbara about a possible date for a potluck and farewell party for Peter Nutting following Meeting for Worship on a First Day in July.

Dates of Meeting for Business: The Meeting approved changing the dates of the July and August Meetings for Business to the last First Day of each of those months. There will not be a Meeting for Business in the month of September. The October Meeting for Business will be held on the first First Day of the month.

Committee on Worship and Ministry: The Meeting approved the following two minutes;

- 1) There will be a person designated to close Meeting for Worship each week. The person will serve for the period that the Meeting meets at one house (currently one to three months).
- 2) The Committee on Worship and Ministry is in charge of finding homes at which to hold Meeting for Worship. They may post sign-up lists for volunteers or may consider other people. They will get in touch with people, explain what is involved, and bring a schedule to the Meeting for approval.

Lynne Bird then read the report of the June meeting of the Committee on Worship and Ministry (attached). The Meeting approved the continuation of the Committee on Worship and Ministry of the whole. The Meeting then approved a series of monthly discussions on the spiritual life, to be overseen by the Committee on Worship and Ministry. It approved holding the first of these discussions, on the topic, "Prayer: How I Talk to God", at the home of Jackson and Elena Burgess, on Friday, June 30th, at 7:15 P.M.

The Meeting approved discussing the nomination of a permanent Clerk for the Committee on Worship and Ministry at the July Meeting for Business. The Meeting was asked to consider three options for nominating the Clerk-- the appointment of a standing Nominating Committee, an ad hoc Nominating Committee or a Nominating Committee of the whole.

The Meeting approved asking the Clerk to appoint a temporary Clerk of the Committee on Worship and Ministry, to serve until October 1st.

Treasurer's Report: The Clerk called the report of the Treasurer to the attention of the Meeting. The Meeting approved giving discretion to the Clerk to grant limited scholarships, not to exceed \$30.00, to persons who request them for Pacific Yearly Meeting. The Meeting laid over more general question about scholarship aid to the July or August Meeting for Business. It also agreed to lay over until July questions about assessments for Pacific Yearly Meeting and College Park Quaterly Meeting, about contributions to other Friends' organizations, and about the preparation of a budget for the Meeting and the establishment of a Committee on Finance.

AFSC/Ben Lomond Work Camp: The Clerk read a letter from Mike Turner and Bob Eaton concerning an AFSC Work Camp, to be held at Ben Lomond Quaker Center, July 1st-August 4th, 1978. The letter asked that each Meeting in the Quarter consider sponsoring one young person at the camp. It also asked each Meeting to contribute \$80.00 to the work camp. Following a discussion with Eric Moon about the organization of the work camp, the Meeting approved contributing \$50.00.

The Clerk noted that the resource list for the new directory for College Park Quarterly Meeting ~~has been~~ ^{is being} printed. She will post copies on the bulletin board and hopes that all Friends will fill one out some time before July, when the new directory will be printed.

Application for Monthly Meeting Status: Following statements by several Friends that this Meeting for Business had moved us one step closer to becoming a Monthly Meeting, the Meeting approved a minute stating that the Clerk will become informed about the specific procedures which the Meeting must undertake in order to become a Monthly Meeting and will inform the Meeting of them at the July Meeting for Business. There will be a period in which individuals can ask questions about the procedures and in which the Meeting will discuss whether it wishes to begin to undertake them.

Concerns: Tim Hall expressed a concern that the Meeting consider having regular family nights, as is done in Fresno Meeting. The Meeting agreed to discuss this idea at the July or August Meeting for business.

Following the conclusion of business, ~~submitted for review~~^{Friends} expressed to Barbara Perry, the outgoing Clerk, the tremendous gratitude of the Meeting for her service to us during a somewhat difficult period of our history. Barbara thanked the Meeting for serving her by providing her with a growing experience and by helping her to become both a better Clerk and a more seasoned and experienced Friend.

Meeting for Business closed, after a period of worship, at 5:35 P.M., with 10 people in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Rubin

Jane Rubin
Recording Clerk

Strawberry Creek Preparative
Meeting
Meeting for Business
30 July 1978

The July Meeting for Business, which was held at the home of Dick and Barbara Emmons, began at 12:20 pm with 21 people in attendance. After a period of silence, the Clerk read the Queries for the Seventh Month.

The minutes of the June Meeting for Business were read and were approved with corrections.

Time of Meeting for Business: The Meeting approved holding the August 27th and October 1st Meetings for Business at 7:15 pm. The practice of holding Meeting for Business in the evening will be re-evaluated at the October Meeting for Business.

Nominations: The Meeting approved the nomination of Betty Hall for the position of Alternate Clerk.

The Clerk announced that Barbara Perry, the previous Clerk, had asked Elena Burgess to serve as the temporary convener of the Committee on Worship and Ministry. Elena will serve until October 1st.

The Meeting then agreed to act as a nominating committee of the whole to nominate a permanent convener of the committee on Worship and Ministry. The convener will serve until June and a new convener will be nominated at the same time as other officers of the Meeting. The Meeting nominated Eleanor Warnock as convener of the committee and agreed to hold the nomination over for approval until the August Meeting for Business.

The Meeting then approved having a standing Nominating Committee of three people. The Meetings of the Committee will be open to anyone in the Meeting and consensus will be arrived at by those present.

The Meeting then approved the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to nominate the Nominating Committee. The meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee will be open to anyone in the Meeting and consensus will be arrived at by those present. The Ad Hoc Committee will be composed of three people and will be appointed annually by the September Meeting for Business. This year the Committee will be appointed at the October Meeting for Business, since there will be no September Meeting for Business.

Correspondence: The Clerk reminded the Meeting that correspondence is posted on the bulletin board and called its attention to the fact that most of the recent correspondence consists of requests for donations to various organizations and programs. She advised the Meeting that the amount of this

correspondence raises again the question of how Strawberry Creek wishes to handle its finances.

Finances: The Clerk read the Treasurer's report (attached).

The Meeting then approved serving as a nominating committee of the whole to nominate an interim finance committee. The Meeting approved bringing the names of Jim Barnard, John Bird, Bill Cooper and Jim Straight to the August Meeting for Business for approval. The Meeting also requested that the finance committee inform the Meeting of the time of its meetings so that Friends who are interested can attend.

Meeting Socials: Tim Hall and Jackson Burgess agreed to organize the first of what, it is hoped, will become regular Meeting social gatherings.

Application for Monthly Meeting Status: Lynne Bird informed the Meeting that she had talked to Sheila Moran, Clerk of the Committee on Ministry and Oversight of Berkeley Meeting and that Sheila had agreed to write letters to Friends who can give us more information about the process of becoming a Monthly Meeting. She also reported that she had written to Van Ernst about this question but had not yet received a reply. Finally, she commented that she feels that, with the establishment of new committees, etc., we are working in the direction of becoming a Monthly Meeting. In further discussion of this issue, several suggestions were made, including the possibility of Strawberry Creek's visiting new Meetings such as Hayward and Santa Cruz and holding a long threshing session, similar to the dialogue at the April retreat, at which everyone can express his or her feelings about becoming a Monthly Meeting.

Fall Retreat: Several people agreed to contact camps and retreats centers with which they are familiar to find out about the availability of space for a fall retreat. The Meeting directed the Clerk to make a deposit of up to \$100.00 if she is able to locate a camp for an October retreat.

Representatives to Pacific Yearly Meeting: Mark Beckham, Carl Anderson and Lynne Bird agreed to share the duties of representing Strawberry Creek at those sessions of PYM at which representation is required.

Concerns: Mark Beckham expressed his concern that the Meeting take a stand against the Briggs initiative which will appear on the November ballot. He expressed special concern that the Meeting make a public statement as a Christian body in order to counter the pro-Briggs statements of some Christian groups. It was agreed that Mark and several other Friends would write a minute on this issue and bring it to the August Meeting for Business. The minute will be discussed at that meeting and laid over for approval to the October Meeting for Business. Mark Beckham and Kathy Barnhart also agreed to set up a meeting, before the next business meeting, at which Friends can learn about the initiative and talk about the types of action which can be taken against it. Finally, Elena Burgess thanked Mark for bringing the issue

to the attention of the Meeting.

Berkeley Interfaith Council: The Clerk informed the Meeting that Betsy Dearborn had agreed to contact the Berkeley Interfaith Council and to find out what would be involved in Strawberry Creek's becoming a member of it. The Meeting then agreed to hold over the issue of Strawberry Creek's membership until the August Meeting for Business.

Meeting for Business concluded at 3:15 pm, following a period of silence, with 13 people in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Rubin
Recording Clerk

Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting
Meeting for Business, 27 August 1978

The August Meeting for Business, held at the Dienstfrey home, began at 7:25 PM with 15 individuals present. After a period of silence, the Clerk read the Queries for the Eighth Month. Once Ted Dienstfrey volunteered to act as Recording Clerk, the Clerk read the agenda.

MINUTES: The minutes of the August Meeting for Business were read and three amendments were made:

- a. In the "Concerns" section, reference to the "Briggs Initiative" was changed to "Proposition 6, California School Employees - Homosexual Initiative."
- b. In the "Finance" section, the meeting added that in August it had decided that the Interim Finance Committee would serve until the new Nominating Committee ~~report~~ *can nominate* ~~was approved by the Meeting.~~ *a permanent finance committee.*
- c. In the same section, Jim Strait's name was misspelled. The meeting approved the minutes of the July Meeting for Business as corrected.

RETREAT: A Retreat Committee consisting of Tim Hall, Paul Jolly, Elena Burgess and Mary Miche investigated various potential locations and arranged to reserve two lodges at Gualala which is a 2.5 to 3 hour drive from Berkeley. The Retreat Committee will meet at the Burgess' home on September 11 at 7:30. The Meeting discussed the merits of alternative ways to provide food for the retreat. Suggestions were made to invite to the retreat: the Committee on Oversight for Strawberry Creek from the Berkeley Meeting, Friends from the retreat area, and participants from Berkeley Monthly Meeting. It was decided to invite the Committee on Oversight for Strawberry Creek to the retreat.

PROPOSITION 6: Jonathan Harris read three proposed minutes opposing the initiative. It was pointed out that Strawberry Creek could either just oppose the initiative itself or use this opportunity to make a statement on its feelings about homosexuality. The PYM minute on Proposition 6 was read and the general feeling was that the minute did not adequately represent the feeling of Strawberry Creek.

During a discussion of the proposed minute it was suggested:

- a. We seek a "Friends" perspective on the issue;
- b. We be willing to make judgments from both truth and love;

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c. We understand and support those who might lose their jobs if the initiative passes; and

d. We consider approving a homosexual life style in the minute.

It was agreed that Jonathan's drafts and the proposition itself be mailed to all Strawberry Creek Meeting participants prior to another committee meeting to discuss further the minute Strawberry Creek wanted. It was decided to hold an open meeting at 4:30 on September 10th at the Perry's to continue to work on this minute and it was suggested that a revised draft be circulated, perhaps in the Newsletter, before the next Meeting for Business at which time the Meeting would attempt to unite. It was suggested and later rejected to include a brief summary of the above discussion with the mailing of the Proposition to all participants. A question raised and unanswered was who the proposed minute was really being prepared for.

MINISTRY AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Meeting approved having Meeting for Worship in October at the Burroughs' and in November at the Birds'.

NOMINATION: As requested by the July Meeting for Business, the Clerk called up Eleanor Warnock's name for consideration as Convener of the Committee on Worship and Ministry. The Meeting discussed the charge of this committee and stated that it was to be:

- a. Finding a location for Meeting for Worship;
- b. Finding someone to close Meeting for Worship; and
- c. Holding discussion on the quality of the spiritual life of the Meeting.

During the discussion it was pointed out again that the Meeting had no Oversight Committee which would be concerned with individual problems because the Meeting had not yet reached a consensus on "membership" and "Meeting status." It was suggested that since "one can not harvest much less make pickles until after one has planted a garden," the Meeting should see how close it was to becoming a Monthly Meeting. Discussion of this suggestion was deferred to later in the Meeting for Business.

The Meeting approved Eleanor Warnock as Convener for the Committee on Worship and Ministry.

INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Meeting took up the nomination of Jim Barnhart, John Bird, Jim Strait, and

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the Treasurer, is a member of the committee ex officio.

Bill Cooper, Some concern was expressed that the committee was all male and Barbara Perry volunteered to join the committee. The question of the "charge" of this committee was raised. ~~and the Clerk was asked to bring back some suggestion.~~ The Meeting approved the nominations of Barnhart, Bird, Strait and Cooper, and in the tradition of holding over all nominations for one month, laid over the consideration of Barbara Perry. The Meeting approved John Bird as Convener.

SOCIAL NIGHTS: Tim Hall reported that he and Jackson Burgess were suggesting that the 3rd Friday evening or the 3rd Saturday of every month be a Strawberry Creek Fun Night or Day. The first event would be Friday, ~~October~~ ^{September} 22nd at the Hall's starting at 7:30 for board games.

Barbara Emmons invited the Meeting to their home on Friday the 15th at 7:00 to see the slides taken by Connie Jolly who has recently returned from the Near East.

^{Barbara} Jim ~~Barnhart~~ ^{and} announced that on October 8th after Meeting for Worship, the Meeting was invited to the Dienstfreys' for food and poetry (one's own or one's favorite) to share.

MEETING STATUS: The suggested queries in "Becoming a Monthly Meeting" from the August Strawberry Creek Newsletter was read. Discussion followed which included: taking up the queries one at a time; extending a Meeting for Business to discuss the queries; and holding a thrashing session. The suggestion was made that we just proceed to become a Monthly Meeting. It was pointed out that we seem to be able to answer half to three quarters of the queries on becoming a meeting that appeared in the Newsletter. Pat Stuart pointed out that before becoming a Monthly Meeting we should try to resolve how we intend to handle Oversight.

It was decided to appoint a Committee to answer the numerical queries and to see where we were with the other queries. Betty Hall volunteered for the committee. It was suggested that Betty talk to Elizabeth Perry, Ed Hazzard and Ted Dienstfrey, all of whom drafted the last State of the Meeting report. Ted indicated that he was too busy to spend time on this task.

It was the feeling of the Meeting that the issues of "Oversight" and "Membership" would come up as the Meeting proceeded toward evaluating its ability and desire to become a Monthly Meeting. It was suggested that Betty Hall's committee recommend the order in which the Meeting take up the outstanding issues.

FINANCE: The report from John Bird was read and approved. John, in his report, raised a number of questions concerning

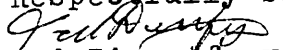
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the Meeting's financial obligations which were referred to the Interim Finance Committee.

CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENT: Barbara Perry announced preliminary plans for a Fall Craft Fair. The Clerk indicated that the Meeting should think of ways to share the work of the Meeting, particularly the requests for assistance in finding lodging for visiting Friends.

The meeting ended after a period of silence at 10:15 PM with 13 participants present.

Respectfully submitted,


Ted Dienstfrey

Acting Recording Clerk

Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting
Meeting for Business
1 October 1978

The October Meeting for Business, which was held at the home of Lea Burroughs, began at 7:20 PM with 16 people in attendance. After a period of silence, the Clerk read the Queries for the Tenth Month. The minutes of the August Meeting for Business were read and were approved with corrections.

Committee on Meeting Status: Betty Hall read the report of the Committee on Meeting Status (attached). After some discussion, the Meeting agreed to proceed to answer the first query contained in the report: "What is the Meeting's commitment to College Park Quarterly Meeting and to Pacific Yearly Meeting?" Responses included the statement that Strawberry Creek is known as a very enthusiastic Meeting within PYM and that PYM can benefit from the deep quality of Strawberry Creek's worship; that many members of Strawberry Creek have been involved with both CPQM and PYM as individuals but that the activities of these organizations need to be brought back to the Meeting as a whole; and that those individuals who do attend CPQM and PYM do it to get something out of it for themselves rather than because they share a sense of common purpose with these organizations. It was suggested that visits by Strawberry Creek to other Meetings might help us to feel more connection with these organizations and with the larger Quaker tradition.

Nominations: The Meeting approved the addition of Barbara Perry to the Finance Committee.

Retreat Committee: Eleanor Warnock read a summary of the three meetings held by the Retreat Committee (attached). The Meeting approved inviting the Gualala Worship Group to Sunday morning worship at the retreat.

Time of Business Meeting: The Meeting agreed to post a sheet on the bulletin board asking people to state their preference for afternoon or evening Meetings for Business. The Meeting approved holding Meeting for Business in the afternoon, beginning with the November Meeting for Business and continuing until the Meeting decides otherwise.

Ad Hoc Committee to Nominate the Nominating Committee: The Meeting approved the nominations of Tim Hall, Jane Rubin and Eleanor Warnock to the Ad Hoc Committee to Nominate the Nominating Committee.

Treasurer's Report/ Interim Finance Committee Report:
Bill Cooper read the reports of the Treasurer and of the Interim Finance Committee (attached). The Meeting approved ~~laid over~~ ^{the issue} having Strawberry Creek pay PYM and CPQM dues for attenders of Strawberry Creek who hold membership in Berkeley Monthly Meeting; ^{the meeting approved} spending \$150.00 to partially subsidize the fall retreat; having an annual audit; and having the Treasurer convene the meetings of the Finance Committee when the convener of the committee is absent. The Meeting agreed to hold over the remaining item on the report-- the question of Strawberry

Creek's contributions to other Friends' organizations-- to the November Meeting for Business.

Proposition 6: The Meeting approved a minute opposing the Briggs Initiative on the November ballot (attached). It also approved allocating a maximum of \$75.00 to cover the costs of printing, postage and other items necessary for publicizing the statement. The Meeting approved Jim Strait as the co-ordinator of activities related to the publicizing of the minute.

Berkeley Interfaith Council: The Meeting agreed that it was not yet ready to approve becoming a member of the Berkeley Interfaith Council. However, it did approve sending Betsy Dearborn to the meetings of the council as the official observer from Strawberry Creek.

Committee on Worship and Ministry: Eleanor Warnock read the report of the Committee on Worship and Ministry (attached). She also announced that the Meeting will meet in November at the home of John and Lynne Bird; in December at the home of Bob and Connie Jolly; and in January and February at the home of Larry and Barbara Perry. John Ullmann will close Meeting in October and Betty Hall will do so in November. Eleanor also suggested that the Meeting visit Berkeley Monthly Meeting the second Sunday in November.

FunNight: Tim Hall reported that there will be no Fun Night in October due to the large number of Meeting activities already planned for that month. For November, the committee is considering a picnic, a visit to the zoo, or both, and, for December, it is considering attending a performance of the Nutcracker or A Christmas Carol.

Women's Sharing Group: Betty Hall read a letter from the Women's Sharing Group explaining its decision to lay itself down (attached).

The Clerk reported that

Concerns: Mary Miche suggested that the Meeting consider becoming involved in some of the services provided by the Center for Independent Living. *She also reported that* Vicky Piliard expressed a concern that the Meeting become involved with the boycott of the J.P. Stevens Company. John Ullmann expressed a concern that the Meeting think seriously about what ministry means-- whether it means worship or serving as a kind of minister. He remarked that, if ministry and worship mean the same thing, the name of the Committee on Worship and Ministry is redundant. Mark Beckham expressed a concern that discussion of the queries prepared by the Committee on Meeting Status take place at a time other than Meeting for Business.

Meeting for Business closed at 11 PM, following a period of silence, with ten people in attendance.

*Respectfully submitted,
James Rubin
Recording Clerk*

Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting
Meeting for Business
5 November 1978

The November Meeting for Business, which was held at the home of John and Lynne Bird, began at 12 PM with 10 people in attendance. Following a period of silence, the Clerk read the Queries for the Eleventh Month.

The minutes of the October Meeting for Business were read and were approved with corrections.

Committee on Meeting Status: The Committee on Meeting Status asked for responses to the following query: "What is the Meeting's commitment to the American Friends Service Committee, the Friends Committee on Legislation, the Friends World Committee on Consultation, the College Park Friends Educational Association and the Friends Association of Services to the Elderly?" Individual responses were as follows: 1) As a Meeting, we have not been committed to these Friends organizations. This is a disadvantage. Individuals who work with these organizations do not bring reports back to the Meeting and we therefore do not know what commitment to these groups involves. 2) The question was raised as to whether Strawberry Creek wants to have representatives to these groups. The individual who raised this question felt that the Meeting is too inward in its focus and needs more involvement with the larger body of Friends. 3) Pat Stewart commented that Meetings do not send individual representatives to AFSC but that individuals are needed to serve on the various committees of that organization. Pat mentioned that she is a member of the Nominating Committee of AFSC and would be very interested in knowing of any members of Strawberry Creek who are interested in participating in any of its committees as members or observers. 4) A Friend commented that our contact with FWCC is minimal since most of its activities are concentrated on the East Coast. However, Friends were reminded that they can save the postage stamps from foreign mail which they receive and send them to FWCC, which sells them and uses the proceeds to benefit its own work. 5) It was suggested that the Meeting have speakers from AFSC and FCL come and tell us about their work. Pat Stewart suggested that the Meeting ask Connie Jolly to speak to us about AFSC. Betty Hall agreed to contact Connie and arrange a meeting with her. 6) A Friend expressed concern that our involvement with these organizations derive from personal commitment and not just from a sense of abstract obligation. If there are not individuals who are really interested in serving, we should not have representatives merely for the sake of having representatives. 7) It was suggested that those individuals who are already involved with these groups bring regular reports back to the Meeting. The newsletter might be used for this purpose. 8) Friends were reminded that most of these organizations have mailing lists. We could ask that the members of Strawberry Creek be put on these lists.

Time of Business Meeting: The Meeting approved holding Meeting for Business on First Day afternoons for the months of October through May and on First Day evenings for the months of June through September.

Treasurer's Report: The Clerk read the Treasurer's Report. The Meeting approved the Treasurer's suggestion that it minute the 50¢ necessary to balance the budget of the Fall retreat and that it thank the retreat committee for having figured its budget so well. The Meeting approved asking the Finance Committee to prepare a one-year budget for the Meeting. The Clerk announced that the audit which the Meeting approved has not been done yet.

Interim Finance Committee: It was suggested that the newsletter be used to remind attenders of Strawberry Creek who are members of other Meetings that those Meetings are paying Yearly and Quarterly Meeting dues in their behalf. The Meeting approved the recommendation of the Interim Finance Committee that Strawberry Creek not make any contributions to other Friends organizations at this time.

Retreat Committee: No members of the Retreat Committee were present to give a report. However, the Clerk mentioned that the committee had several concerns to bring to the Meeting, the most important of which had to do with the large number of last minute cancellations for the Fall Retreat. Larry Perry agreed to contact Ben Lomond about possible dates in March or April for a Spring retreat.

Briggs Initiative Action Report: The Clerk reviewed the activities of members of the Meeting who were involved in the campaign against the Briggs Initiative but had no information about how much money was spent for these activities. The possibility of having a permanent Peace and Social Order Committee with a permanent convener was also discussed but no action was taken.

Committee on Worship and Ministry: Betsy Dearborn will close Meeting for Worship in December. The Meeting discussed the problems of having Worship and Ministry function as a committee of the whole. Problems raised included the fact that there is no consistent committee, that it is unclear when the committee should be convened, that it is unclear what concerns are appropriate to it and to whom these should be conveyed. Questions were also raised about whether our needs are being dealt with by the committee or whether we even need such a committee at all. It was suggested that our retreats might be fulfilling many of the functions which would otherwise be fulfilled by the committee. After some discussion, the Meeting agreed to lay over the question of Meeting structure and committees to the December Meeting for Business.

Ad Hoc Committee to Nominate the Nominating Committee:
Jane Rubin reported that the Ad Hoc Committee to Nominate the Nominating Committee nominated Cornelia Cooper, Betsy Dearborn and John McCarthy. The Meeting directed the committee to find a convener for the committee and laid over the question of approval until the December Meeting for Business.

Berkeley Interfaith Council: Betsy Dearborn attended a meeting of the Berkeley Interfaith Council. However, the director of the council was out of town. She there fore made no recommendation about possible Strawberry Creek membership in the council.

CPQM/PYM Representatives: The Meeting approved naming official representatives to CPQM and PYM who will report back to the Meeting about these gatherings. The Meeting approved naming a CPQM representative at the January Meeting for Business and instructed the Nominating Committee to nominate a representative to PYM.

Correspondence: The Clerk mentioned a letter from FCL asking for a Strawberry Creek representative to that organization. The Meeting approved asking the Nominating Committee to find a representative to FCL.

The Clerk announced that Ax Nelson will lead a discussion on Hans Kung's On Being A Christian at Berkeley Meeting, beginning on Tuesday, November 21, from 7:30-9:30 PM, and meeting every other Tuesday thereafter.

The Meeting agreed that it was easy about proceeding with the next set of queries from the Committee on Meeting Status at the next Meeting for Business. It also instructed the Committee on Meeting Status to write a set of questions for a threshing session on the question of application for Monthly Meeting status. These questions will concern the specific procedures which Strawberry Creek must institute if it is to become a Monthly Meeting, such as the establishment of a Committee on Oversight. The threshing session will include our oversight committee from Berkeley Meeting as well as other Friends who are familiar with the process of becoming a Monthly Meeting.

Newsletter: Larry Perry agreed to find out how many copies of the newsletter are needed and to report back to the Meeting.

Carl Anderson announced that members of Young Friends of North America will visit Strawberry Creek on December 3rd. He also announced that the YFNA New Year's gathering will take place at Coos Bay, Oregon, from December 28 to January 2.

Fun Committee: Tim Hall announced that he would look into the possibility of purchasing tickets for the matinee performance of the Nutcracker on December 10.

After a period of silence, Meeting for Business closed at 3:25 PM with eight people in attendance.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jane Rubin*

Minutes of the Meeting for Business of the Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held on the third day of twelfth month, 1978 at the home of Bob and Connie Jolly, Oakland California.

Lynn Bird, clerk of the Meeting, presided.

Business Meeting opened at 12:20 PM with 17 people in attendance. Following a period of silence the clerk read the Queries for twelfth month.

The minutes of the eleventh month Meeting for Business were read and approved with corrections.

Meeting Status: The clerk read queries from the Committee on Meeting Status: Shall Strawberry Creek become a Monthly Meeting? Does the Meeting accept Faith and Practice and in what sense? Individual responses to the first query were:

What is holding us back from becoming a Monthly Meeting?

We are ready to become a Monthly Meeting and we should begin to deal with the question of oversight.

Becoming a Monthly Meeting places obligations and responsibilities on us in relation to other Quaker organizations and groups that many of us do not want to accept. There is a lack of enthusiasm with respect to these responsibilities.

The important issue is the stability of the Meeting, and that stability is there. For us to become a Monthly Meeting is largely a matter of recognizing something that already exists.

Applying for Meeting status is making clear a truth that already exists, and making that truth clear might help us to deal with the other questions that arise concerning Monthly Meeting status, such as the question of membership on the Committee on Oversight.

Responses to the second question were:

It is not appropriate to look at Faith and Practice to see if there are parts we cannot accept. Rather we should accept the implications of accepting a faith and practice, a body of Quaker ideas. That is, we should accept that we are a Quaker body.

Faith and Practice is not a static, enduring document. It is a guide which continues to change.

The Quaker way is to work from experience. Faith and Practice is a guide that tells us what has worked for others in the past. We do not adhere to the letter but rather to the spirit.

Why are we so preoccupied with the acceptance or non-acceptance of Faith and Practice? It is a useful and important guide, but it is not a law. The ultimate truth lies not in the words of a book, but in trying to follow the spirit of God that is within each one of us and within us as a group.

Faith and Practice represents the experience of a wider community of Friends. Perhaps our hesitancy is that we would be giving up some of our individuality to become a part of that wider community.

We have accepted the faith part but not the practice part. The big problem is a procedural one - how decisions are made and who takes responsibility. We are not moving towards becoming a Monthly Meeting. The words are there but the actions aren't.

In the absence of consensus to do otherwise, we accept the procedures in Faith and Practice. Part of the problem is different interpretations of Faith and Practice.

The real problem is whether or not we require those that serve on committees to be members of the Religious Society of Friends.

Decisions in Business Meeting in other meetings are not made just by the members, but by the community of members and attenders at the meeting.

The Meeting seems to adhere to Faith and Practice more than other meetings. We are always quoting it and referring to it. We confuse acceptance with agreement. The problem is not that we don't agree with Faith and Practice, but that we don't agree with ourselves. We do accept Faith and Practice.

Betty Hall, reporting for the Committee on Meeting Status, in response to a request from the last Business Meeting, said that Connie Jolly has suggested inviting Bob Eaton to speak to us about AFSC. No similar action has been taken with respect to FCL.

It was suggested that we are ready to move from talking about queries to action on becoming a Monthly Meeting. Discussion followed:

The procedure for becoming a Monthly Meeting was outlined. It is on p. 68 of Faith and Practice. College Park Quarterly Meeting has a sub-committee on new meetings whom we can consult.

After further discussion, those present agreed that the following proposed minute be published in the next Newsletter, and be presented to the next Business Meeting for consideration:

Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting directs the clerk to consult with the Committee on Meeting Status and others as necessary in order to present to Berkeley Monthly Meeting this Meeting's application to become a Monthly Meeting.

Pat Stewart said that she has just been appointed to chair the Berkeley Meeting Committee on Ministry and Oversight, and asked if we see a conflict between this and her membership on the Committee of Oversight over Strawberry Creek, since our application will go to Ministry and Oversight. The Meeting agreed that she should stay on our committee, but requested that she bring to them our concern that there should be more attendance of our meeting by others on the committee and that perhaps one of the members should be replaced.

Spring Retreat: Larry Perry reported that the hostel area of Ben Lomand Camp has been reserved for the spring retreat. The dates will be April 21-23, 1979. A deposit of \$37.50 has been paid. Vicky Pillard volunteered to chair the Retreat Committee. More volunteers will be needed to help.

Meeting Structure and Committees: The formation of an Oversight Committee was considered. The meaning of oversight and the purpose of the committee were discussed. The clerk read the paragraphs in Faith and Practice which deal with the Oversight Committee. Names for this committee were suggested: Ministry and Counsel, Committee on Caring, the Overseers, and Committee on Oversight. The form of the committee was discussed, and there was general agreement that its members can act as a committee, yet they should be free to act as individuals, and people in the meeting should feel free to approach individual overseers or the committee as a whole as the particular situation dictates. It was suggested that the committee have 3 members; some felt that this would be too few.

The issue of whether or not we should require the committee to be made up of members of the Religious Society of Friends was raised. One Friend suggested that we perhaps allow one non-member on the committee. Other Friends objected that Faith and Practice requires the Committee on Oversight to be made of members, and that even if we are not bound by this rule now, we surely will be when we become a Monthly Meeting. Also, the Oversight Committee deals with applications for membership, so participation by non-members would be inappropriate. Other Friends commented that the membership issue was rather artificial, since few people really keep track of who is or is not a member. We do not know what we require for membership and we must be clear on this before we become a Monthly Meeting. Another Friend suggested, with respect to this and other issues, that we set up the committee using Faith and Practice as a guide, then with experience we can see how it works and modify it as necessary. It was agreed that the following proposed minute be published in the Newsletter and presented to the next Business Meeting for consideration:

Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting shall establish a Committee on Oversight whose members shall be called Overseers. The committee shall consist of three members of the Religious Society of Friends who shall consult p. 32 of Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice for guidance in their function. The size of the committee shall be open to later consideration.

The structure of the Committee on Worship and Ministry was discussed. It is currently a committee of the Whole, with a standing convener. It was suggested that there be a standing "core membership" of three, with all meetings open. One Friend said that the current structure has worked in the past and still can work and he prefers it. Other Friends said that, as a committee of the whole, often few people show up at the meetings, and there are no Friends on whom the convener can count to perform the necessary business. It was agreed to lay this issue over to next Business Meeting because Eleanor Warnock, the current convener, was not present to give her observations.

Discussion of the formation of a Peace and Social Action Committee was layed over to next Business Meeting.

Nominating Committee: The Ad Hoc Committee to Nominate the Nominating Committee nominated for the Nominating Committee: Betsy Dearborn, Cornelia Cooper, and John McCarthy, with Cornelia as convener. One Friend objected that none of the nominees is a member of the Religious Society of Friends. Tim Hall, reporting for the Ad Hoc Committee, said that they were unable to find any members who were willing and able to serve and that there are many non-members who are more active in the meeting than some members. The clerk pointed out that all Nominating Committee meetings will be open. This satisfied the objector. The clerk proposed that the first meeting of the Nominating Committee be announced well in advance and that those who attend the first meeting be notified of all subsequent meetings. This procedure was approved by the Business Meeting. The nominees for the Nominating Committee were approved. We thank the Ad Hoc Committee for their efforts.

Conflict of Business Meeting with Meeting of Western Young Friends: Paul Jolly will suggest to the Young Friends that they change their meeting time, since it is a smaller group than Business Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Cooper reported that during eleventh month we had the following expenses:

Newsletter postage	\$10.75
Spring Retreat deposit	\$37.50
TOTAL	\$48.25.

We recieved no income, leaving a balance of \$547.99. His report was accepted by the Meeting. It and the report for the ninth month are attached. A Friend asked what the expenses were for the campaign against Proposition 6 and asked for a report on what action was taken. Carl Anderson said that a bill for about \$30 to \$40 was on the way to the treasurer and that he will compile a report.

Fun Committee: Tim Hall reported that 35 tickets to the Nutcracker have been distributed. He will try to get more if other people are interested. No other activities are planned at this time.

Newsletter: Jackson Burgess asked for the guidance of the Meeting in the use of the Newsletter for certain special projects, for example, the airing of Quaker controversies, or the publishing of an issue by the children of the meeting. He suggested, however, that once the Committee on Oversight is formed it might be appropriate to consult with the Overseers rather than bringing questions to the whole Meeting. The Meeting approved this procedure and expressed its confidence in Jackson's judgement on such issues.

Meeting Status Threshing Session: The clerk asked if we still need a threshing session. After discussion the Meeting decided to leave it to the Committee on Meeting Status to judge whether and when such a threshing session should be held.

Correspondence: Elizabeth Perry wrote requesting a grant from the Meeting of between \$50 and \$200 to help cover her costs on the FWCC Youth Pilgrimage for which she is applying. Her sources of financial support must be listed on her application, which is due 12/15/78. After discussion and assurance by the treasurer that the Meeting can afford it, the Meeting approved a grant of \$200 (contingent, of course, on Elizabeth's being accepted for the Pilgrimage). Sentiment was that Elizabeth should say she is representing Strawberry Creek, and it was hoped that she will be able to bring back to us much information about other Quaker groups and about Quaker history.

News about the visit of Catherine and Duncan Wood to the Bay Area was received. Further information will appear on the bulletin board.

Larry Larson wrote announcing the formation of a Committee on Sufferings of the College Park Quarterly Meeting and explaining its function and membership. Each meeting in the Quarter is requested to appoint a contact person. Jim Strait volunteered; the Meeting approved.

Concerns: Betty Hall asked about child care during Meeting for Business. This concern was referred to the First Day School Committee.

Mary Miché reported on an informal poll she has been taking of people's intentions with respect to membership should Strawberry Creek become a Monthly Meeting. Of 13 polled, 8 are members of other meetings and would transfer their memberships to Strawberry Creek, and 4 others, not currently members, are "dying to apply" to Strawberry Creek. She asked if the Meeting wished this poll to continue or become more formal. There was unease among a number of Friends about asking individuals of their intentions before we have agreed on our corporate intentions. It was pointed out that a requirement of our application for Monthly Meeting status is a list of Meeting attenders and their

status with respect to the Religious Society of Friends. A Friend suggested that concerns should not be acted upon or discussed but simply be expressed with action layed over until next Business Meeting. An effort to have this position minuted was layed over. The issue of the membership poll was layed over.

Jim Strait noted that late-comers to Meeting for Worship make it difficult for Meeting to center down until well into the hour and urged punctuality.

Tim Hall asked that mention be made that an extraordinary Meeting for Worship was held last Monday evening (11/27/78) at the home of Jackson and Elena Burgess in response to the murders of George Moscone and Harvey Milk and the deaths at the People's Temple settlement at Jonestown, Guyana.

After a period of silence, Meeting for Business closed at 4:30 PM with 12 people in attendance.

--Bev Crawford and Jim Strait,
Acting Recording Clerks

Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting
Meeting for Business
7 January 1979

First Month Meeting for Business, which was held at the home of the Perrys, began at 12:18 P.M. with 34 people in attendance. Following a period of silence, the Clerk read the Queries for the First Month. The minutes were read and approved.

Sheila Moran announced that the annual meeting of AFSC will take place on 10 February 1979. She suggested that members of the Meeting prepare food to sell at the meeting. All proceeds will go to AFSC. Those interested in contributing can contact Sheila.

Application for Monthly Meeting Status: The Meeting approved the following minutes; 1) Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting directs the Committee on Meeting Status to arrange a meeting for Strawberry Creek with the College Park Quarterly Meeting sub-committee on new Meetings. 2) The Meeting directs the Clerk to prepare an application of Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting for Monthly Meeting Status. This application will be presented for approval to Strawberry Creek's Monthly Meeting for Business before being presented to Berkeley Monthly Meeting. 3) The Meeting directs the Clerk to consult with the College Park Quarterly Meeting sub-committee on new Meetings in preparing Strawberry Creek's application for Monthly Meeting Status. Ed Hazzard asked to be recorded as standing aside on ~~this~~ ^{the second} minute. He also asked that he be allowed to withdraw from the Committee on Meeting Status. He explained that he does not feel fully involved in the decision to become a Monthly Meeting and that he thinks that approving the minute means accepting its full consequences. He also expressed a hope that the recognition that there are differences within the Meeting on this issue not put a damper on the spirit of the Meeting.

Committee on Meeting Status: The Committee on Meeting Status asked for responses to the following query: "What is the Meeting's view of membership in the Religious Society of Friends?" Responses were as follows; 1) We can worship without knowing each other personally, as long as we worship as Friends. The phrase is not, "Whenever two or three are gathered in my name, we have a support group". We should see ourselves not just as a supportive group but as a religious community which fosters spiritual life as Friends have done for three hundred years. 2) A member is one whose actions reflect an inner commitment to the Meeting. A member values Meeting for Worship, Meeting for Business and such Friends' ways as waiting for unity and searching for the Light in

silence. A member listens to the words of Friends, both present and past. Some have discovered that they have these commitments and have stated their membership. Others are equally members but have not discovered their membership. We should not draw the line too carefully but should look, rather, to the spirit and commitment of the person. 3) There is a larger body of Quakers who may never even have heard of the Society; there is a smaller body of members. The first thing that we should look for in members is that they truly be Quakers. 4) When a person is ready to become a Quaker, he or she writes a letter expressing a desire for membership and an account of the source of that desire. Desires are very different. Some people wait ten years; for some it doesn't take long. Membership is a commitment to be part of everyone else. This is learned by long meditation and thought, but when the moment comes, it is a great moment. The point comes when our insight matures; it takes different individuals different amounts of time. 5) The Discipline of New England Yearly Meeting makes it clear that a member does not need to have a well-formulated theology. Rather, a member should be "a humble learner in the school of Christ". Membership is not an end in itself. It is part of a process of seeking and learning. 6) Membership is a commitment which increases both responsibility and freedom. That's the joy of it. 7) Membership signifies identification with a tradition. There is some attractiveness to the idea that being a true seeker means visiting a different church every week. But there has to be someone there to visit. Friends are distinctive. Other groups identify themselves on the basis of what they are not. Friends identify themselves through their belief that the will of God can be known immediately by a group and that the group can be obedient to it. The most important factor in deciding to become a member is whether one can assent to the truth-discovering process of the Society. Can we lay aside our wonderful selves and search for the truth? Can we trust it above the truth-discovering processes of our own souls? 8) There are many good reasons to choose not to be a member. There are people who hold formal membership who are not committed to Friends' ways. This commitment and the actions which back it up are what make a person a member, not formal membership. 9) There are two aspects of membership. Individual Meetings are part of a larger body of Friends; this is the positive aspect of membership. But membership of individuals in Monthly Meetings should be abolished. 10) It is both a strength and an awkwardness of Quakerism that it accepts non-members as active participants. This awkwardness should continue. There is no higher consciousness in which the conflicts between members and non-members will merge. So it is healthy to allow the problem to exist, rather than attempt to find a definitive solution to it. As long as it is allowed to exist, the importance of membership will survive and those who are not members will also have a place. This is important and precious.

11) If we are considering membership, we should become thoroughly acquainted with Quaker history. This rootedness helps us to know if we are Quakers. It is a rootedness which we cannot get simply by attending Meeting for Worship. The internal commitment is very important; the formal manifestation seems small in comparison to it. 12) Becoming a member did not have much impact as long as this Friend was not active in the Meeting. With increased activity, formal membership seems less important than the realization that we are created in the image of God and that being a Quaker means relating to the other images. 13) Non-members often seem to take membership more seriously than do members. This seriousness is good; however, it should not become a barrier to membership. The question is what membership means. Does it mean that we are rid of those beliefs which are contrary to Quaker beliefs? Strawberry Creek is not doing enough to prepare people to be members. It is not just a matter of attending Meeting for Worship but of knowing the background of Quakerism. This should be a serious concern as we think about our Meeting and the question of membership. 14) When we have children, things change and we learn about ourselves. We become divided. In the past year and a half, this Friend has become somewhat estranged from the Meeting. Its significance has become diffuse and difficult to articulate. The significance has been internalized; it involves a deeper and more mystical feeling. This Friend can no longer articulate what membership means and doesn't mean. It is a life-long commitment, as is having a child. Some members have said that membership is not a big deal. But it is a big deal. Quakerism is one of the most important commitments in our lives. 15) A Friend who had spoken earlier did not want to be interpreted as having put membership down. Membership involves the same kind of commitment as does a marriage. 16) It is difficult to become a member when one does not know what one is becoming a member of. It is important that we take seriously our Quaker heritage; it is equally important that we take seriously the Christian tradition of which Quakerism is a part. It would be less difficult to consider becoming a member if one weren't slightly embarrassed to mention Quakerism and Christianity in the same breath. 17) The question would be simpler if we had a central authority with clear and concise principles. Then we wouldn't have to struggle to find the truth for ourselves. It is a joint, never-ending approach to truth. It is more of a challenge and more exciting to be engaged forever in that search.

Committee on Oversight: After much discussion of the question of whether members of the Committee on Oversight must be members of the Religious Society of Friends, the Meeting approved the following two minutes: 1) Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting shall establish a Committee on Oversight whose members shall be called Overseers. The committee shall consult page 32 of Pacific Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice for guidance in their function.

2) The committee will consist of three people, all of whom will be members of the Religious Society of Friends. The size of the committee will be open to later consideration.

Jim Barnard, Paul Jolly, Mary Miche, and Jim Strait asked to be recorded as having stood aside on the second minute.

Bill Cooper suggested that the Meeting initiate procedures for changing the Discipline's requirement that members of the Committee on Oversight be members of the Religious Society of Friends. Bill and Jim Barnard will bring back a report to the Meeting about the procedures for changing the Discipline.

Peace and Social Order: The Meeting approved having Gary Crawford continue to act as co-ordinator of Peace and Social Order concerns. Paul Jolly agreed to assist Gary. Attenders should continue to notify Gary about their social concerns and involvements. Gary and Paul will co-ordinate Peace and Social Order activities as the need arises.

College Park Quarterly Meeting: Paul Jolly agreed to be Strawberry Creek representative at College Park Quarterly Meeting on 20 January 1979, in San Francisco.

FCL Harvest Festival: The Meeting was unable to find a person who was willing to be a representative to the FCL Harvest Festival Committee. However, the Meeting will notify FCL of the names of any individuals from Strawberry Creek who might want to contribute to the Festival.

Committee on Worship^{Ministry:} The Meeting agreed to hold over the question of the structure of the Committee on Worship to the Second Month Meeting for Business. The committee will discuss the issue at its meeting on 14 January 1979 and will bring its recommendations to the Second Month Meeting for Business.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Cooper read the Treasurer's Report (attached). He also suggested that it is too early to draw up a budget for the Meeting. Presently there is inadequate information and it is unclear what changes in our financial situation will take place as we move towards becoming a Monthly Meeting. Both he and the Clerk of the Finance Committee recommend that we wait six months before attempting to draw up a budget.

Retreat Committee: Jim Strait agreed to serve with Vicky Pillard on the Retreat Committee.

Fun Committee: Tim Hall reported that 40 people attended a performance of the Nutcracker. 30 of these were members and attenders of Strawberry Creek. The committee is considering an evening of singing for January and hopes to plan an outing for the Lincoln or Washington birthday weekends in February.

AFSC/FWCC: Betty Hall reported that Bob Eaton will be present to talk about AFSC after the rise of Meeting on 28 January 1979. Van Ernst is willing to come to talk to us about FWCC.

Committee on Meeting Status: The Meeting approved adding Jim Strait and John Ullmann to the Committee on Meeting Status.

Correspondence: The Clerk read a letter from Pat Stewart informing the Meeting that Dick Brown has been added to Berkeley Meeting's Committee on Oversight of Strawberry Creek. Dick Brown expressed regrets at not being able to attend First Month Meeting for Business.

The Clerk read a letter from John Woolman School asking that Friends recommend the school to prospective students and contribute financially to it.

Concerns: The Meeting agreed not to poll attenders of Strawberry Creek in order to determine how many of them are planning to apply for membership when Strawberry Creek becomes a Monthly Meeting. This agreement followed the statements of several Friends that taking a poll was un-Quakerly and seemed too much like voting.

Larry Perry asked that we express our appreciation to our Oversight Committee from Berkeley Meeting. He also noted that we do not have a process for reporting regularly to Berkeley Meeting. Pat Stewart suggested that we report to Berkeley Meeting's Committee on Oversight. It was agreed that the Clerk or the Alternate Clerk will give a report as necessary to Berkeley Monthly Meeting. They will meet with Larry Perry to discuss what should be included in the report.

The Clerk reported that Sam Cox has resigned as typist for the newsletter and that he has written a letter expressing his discomfort with the Meeting. The Meeting approved the establishment of a visitation committee to meet with Sam and hear his concerns. The Meeting approved Bill Cooper, Barbara Perry, Jane Rubin and ~~John Ullmann~~ as members of the committee.

After a period of silence, Meeting for Business closed at 5:02 P.M. with 16 people in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Rubin

Jane Rubin
Recording Clerk

Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting
Meeting for Business
4 February 1979

Second month meeting for Business, which was held at the home of the Perry, began at 12:10 pm with 27 people in attendance. Following a period of silence, the clerk read the queries for the second month. The minutes of the First month meeting for Business were read and were approved with corrections. Bill Cooper stood aside on the approval of the minutes. He explained that he was uneasy about the fact that four people had stood aside on the minutes which required that members of the committee on Oversight be members of the Religious Society of Friends. While he was uneasy about the process by which the minutes were approved, he did not want to impede the process of becoming a monthly meeting. Following the approval of the minutes, the clerk introduced Van Ennot and Foy Van Dolsen from the College Park quarterly meeting sub-committee of on our meetings and Dick Brown from Berkeley meeting's committee for the oversight of Strawberry Creek Preparative meeting.

Committee on Meeting Status: The committee on meeting status asked for responses to the following query: "In what way does the meeting deal with conflict and allow for differences within it?" Thirteen people responded. Several Friends felt that we had addressed our conflicts openly and honestly but that we could learn to cherish our differences more and to see that conflict, while painful, need not hamper our growth as a meeting or as individuals. Other Friends felt that we ~~did~~ ^{do} not deal with conflict very well. A Friend expressed the feeling that when we come together we submit each of ourselves to the group rather than to the spirit and the truth which are deeper than the group. One person in the group may have an understanding of the truth which no one else has. We should avoid coming to a superficial unity just for the sake of getting the business done.

Several Friends expressed the view that conflict is frightening.

We're afraid that if we disagree on one thing, we'll end up hating each other. We need to listen to each other, to talk to people who share our views and to those who do not, and to be open to and non-judgmental about what they might say. Several Friends expressed the view that conflict should not be perceived as frightening or unpleasant but should be seen as central to growth. We grow by taking the risk of putting our ideas and interests out and having them come into conflict. We should organize this in such a way that there aren't winners and losers but we all go through the process together.

Following the responses to the query, Betty Hall announced that Van Ernot will speak about FWCC on February 25th after the next meeting. She also called attention to the fact that the meeting will need a Recorder when it becomes a monthly meeting. She agreed to consult Berkeley monthly meeting and the CP&M sub-committee on new meetings about the proper way to list members and attendees on Strawberry Creek's application for monthly meeting status.

Jim Strait reported the Committee's answers to the questions for new meetings which are given in Faith and Practice (attached).

Treasurer's Report: Bill Cooper read the Treasurer's Report (attached).

Committee on Ministry and worship: The meeting approved meeting at the Haggards in March and at the Burgess' in April and May. Jane Rubin will close meeting in March.

Eleanor Warrnack announced that the committee has decided to establish two on-going groups. Jim Strait and Tim Hall will co-ordinate a group which will discuss religious topics. Eleanor and Carl Anderson will co-ordinate a small, closed, spiritual drawing group. Attendees of Strawberry Creek who are interested in either of these groups should contact the co-ordinators. Eleanor also announced that Mary Miché will co-ordinate a day or evening of reflection

dealing with different ways of centering.

It was agreed that the committee will meet the third Sunday of each month at 9 am. The next meeting will be held on February 18th at the Pump and will begin with a potluck breakfast at 8 am.

Betty Hall announced that she is co-ordinating a welcoming party for Paul Barnhart Mc Carthy.

Application for Monthly Meeting Status: Several Friends expressed deep concern about the process by which the First month meeting for Business had approved a minute requiring that members of the committee on Oversight be members of the Religious Society of Friends. After a very lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the meeting needed a churching session to deal with the question of membership. The meeting agreed to delay sending its letter requesting monthly meeting status (attached) to Berkeley monthly meeting until the conflict about membership is resolved.

Nominating Committee: The meeting approved Gary Crawford as representative to FCL. The Nominating committee does not yet have nominations for PYM representative or for the committee on Oversight. The next meeting of the committee is on February 18th at 7:30 pm at the Mc Carthy / Barnhart house. The committee would like to hear from people who are interested in serving as PYM representative or on the committee on Oversight or who would like to suggest names of people to fill these positions.

Retreat Committee: The clerk announced that people who have ideas for the Spring Retreat should contact Vicky Pillard or Jim Strait.

Education Committee: The clerk read a report from Dick Emmons describing the activities of the Education Committee and the First Day School (attached).

Peace and Social Order: Gary Crawford reported that he had talked with 15 people about their Peace and Social Order concerns, all but two are involved in some sort of activity and all have been involved at one time or another. Gary will continue to inform the meeting about Peace and Social Order concerns through the newsletter. He attended the CPQM Social Order committed meeting and has discussed connecting people in Strawberry Creek with people in Berkeley meeting and in the Q. water who have similar concerns. He is also considering holding some sort of event for people who want to get involved.

Correspondence: The clerk read a letter from Beacon Hill Worship Group introducing Jamie King to the meeting.

Application for Monthly Meeting Status: The meeting approved the text of a letter to Berkeley monthly meeting requesting monthly meeting status for Strawberry Creek (attached).

Concerns: Bill Cooper and Jim Strait reported that they have not yet looked into the procedure for making changes in Faith and Practices.

The clerk and the committee on meeting status agreed to arrange a teaching session for a discussion of the issue of membership.

The issue of requiring membership in the Society of Friends for members of the Committee on Oversight was laid over to the March meeting for Business.

Mary Miché brought it to the attention of the meeting that some yearly meetings allow for membership in Preparative meetings. She also asked that we consider having the categories of recorded and non-recorded members, as do some other meetings.

Barbara Perry expressed grave reservations about Strawberry Creek's intent to become a monthly meeting. She asked that the meeting seriously consider whether it might not function better as a Worship Group.

The meeting decided to delay sending the letter to Berkeley meeting requesting monthly meeting status until after the stretching session + the march meeting for Business.

Fun Committee: Tim Hall reported that 30 adults and children attended a Film Night at the Pump on February 3rd.

meeting for Business closed at 4:34 pm, after a period of silence, with 22 people in attendance.

Jane Rubin

Jane Rubin
Recording Clerk

Strawberry Creek Preparative meeting
Third month meeting for Business
4 March 1979

Third month meeting for Business, which was held at the home of the Bude, began at 12:15 pm with 15 people in attendance. The clerk read the queries for the Third month. The minutes of the second month meeting for Business were read and were approved with corrections.

Nominating Committee: Cornelia Cooper read the report of the Nominating Committee. The committee nominated Eleanor Wainoch as Strawberry Creek's representative to Pacific yearly meeting. It nominated Susan Burr, Bob Coater and Barbara Emmons to the Committee on Oversight, with Susan Burr as convener of the committee. The Nominating Committee also recommended that the terms of the members of the Committee on Oversight be staggered as follows: Susan Burr will serve until December, 1980, Bob Coater will serve until December, 1979, Barbara Emmons will serve until June, 1980. Approval of these nominations was laid over to the Fourth month meeting for Business.

Following the report of the Nominating Committee, the meeting approved the following minute: In view of the difficulty we find in arriving at unity on the matter of qualifications for office and committee, the meeting is unable now to direct the committee specifically but urges the committee to proceed with its nominations in prayerful consciousness of the depth of many Friends' concerns in this area, in awareness of Quaker practice and tradition (taking Faith and Practice of PYM as its guide) and in assurance of the meeting's confidence in the committee.

Committee on Worship and Ministry: Eleanor Wainoch read the report of the Committee on Worship and Ministry. She announced that Larry Perry will co-ordinate visits to other meetings on the fifth Sunday of the months of April, July, September and December. The meeting then approved Jim Strait to do a meeting in April and May and it approved inviting Santa Cruz

meeting for worship and lunch on the Sunday of the April retreat. Finally, Eleanor announced that 22 people attended a welcoming meeting for Paul Bamhart McCarty on Friday evening, March 2nd.

Representative's Committee: Barbara Perry gave a lengthy report on the meeting of the PYM Representative's Committee. Items of particular interest to Shawlony Creek included: 1) There is a concern among those planning the schedule for PYM that people who have been left out of the schedule in the past - new attendees of PYM, people who are not members of Representative's Committee, etc - have their needs met. Anyone who has specific suggestions for scheduling changes should give them to Barbara in writing and she will forward them to those in charge of scheduling. 2) The Friend in the Orient project is looking for someone who is interested in spending a year with the small, resistant Quaker community in Seoul, South Korea. 3) Sheila Mowen is assistant registrar for PYM. The meeting decided to help Sheila with registration as its contribution to PYM.

Application for monthly meeting status: The meeting approved sending a letter to Berkeley monthly meeting requesting monthly meeting status (see attachments to second month minutes).

Education Committee: The clerk read a report from the clerk of the Education Committee (attached). The committee will bring forth a proposed minute concerning the time when the First Day School will enter the meeting at the Fourth month meeting for Business.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Cooper read the Treasurer's Report (attached). The meeting laid over ^{the} proposed minute concerning travel expenses for meeting representatives to the Fourth month meeting for Business.

Transportation Co-ordinator: Tim Hall proposed the following minute: At the discretion of the Transportation Co-ordinator, the cost of taxi cab fare for transportation to meeting will be paid for by the meeting. The minute was laid over to the Fourth month meeting for Business.

Correspondence: 1) The clerk read a letter from Berkeley monthly meeting concerning many miché's application for membership in the Society of Friends. The letter advised Strawberry Creek that Berkeley meeting's lack of unity should not be interpreted as a rejection of many or as an indication of the meeting's having ceased to labor over this issue. 2) Ruth Flower informed the meeting of continuing discussion about transferring the care of Ben Leonard Rickett Center to the Quarter. 3) Karla Schuyler announced an announcement of her availability for calligraphy work. 4) Sharon Swindle will need a place to stay and personal support for the three weeks (from 19 March on) in which she will be visiting the California School for the Blind and the Deaf.

Fun Committee: The Fun Committee is planning a Chinese dinner for Friday, March 30th. Reservations will be required.

Betty Hall announced that Van Ernst will speak about FWCC after the rise of meeting on March 18th. The meeting approved Betty as co-ordinator of a carnival meeting for worship on Easter.

Pat Stewart announced that Berkeley meeting is sponsoring an Argentine woman who has just been released from prison and who will arrive here with her daughter. Any offers of support - money, transportation and any other types of assistance - would be greatly appreciated.

After a period of silence, meeting for business concluded at 3:10 pm with 18 people in attendance.

James Rubin
Recording Clerk

Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting
Meeting for Business
1 April 1979

Fourth Month Meeting for Business, which was held at the home of the Burgesses, began at 12:10 P.M. with 24 people in attendance. Following a period of silence, the Clerk read the Queries for the Fourth Month. The minutes of the Third Month Meeting for Business were read and were approved with corrections.

Retreat Committee: Vicky Pillard reported on transportation arrangements and scheduling for the spring retreat. The Meeting approved inviting Santa Cruz Meeting for worship and lunch on the Sunday of the retreat. It also approved the allocation of \$100 from the Meeting treasury to lower the cost of registration and to pay for child care at the retreat.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Strait read the Treasurer's Report (attached). The Meeting agreed to lay over the question of paying travel expenses for representatives to Friends' functions to the Fifth Month Meeting for Business.

Transportation Report: The Meeting approved a minute authorizing the treasurer to pay cab fare for Friends who need rides to Meeting for Worship on those occasions when the transportation co-ordinator is unable to find rides for them.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee nominated Carl Anderson as Transportation Co-ordinator and Susie Nemir as Clerk of the First Day School Committee. The Meeting approved Eleanor Warnock as PYM Representative and Susan Burr, Bob Cooter and Barbara Emmons as members of the Committee on Oversight. The Meeting also approved the Nominating Committee's suggestions for scattering the terms of the members of the Committee on Oversight (see Third Month minutes). The Meetings also approved nominating the PYM Representative with the other officers in June and having that representative take office after Pacific Yearly Meeting. Finally, Betsy Dearborn announced that other nominations will be posted on the bulletin board so that they can be considered before Fifth Month Meeting for Business.

State of the Meeting Report: Betty Hall announced that Betsy Dearborn and Paul Jolly have agreed to write the State of the Meeting report. Other Friends are welcome to volunteer to help them. A dialogue at the retreat will also be devoted to discussing the state of the Meeting.

Sam Cox Visiting Committee: Jane Rubin read two proposals from the Sam Cox Visiting Committee. The first proposal asked that the Meeting consider changing the time of Meeting for Worship from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. for two months. The hour before Meeting for Worship would be devoted to readings from the Bible or from Friends' journals and to responses to them. The second

proposal asked that the Meeting consider holding a simple lunch followed by a discussion of basic Friends' practices once a Quarter following Meeting for Worship. It suggested that the discussion be led by Friends of long standing from Meetings other than Strawberry Creek. The Meeting approved referring both proposals to the Committee on Worship and Ministry for further consideration.

Committee on Worship and Ministry: Betty Hall read the report of the Committee on Worship and Ministry (attached). The Meeting approved a minute stating that those who volunteer to close Meeting for Worship will be responsible for closing for one month.

Proposition 6: Carl Anderson read a report on Strawberry Creek's activities in the campaign against Proposition 6 (attached).

Peace and Social Order: Paul Jolly announced that there will be a gathering of Young Friends at Berkeley Meeting on the eveing of May 4th. They will spend the night at the Meeting House; the next morning, following worship, they will drive to Livermore for the anti-nuclear demonstration.

Fun Committee: Tim Hall announced that 30 people attended the Chinese dinner on March 30th. He also announced that Elizabeth Perry expressed her appreciation for the dinner, which was held in honor of her upcoming trip to England.

Concerns: Larry Perry expressed a concern that the Meeting take more time to reflect upon the Queries. Lynne Bird urged Friends to respond to the reading of the Queries when they feel somoved.

Following a period of silence, Meeting for Business concluded at 2:12 P.M. with 24 people in attendance.

Jane Rubin
Jane Rubin
Recording Clerk

Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting
Fifth Month Meeting for Business
6 May 1979

Fifth Month Meeting for Business, which was held at the home of the Burgesses, began at 12:10 P.M. with 17 people in attendance. Following a period of worship, the Clerk read the Queries for the Fifth Month. The minutes of the Fourth Month Meeting for Business were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Cooper read the Treasurer's Report. The Meeting approved the allocation of \$1.00 from the Meeting treasury to balance the budget of the Spring retreat. The Meeting then approved the Treasurer's Report.

The Meeting also approved the following two minutes:
1) The Meeting allows the treasurer to grant up to \$50.00 for traveling expenses to those approved as Meeting representatives traveling to Friends functions, especially for those traveling to functions they would otherwise be unable to attend.
2) The Meeting approved a loan of \$300.00 to the College Park Quarterly Meeting Theology Conference. The treasurer will receive a letter from the conference stating all the particulars of the agreement before approving the loan. The loan will be repaid by the middle of August.

Ministry and Monthly Meeting Status: Pat Stewart reported that the Committee on Oversight of Berkeley Monthly Meeting has several questions about Strawberry Creek's Committees on Worship and Ministry and on Oversight. It wants to know what the functions of these committees are and how the committees are related to each other. It is interested in knowing whether these are open committees and whether they meet regularly. The Committee would also like a report from the Peace and Social Order conveners and a current list of members and attenders. The Meeting agreed that the Committee on Meeting Status should revise its report to Berkeley Meeting in the light both of these questions and of recent developments in the Meeting.

Pat also reported a concern among members of Berkeley Meeting that it be referred to as Berkeley Meeting and not as Vine Street Meeting. She also reported that the Committee on Ministry and Oversight of Berkeley Meeting would like to arrange a potluck with members of Strawberry Creek.

Finally, it was agreed not to ask for Monthly Meeting Status at the Spring Quarterly Meeting but to wait until a future Quarterly Meeting.

There followed some discussion of the questionnaire about membership which appeared in the Strawberry Creek newsletter. It was agreed that the Committee on Meeting Status should revise the questionnaire and bring it to the Meeting for Business for approval before distributing it to attenders of Strawberry Creek. Those who have concerns about the questionnaire were encouraged to express them to the committee.

Nominating Committee: The Meeting approved the report of the Nominating Committee (attached) with the following additions: The Meeting approved combining the functions of Alternate Clerk and Alternate Recording Clerk for this year only. The Meeting laid over the question of the organization of First Day School to the Sixth Month Meeting for Business. Dick Emmons agreed to serve as convener of the First Day School Committee for an extra month.

Ann Combs reported that she will no longer be mailing the newsletter. Jim Strait will take responsibility for seeing that the newsletter is mailed.

Committee on Worship and Ministry: Eleanor Warnock reported that two groups will begin meeting this month. A reading group will discuss Christian Faith and Practice on second Sundays following Meeting for Worship. A discussion group on contemporary issues in Quakerism will meet on fourth Sundays. People with other ideas for adult education should communicate them to the Committee on Worship and Ministry.

The Committee proposed holding Meeting for Worship at 10 A.M. during the months of July, August and September.

The next meeting of the Committee will be on May 13th, at 9 A.M., at the Burgesses.

Meeting for Worship will be held in June at the home of Jim Branard, Mark Beckham and Michael Hartmann. In July, we will meet at the home of Rachel Ann Elder. Tim Hall has been asked to close Meeting in June; Bill Cooper will close Meeting in July.

Eleanor read a letter from Larry Larson, Clerk of the Committee on Ministry and Oversight of College Park Quarterly Meeting, asking that Friends strive for clearness and consult with their Meetings before undertaking acts of social witness and civil disobedience. Friends were reminded that the Committee on Oversight may be consulted for this purpose.

Retreat Committee: Jim Strait read the report of the Retreat Committee (attached).

Sam Cox Visiting Committee: Bill Cooper read the report of the Sam Cox Visiting Committee (attached). The Meeting expressed its thanks to the committee for its efforts.

A concern was raised about making new attenders feel welcome and about staying in touch with Friends who may be feeling distant from the Meeting or who may be in need. These concerns were referred to the Committee on Oversight.

State of the Meeting Report: Betsy Dearborn read the State of the Meeting report (attached). It was approved with corrections.

Fun Committee: The Fun Committee has scheduled a visit to the zoo for May 13th and a trip to a SF Giants game on July 21st.

Correspondence: The Clerk read a letter from Elizabeth Perry thanking the Meeting for the scholarship for the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage and requesting that the Meeting make the money available to her before the May 17th deadline.

Pat Stewart reported that the question of Mary Miche's membership has been referred to Berkeley Meeting's Committee on Ministry and Oversight. The Meeting could not reach unity on Mary's membership or on Pat Stewart's minute. It expressed a lack of clarity about both the minute and Mary's religious convictions. It is Pat's understanding that Mary does not wish to pursue the issue further at this time.

The AFSC Committee Against More Prisons asks that Friends send letters to public officials asking for a moratorium on prison and jail construction.

The Clerk is authorized to write letters of introduction to Friends who may be sojourning with other Meetings.

Paul Jolly reported that 25-30 people, mostly from PYM, but also including a member of California Yearly Meeting and several Mennonites from San Francisco, spent Friday evening, May 4th, at Berkley Meeting and then attended the anti-nuclear demonstration at Livermore the next day. The demonstration attracted 4-5,000 people and was judged a great success. Paul expressed interest in a retreat dealing with social concerns in the Fall and expressed a concern that the Meeting begin to think about the nature of its corporate leadings.

Concerns: Anna Cox expressed a concern about the seeming confusion over the Meeting's committee structure. She suggested putting a description of this structure in the newsletter. She also expressed a concern that the Meeting have a Peace and Social Order Committee which would fulfill the functions specified for it by PYM in the Friends Bulletin. She feels that we need a standing committee which would not address issues one at a time.

John Ullmann suggested that the Committees on Worship and Ministry and Oversight meet with Pat Stewart and talk about the first of the Fifth Month queries.

Carl Anderson read a letter expressing his discomfort with the use of wine at retreats. He asked that Friends speak to him individually about his concern and that they speak with each other about this issue.

Following a period of worship, Meeting for Business concluded at 3:30 P.M. with 18 people in attendance.

Jane Rubin
Jane Rubin
Recording Clerk

Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting
Meeting for Business
June 3, 1979

Meeting for Business, held at Mary Miché's home, began at 7:10 p.m. with 17 people in attendance. Following a period of worship, the Clerk read the queries for the month. The Minutes for May were read and approved with the following corrections: 1) In the explanation of the status of Mary Mische's application for membership in Berkeley Monthly Meeting, that it be noted that Berkeley Ministry and Oversight referred the matter to Pat Stewart for consideration with Mary Mische, and 2) that a final corrected copy of the State of the Meeting Report be prepared by the committee and printed in the newsletter (copy attached). It was also suggested that a copy of the Report be sent to Berkeley Monthly Meeting. The Meeting expressed its thanks to Jane Rubin for her accurate and thorough Minutes in the last year.

First Day School: Susie Nemir expressed her interest in convening a standing First Day School Committee. The Meeting approved such a Committee, numbering ^{at 4:51} five members and a Clerk, to be chosen by the Nominating Committee and brought before the next Meeting for Business.

Committee on Worship and Ministry: The Meeting approved the following homes for Meeting for Worship:

August: The Nemir home

September: The Barnhart-McCarthy home

Susie Nemir was asked to close Meeting for June; Susan Burr will close Meeting in August. The Committee was asked to provide directions to places of Meeting for Worship.

In response to an invitation to a potluck from Ministry and Oversight of Berkeley Monthly Meeting, the Meeting asked the Committee on Worship and Ministry to arrange details.

There was a discussion of whether it is necessary for the Committee on Worship and Ministry to ask approval of homes and closers for Meeting. It was suggested that Friends consider the question but that it be laid down.

Eleanor Warnock reported that the Committee has discussed renting a place for Meeting for Worship but could not make a recommendation to the Meeting. Some issues raised were: the desire of the people with smaller houses to offer hospitality, the advantages of homes and rented space, and the merits of both small and large worship groups. In the discussion that followed, Barbara Emmons and Susie Nemir expressed the importance of considering the children and the First Day School program in the selection of homes and in consideration of the question of renting space. The Meeting approved asking the Committee to prepare a report on renting for the August newsletter and setting aside time for discussion at the October Meeting for Business.

The Meeting approved moving Meeting for Worship to 10:00 a.m. for July, August, and September of this year.

The time of summer Meetings for Business will be considered at the October Meeting for Business.

A concern was raised that Friends be punctual to Meeting for Worship. The Clerk asked the Committee on Worship and Ministry to keep this concern before the Meeting.

Nominating Committee: The Meeting approved the nominations of a Finance Committee of Jim Strait (Convenor), Ted Dienstfrey, and Phil Nemir, with Barbara Perry, Meeting Treasurer, ex-officio.

Committee on Meeting Status: Jim Strait read a letter from Betty Hall, Clerk of the Committee, regarding the questionnaire that appeared in the newsletter (letter attached). The Meeting continues to have questions about origin, purpose and destination of the questionnaire. The Meeting asked the Committee to meet and prepare the report on committee structure and the updated attenders list requested by Berkeley Monthly Meeting. It was asked that the question of what is to be sent to the Quarter be held over until more information can be obtained by the Committee with the help of Barbara Perry who will inquire about the requests of the Quarter Subcommittee on New Meetings. Reports will be made in the newsletter and in July Meeting for Business. Friends approved that the Committee be in touch with Pat Stewart in their preparation of the report to Berkeley Monthly Meeting.

College Park Quarterly Meeting: Lynne Bird and Barbara Perry reported that many Strawberry Creek people attended Quarterly Meeting at Ben Lomand. Two items: 1) there was a discussion of whether Ben Lomand should be under the care of the Quarter, and 2) Friends are urged to loan money to John Woolman School at the rate earned in savings accounts to ease the School's financial problems.

Overseers Report: Barbara Emmons reported that the Overseers met in May and plan a July meeting. They discussed the needs of the older members of the Meeting and the Overseers' role in helping members with personal needs. Berkeley Monthly Meeting, the Quarterly Subcommittee on New Meetings, Strawberry Creek members with overseer experiences, and the Committee on Worship and Ministry were suggested as resources to the Overseers. Possible joint meetings with the Committee on Worship and Ministry and the idea of the Convenor of that Committee acting as a liaison with the Overseers were discussed. The Overseers want to inform the Meeting that they are exploring the possibilities of their group and growing with new responsibilities. In response to the report these considerations about older members were raised: visiting in homes, awareness of a member's absences, transportation needs, and respect for individual needs and preferences. The Clerk recommended that the Meeting consider these needs and further discussion was approved to be continued.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Perry reported that Strawberry Creek loaned \$300.00 to the College Park Quarterly Meeting Theology Conference and added an anonymous gift to the travel scholarship for Elizabeth Perry with the approval of the Meeting. The Treasurer asked that the Meeting consider renting a post office box at the Elmwood Post Office for meeting correspondence.

Fall Retreat: Suggestions were a work party at John Woolman School, a one-day Berkeley retreat, the consideration of Strawberry Creek's corporate social action leadings, and a joint retreat with Berkeley Monthly Meeting. The Meeting approved Yonny Levy to be a contact person for ideas for retreats. Concern about long-distance travel, retreat planning for the entire year, renting a bus for trips, and the needs of older members were discussed.

Pacific Yearly Meeting: A bus will be rented to go to Chico. Friends should contact Marie Schutz, ~~Redwood Forest~~ Monthly Meeting at 707-539-0569, for information.

Correspondence: Jim Barnard told the Meeting that a letter from Peter Nutting will be posted. Peter requested a sojourning minute that will be prepared by Berkeley Monthly Meeting.

Friends approved not applying for membership in the Berkeley Area Interfaith Council and remaining in the BAIC Directory.

Postcards are now available (on the bulletin board) for Friends who would like to be included in the new College Park Quarterly Meeting resource directory.

A request from the Quarter for an updated attenders list was referred to the Committee on Meeting Status.

A letter from AFSC proposing a meeting on aid to Southeast Asia was read and referred to the Peace and Social Action Coordinator. There was a suggestion of a joint meeting with Berkeley Monthly Meeting.

Concerns: Eleanor Warnock asked that there be a clarification of the report of the Sam Cox Visiting Committee to inform members that the recommendations were a result of the Committee's discussions on subjects of concern. Jane Rubin will write a brief explanation for the newsletter.

George Bliss, National Chairperson of the Friends Committee on Legislation, will speak at Berkeley Meeting's Education Building on Thursday, June 7, 1979 at 7:30 p.m.

The Meeting approved holding an August-September combined business meeting on the last Sunday of August (the 26th).

Eleanor Warnock will organize a meeting of Strawberry Creek members who plan to attend Pacific Yearly Meeting for an orientation meeting. Berkeley Monthly Meeting will also hold an orientation on June 17, 1979.

Jim Barnard announced that there is a place in the Kales Street house.

Jim Strait and Yonny Levy will contact people in the typing pool to arrange for newsletter and minute typing.

A concern that there be a time limit for Meeting for Business was raised and laid over until the next Meeting for Business.

Following a period of worship, Meeting for Business concluded at 10:00 p.m. with seventeen people in attendance.

Janina Levy
Recording Clerk



STRAWBERRY CREEK PREPARATIVE MEETING

Meeting for Business

July 1, 1979

Meeting for Business, held at Rachel Ann Elder's home, began at 7:15 p.m. with fourteen people in attendance. Following a period of worship, the Clerk read the month's queries. The minutes for June were read and approved with the following modification: the First Day School Committee is approved to number at least five members rather than requiring that the number be held to exactly five.

Nominating Committee: A First Day School Committee of Susie Nemir (convenor), Kathy Barnhart, Mark Beckham, Pat Dienstfrey, Dick Emmons, Yonny Levy, and Jane Rubin was nominated and approved.

Committee on Meeting Status: The committee has prepared a description of Strawberry Creek Committees and an attenders list for Berkeley Meeting's Ministry and Oversight Committee (report attached). A revised questionnaire has been provided in the newsletter with additional copies available at the bulletin board.

Overseers: Personal concerns continue to come to the three overseers. The upcoming potluck supper for Strawberry Creek attenders and Berkeley's Ministry and Oversight Committee was suggested as a time to discuss the role of overseers. The suggestion that Strawberry Creek consider a visiting committee to help newcomers and those in need will be discussed at the next business meeting.

First Day School: The committee met with parents in June and decided to work in a Bible study group (Pat Dienstfrey, convenor) and a Quaker values study group (Susie Nemir, convenor) with bimonthly meetings of the entire group. A curriculum, alternating weekly between Bible study and Quaker values, with some free days, will begin in September. Core volunteers will coordinate activities and care for infants. Susie Nemir will write a monthly report for the newsletter. The committee informed the meeting that its program requires indoor space beginning in September.

Retreats: Retreat suggestions collected over the last month were discussed. The meeting approved a Worship and Ministry sub-committee to discuss retreats and bring a report to the next business meeting. Friends were asked to express interest in being on the subcommittee to Larry Perry, Worship and Ministry convenor. New retreat thoughts from the business meeting included: the retreat as a removal from daily activities, consideration of the consumption of alcohol in the context of total meeting life and retreat planning, a retreat especially for the children, and the need for more activities for fellowship in addition to retreats. Ministry and Worship was directed to request subcommittee members from the meeting as a whole before going to the nominating committee.

Length of Business Meeting: The meeting decided not to limit the time of business meeting. Suggestions for the meeting: an agenda in the newsletter and on a blackboard, counsel to help participants speak more carefully, use of threshing sessions, and entrusting great responsibilities to committees.

Pacific Yearly Meeting: Thirty dollar scholarships to PYM were approved. A list of Strawberry Creek attenders will be sent to the PYM registrar with a letter from the Clerk explaining that people on the list will sign their own applications.

Concerns: Gary Crawford, Peace and Social Action Coordinator, explained

the current circle of concern demonstrations at the University calling for the school's dissociation with weapons research. He will coordinate Strawberry Creek participation for at least two Sundays. A major demonstration will be held on August 5.

John Bird raised a concern that Strawberry Creek process membership applications. The overseers will discuss the concern and bring a recommendation to the next business meeting.

The Clerk presented a request for a scholarship to Young Friends in North America's annual meeting on behalf of Mark Beckham. The concern was referred to the Finance Committee for a recommendation and a general report on Strawberry Creek scholarships.

Following a period of worship, Meeting for Business concluded at 9:40 p.m. with ~~two~~ve people in attendance.

Janina Levy
Recording Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK PREPARATIVE MEETING
Meeting for Business
August 26 1979

Meeting for Business, held at the Nemirs' home, began at 7:10 with 18 people in attendance. Following a period of worship, the Clerk read the month's Queries. A letter of thanks from Cornelia Cooper was read. The minutes for July were read and approved. An agenda for the meeting was posted.

Overseers: The functions of Berkeley Meeting's Ministry and Oversight Committee was the subject of discussion at the July Strawberry Creek-Berkeley M&O potluck. The overseers also reported that (1) the work of a listening committee continues under their care (2) a recommendation and proposed minute for a visiting committee (3) a recommendation that we wait until we achieve monthly meeting status before considering applications for membership. (Report attached) The meeting approved the following minute:

Strawberry Creek will form a standing committee, the visiting committee, of at least three people, to be aware of welcoming newcomers, to visit people who are ill and others in need, to correspond with absent Strawberry Creek participants, and to convey to our older members how much we appreciate and need them in our meeting family.

Worship and Ministry: A report on the July potluck, the visit to San Francisco Meeting, plans to visit Palo Alto Meeting and participate in the Harvest Festival was presented. The committee recommended and the meeting approved returning Meeting for Worship to 10:30 and requesting that Berkeley Meeting post Strawberry Creek locations and times on their bulletin board. Sunday schedule will be:

September: Meeting - Barnhart/McCarthy
First Day School - Rachel Ann Elder
Closer - Carl Anderson

October & Meeting - Dienstfrey
November First Day School - Nemirs
October Closer - Bill Cooper

November: Closer - Barbara Emmons

December: Closer - Bob Cooter

Betty Hall will report to Ministry and Worship on possible locations and costs of rental space. Worship and Ministry is asking someone from the spiritual sharing group, the two Sunday discussions, and midweek meeting to report to their next meeting. The men's sharing group has been laid down. Larry Perry will arrange a special meeting for worship for Jasper Reynolds Cooper. A one-day fall retreat, planned to be led by Madge and Ben Seaver, will be held to discuss the first month queries. The retreat committee is Betsy Dearborn, Lynne Bird, and Sheila Moran. Friends were reminded to be prompt for Meeting. Future meetings of Worship and Ministry will be Saturday, September 29 and Saturday, October 20, each at 6 p.m. Potlucks will precede the meetings.

Ad Hoc Committee to Nominate the Nominating Committee: An ad hoc committee, to bring recommendations to the October business meeting, of Jackson Burgess (convenor), Carl Anderson, and Ann Combs with Mary Mische as alternate, was selected. The committee, which is open, will nominate a nominating committee to serve from November 1979 until November 1980.

Committee on Meeting Status: The College Park Quarterly Meeting Committee on New Meetings will meet with us at the October business meeting. A finger food potluck will be held at the rise of meeting for worship. (Report attached)

First Day School: The committee recommended that the children join meeting for worship at the beginning before going to First Day School. The following reasons were presented: the curriculum, parents' concerns, noise during final part of Meeting, easier exit for infants. Additional concerns raised were: depth of Meeting at the end of the hour, desire to have children say their names, laying aside personal preferences in deference to feelings of parents and teachers, and punctuality as a way for adults to support the children. There was concern that the question was not referred to Ministry and Worship. The Meeting approved this minute:

The children will come in at the beginning of the worship hour beginning in September.

Betty Hall asked to be recorded as being uneasy.

PYM: Next year, PYM will be held either at Chico or at Dominican College in San Rafael. The Discipline Committee, which is preparing a new edition of Faith and Practice, has welcomed our input. A minute against conscription was approved ^{by PYM}. The PYM Finance Committee will send questionnaires to monthly meetings about their contributions to Friends' organizations. A total dollar amount to be given by PYM was approved. Twelve Strawberry Creek people attended. Eleanor Warnock, PYM representative, will prepare a report to this Meeting.

Revision of Faith and Practice: The Discipline Committee of PYM is authorized to prepare a 1982 edition of Faith and Practice John Bird, alternate PYM representative, expressed the opinion that the revision process should be more inclusive of those outside the committee and that the revisions be ~~approved~~ rather than ~~accepted~~. The view of Faith and Practice as a guide requiring ^{acceptance} ~~approval~~ but not ~~acceptance~~ ^{approval}, was expressed. The meeting approved, discussing this issue at the October fourth-Sunday discussion group.

Finance Committee: Scholarship recommendations are: Scholarships to Friends functions to be automatic grants, applications for other events to be made in advance to the Committee. The recommendations are contingent on budgeting a specific dollar amount for scholarships. A budget outline was presented: First Day School - \$200, Scholarships - \$200-300, Retreats - \$300, Reserve - \$100-200, Contributions to CPQM, PYM - \$400, and some money for contributions to other groups. The Committee will write a report for the Newsletter, and asks for more direction from the Meeting. The Meeting approved allocating \$200 to the First Day School for the September 1979 - May 1980 school year. The following minute

was considered:

That Meeting representatives be paid, upon request, \$.12/mile for transportation.

The following minute was held over until October business meeting:

The Meeting authorizes the treasurer to pay, within accepted Meeting policies, committee expenses not in excess of \$50, without prior approval of the business meeting.

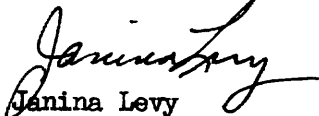
Monteverde, Costa Rica Friends Meeting has requested money to aid Nicaraguan refugees in Costa Rica. The Meeting discussed a contribution from our treasury and/or individual gifts. The Meeting approved that Friends be given an opportunity to make gifts, which will be forwarded to Mexico City Meeting to be forwarded to Monteverde.

Fun Committee: Fifteen people attended the baseball game.

Concerns: Those with transportation needs should contact Carl Anderson. Betsy Dearborn would like to ask those who presented the musical skit on Strawberry Creek at the last retreat to give a repeat performance for College Park.

Correspondence was forwarded to Bill Cooper.

Following a period of worship, the meeting concluded at 10:30 with nine people in attendance.


Janina Levy
Recording Clerk

Strawberry Creek Preparative Meeting
Meeting for Business
October 7, 1979

Meeting for Business, held at the Dienstfreys' home, began at 12:30 p.m. with thirty people in attendance. Following a period of worship, the Clerk read the month's queries. The minutes were read and approved with corrections.

Worship and Ministry: A report on the September 15 meeting and potluck was read. Twelve people attended and heard reports from the Acts study group, the contemporary issues group, the spiritual sharing group, and midweek meeting for worship. The committee discussed the importance of keeping these groups under its care. Midweek meeting convenors will be arranged by the Committee which will also check midweek meeting time through a note in the newsletter. Strawberry Creek's women's potluck and details of Berkeley Meeting's midweek worship were announced. Betsy Dearborn raised a concern regarding the handling of final affairs in the event of death. The next meeting will be Saturday, October 20, 1979. The committee will discuss rental space for the meeting and the upcoming retreat.

Retreat: An intown retreat has been scheduled for November 3. The Seavers will be available in December or the first week in January. There will be a planning meeting at Sheila Moran's house on October 9 at 6 p.m.

Renting space: There was a brief discussion to assist Worship & Ministry on renting space for meeting for worship. Although there has been some discussion of renting a place for December only, Friends considered the issue as a possible long term arrangement. Meetings in homes was said to be helpful to worship. The possibility of one group of Strawberry Creekers meeting in homes while others use a rented space was raised. A neutral setting, rather than a church, was suggested. Meeting outside of homes would mean "going public" and change the nature of Strawberry Creek. Other points: the advantages of a stable place for the children and a guarantee of comfortable seating for all. Worship and Ministry will report to the next business meeting on this subject.

Finance: The meeting approved the following minute which was proposed in a slightly different form, at the last business meeting:

The meeting authorizes the treasurer to pay committee bills up to \$50 or up to the sum allocated to a committee, until a budget is accepted by the business meeting.

The meeting also approved the minute:

The meeting authorizes the finance committee to draw up a tentative budget to be presented to the March business meeting.

CPQM Subcommittee on New Meetings: Van Ernst presented a history of the subcommittee and its experiences with new meetings. The subcommittee will present a report to the Quarter which will be considering Berkeley Meeting's recommendation that Strawberry Creek be granted monthly meeting status. The subcommittee would like to maintain a relationship with Strawberry Creek following the approval of monthly meeting status. The meeting, after a long discussion of methods of transferring membership, approved the following minute:

Since it is the intent of the meeting to insure a core of members from the time of receiving monthly meeting status, the overseers will draw up a list of Berkeley Meeting members who wish to transfer membership to Strawberry Creek Meeting. The overseers will write to Berkeley with this information. Individuals will be encouraged to write personal letters.

Nominating Committee: The meeting approved the nomination of Larry Manuel to the Finance Committee to replace Phil Nemir who resigned in October. Susie Nemir will resign from the First Day School Committee. The meeting approved Mary Miche (clerk), Beverly Crawford, and Carl Pennypacker as members of the visiting committee. The meeting approved the following revision of the visiting committee minute approved at the last business meeting:

Strawberry Creek will form a standing committee, the Visiting Committee, of at least three people, to co-ordinate welcoming visitors, visiting the ill and others in need, corresponding with absent Strawberry Creek participants, and conveying to our older members how much we appreciate and need them in our meeting family.

The Ad Hoc Committee to Nominate the Nominating Committee: Betsy Dearborn (convenor), Tim Hall, and Eleanor Warnock were nominated. Their nomination will be considered at the November meeting.

Peace and Social Action: The meeting approved sponsoring the November 11 Circle of Concern at the University. Sponsorship entails the participation of many Strawberry Creekers. It was suggested that the November fourth Sunday discussion convenors invite Andy Cox, the new AFSC AntiDraft coordinator.

First Day School: A report of October activities was accepted by the meeting (Report attached).

Overseers: Susan Burr will be a listener about meeting interest in a couples group. The overseers also reported that a Clearness committee of Pat Stewart, Jackson Burgess, and Lynne Bird convened by Berkeley Meeting for Yonny Levy and Jim Strait's marriage happily agreed on clearness for the wedding (Report attached).

Recorder: The meeting approved the nomination of a recorder. The clerk will act as interim recorder.

<u>Treasurer:</u> Balance as of 9/15/79	242.17
Total received	110.17
Total spent	76.04
New balance 10/6/79	276.13

(Report attached) The treasurer will report on the audit next month.

Concerns: Jim Strait expressed a concern about the recent growth of the newsletter mailing list and requested help in trimming it down. It was suggested that a postcard be sent annually to each person on the list. The meeting approved an annual evaluation of the mailing list.

Correspondence: Friends World Committee on Consultation has made a request for a contribution. Barbara Perry will give a report on FWCC at the next meeting. Strawberry Creek will acknowledge the letter. Because of questions raised in the discussion of the FWCC request, the meeting approved the following minute:

The meeting will discuss its financial contributions in a forty-five minute session at the beginning of the December business meeting.

MINUTES OF
MEETING FOR BUSINESS -- November 4, 1979

Meeting for business, held at the Dientstfreys' home, began at 12:10 pm with seventeen people in attendance. Following a period of worship, the Clerk read the month's queries. The Minutes were read and approved. The Recording Clerk asked that Friends consider dispensing with Minute reading when the Minutes are available in the newsletter.

Retreat Committee: The Committee recommended and Friends approved an in-town retreat on January 5th and a Ben Lomand retreat during the third weekend of April. Friends approved reserving all of Ben Lomand for the retreat. The Committee reported that thirty-three adults attended the November 3rd retreat that focussed on discussions of community.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that the balance as of October 31 was \$698.55. A slight excess was predicted from the preliminary financial report from the retreat (Report attached.)

Committee on New Meeting Status: The Clerk read the letter from the Quarter's Ministry and Oversight Committee which informed us of monthly meeting status. The Meeting approved the Clerk's writing letters of thanks to Betty Hall, Elizabeth Perry, Jim Strait and John Ullman for their committee work. Friends approved Betty Hall's writing letters of thanks to the Berkeley and Quarterly committee members.

Worship and Ministry: A report from the October 10th meeting was read and Friends approved a Worship and Ministry recommendation for Thanksgiving Day morning Meeting and breakfast and an evening potluck dinner. Meetings for Worship at the Cooter's home in December and the Birds in January were approved. A report on renting space, which gave details on renting space at 2212 McKinley Street, was also read. Friends were informed that they may still receive the Berkeley newsletter. Worship and Ministry reported that seven Friends visited Palo Alto Meeting on September 30. It is possible that Hayward Meeting will visit Strawberry Creek on November 18. A visit to Marin Meeting in December is planned. Worship and Ministry will work with the Fun Committee and the First Day School to plan Christmastime activities.

Renting Space: In light of the Worship and Ministry report, Friends discussed specific issues connected with renting. The following Minute was approved:

Friends approved the formation of a subcommittee of Worship and Ministry which will search the range of rental possibilities. The Meeting asked that the subcommittee arrange trial rental of two to three places to be used for Meeting in February, March and possibly April. The subcommittee will be responsible for bringing all pertinent rental information to the Meeting for consideration.

It was asked that ~~one~~ trial site be in the south campus area. Friends were reminded that space is needed for Meeting for Worship and three children's groups. An openness to our new role as a public group was presented for consideration.

CPQM: The recent Quarterly Meeting included a panel discussion on the history of the Society. It was reported that Young Friends have an interest in working with the Quarter and that Ben Lomand Quaker Center has a new independent status. The next Quarterly Meeting will be in Berkeley during the third weekend in January. Berkeley Meeting will arrange hospitality (See Connie Anderson for information).

Finance: The Meeting discussed Berkeley Meeting's consideration of transferring some of its reserve to Strawberry Creek. Our Finance Committee will keep in touch with the Berkeley Committee.

Nominating Committee: Friends approved a September to September term for the Recorder. The Committee nominated Cornelia Cooper for that position. The Meeting approved the nominations of a new Nominating Committee of Betsy Dearborn (Clerk), Tim Hall, and Eleanor Warnock.

Visiting Committee: The Committee will make a questionnaire available to the Meeting. Friends will be asked to indicate people they would like to receive visits from and those they would like to visit. There will be questions about general visiting.

Concerns: Mary Miche suggested that after the rental trials we return to homes to consider a decision. She also presented the option of alternating between homes and rental space.

Correspondence: The following letters were read: a request for membership from Jim Barnard, a request for membership transfer from Rachel Ann Elder, and a request for membership from Susie Nemir. These were referred to the Overseers. A letter from John Merlin, Clerk of Berkeley Meeting, indicated that the memberships of the following people have been transferred to Strawberry Creek: Lynne, John and Joanna Bird, Mark Beckham, Wendy Carson, Bill Cooper, Anna Cox, Barbara, Dick, Chris, Esther, Mari, Toki, Anna, Stephen, and Maria Emmons, Sheila Moran, Barbara and Larry Perry, and Andrea Semons.

Following a period of worship, the meeting ended at 3:10 pm with fourteen people in attendance.

Janina Levy
Recording Clerk

Strawberry Creek Friends Meeting
Meeting for Business
December 2, 1979

Meeting for Business, held at the Cooters' home, began at 12 p.m. with fifteen people in attendance. Following a period of worship, the Clerk read the month's Queries. The minutes were read and approved.

Worship and Ministry: The committee reported that twenty-five people attended Thanksgiving Meeting for Worship. The December 7th committee meeting, the Berkeley threshing session on junior membership, and the December 14th Strawberry Creek Christmas program were announced. Christmas carolling has been tentatively scheduled for December 14. Friends approved Christmas Day Meeting for Worship at 11 a.m. at Mary Miche's home. Berkeley Meeting will have a 12:00 Christmas Meeting. Larry Perry, Ted Dienstfrey, and Jackson Burgess are helping to look for rental possibilities. There will be a celebration of the marriage of Yonny Levy and Jim Strait on January 12 at the Burgess's home. Meeting for Worship will be held at the Birds' home in January.

Treasurer's Report: As of November 30 the balance was \$529.40. (Report attached.)

Retreat Committee: There will be a one-day retreat with Ben and Madge Seaver on January 5th at 2212 McKinley St. The theme will be the query, "Do we come to meeting with hearts and minds prepared for worship?" A list will be posted for child care requests. Friends approved spending \$25.00 from the treasury toward the \$50.00 space rental. Participants will be asked to pay \$1.00 for the retreat. An April Ben Lomond retreat is planned. Friends approved planning to schedule Anna Graves and Jim Barnard's wedding for the Sunday afternoon of the retreat. The meeting will await the findings of the clearness committee for marriage.

Finance Committee: There is no new information on Berkeley Meeting's possible decision to transfer money to Stawberry Creek.

Discussion of Strawberry Creek's contribution to other groups: The Clerk introduced the discussion with a review of the recent FWCC request for a contribution and last summer's discussion of sending money to aid Nicauraguan refugees. The following is a summary of the many thoughts expressed: What is the role of conscience? Should we delegate our responses to the Meeting? Can more money be collected from individuals than from the Meeting? What is the purpose of ongoing contribution committments? How do we respond to an emergency? Will we be trapped by our pledges? Can collective giving strengthen our Meeting? Will a small number of people carry the financial burden of our Meeting? Should we give only to groups with which we have personal involvement? Can giving strengthen our connection with Quaker organizations? How can we respond to the many requests for money? How can we reach out to other countries?

It was suggested that the Meeting develop a rudimentary budget to operate with while the question of outside gifts is considered. Friends expressed their wishes to give to local Friends' organizations in the future. Friends approved laying the discussion aside until the April Business Meeting. Friends will consider regular contributions to Friends' organizations in light of the March budget discussions. The concern was raised that we discuss at a later time the connection of giving and the Strawberry Creek community.

First Day School: November was spent learning about simplicity. On December 14, the children will present a Christmas play. There is a need for people to help with infants in December.

Nominating Committee: The committee nominated Susan Riggs to the First Day School committee, recommended an adjustment of the overseers' terms, and invited Friends to inform them of their interest in specific meeting jobs. Friends approved extending Bob Cooter's term as overseer from six months to one year. At the January Meeting for Business, Friends will consider the following terms for overseers: two overseers with June 1 to May 31 terms, one overseer with a December 1 to November 30 term. The current minute on overseers' terms will be reviewed. Friends approved that the First Day School Committee select a convenor for the remainder of this meeting year. The committee will inform the meeting of its convenor.

Overseers: Personal concerns continue to come before the overseers. Bob Cooter commended Susan Burr for her work as clerk. The process of membership was discussed. The Meeting asked the overseers to review the process and return with recommendations. The question of visiting committees is of special interest. Concern for consistency was expressed.

Correspondence: The following letters were read and referred to the overseers: a request from Ann Combs for transfer of membership and a letter from Anna Graves and Jim Barnard for marriage under the care of the meeting. A request for a contribution to the Circle of Concern was read. Friends were encouraged to make individual contributions. The Clerk will inform the Circle of Concern of our action. A letter from the Clerk of Santa Monica Meeting requesting the transfer of Rachel Ann Elder's membership to Strawberry Creek was read and referred to the overseers. Snow Mountain and Darrell Blum asked for the Meeting's support at their trial for tax refusal on January 7, 1980, at the San Francisco Federal Building.

Concerns: A concern that we have a meeting archivist was expressed. There was a suggestion that this job be done by the assistant clerk.

Following a period of worship, the Meeting ended at 3:10 p.m. with seventeen people in attendance.

Janina Levy
Recording Clerk

Strawberry Creek Friends Meeting
Meeting for Business
January 6, 1980

Meeting for Business, held at the Birds' home, began at 12 noon with 13 people in attendance. Following a period of worship, the Clerk read the month's Queries. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Overseers Report: Two kinds of "clearness" committees have been formed. The first has been listening and helping committees, which have been chosen jointly by the Overseers and those requesting the committees. The second is clearness committees for marriage and membership, which are formed by the Overseers. The process by which one becomes a member was outlined. A letter requesting membership is written to the Clerk, who reads it at Meeting for Business. The Clerk then gives the letter to the Overseers, who form a "visiting committee" to consider the question of membership with the applicant. The visiting committee discusses its visit with the Overseers, who then make a recommendation to the Monthly Meeting where a final decision is made. A minute (#1) was approved that the names of those on visiting committees for membership or marriage be reported to the Meeting for Business.

The process for receiving transferring members was read from Faith and Practice. After discussion, a minute (#2) was approved that all Friends wishing to transfer their membership to Strawberry Creek Meeting, with the exception of those already transferred, will have visiting committees. It was suggested that we have a party to celebrate becoming a Monthly Meeting and to welcome new members. The party will be at the Emmons' home in March. Betsy Dearborn, Barbara Emmons, and Rachel Ann Elder were selected as a planning committee for the party. Sue Burr announced that Gary Crawford had resigned as Clerk of the Peace and Social Order Committee because he wishes to serve on the Peace and Social Order Committee of Berkeley Monthly Meeting. Friends approved a minute (#3) thanking Gary for the work he has done as Clerk of our Peace and Social Order Committee. Susan Burr announced that the following visiting committees had been selected: for Susie Nemir, Dick and Barbara Emmons and Bob and Blair Cooter; and for Jim Barnard, Susan Burr, Barbara Perry, and a Friend yet to be appointed.

Visiting Committee: Only a few of the questionnaires have been returned, so the visiting committee is going to meet to decide how to proceed. It was suggested that a notice regarding the visiting committee and copies of the questionnaire be placed in the newsletter. It was pointed out that the Oversight Committee knows of several friends who have expressed the need of a visit. It was suggested that new attenders at meeting be visited.

Worship and Ministry Committee: Larry Perry announced that the Christmas morning Meeting for Worship was attended by 18 people. Several people from Strawberry Creek Meeting have been visiting neighboring Meetings. We will continue to visit other Meetings, but dates other than 5th Sundays will be considered. On the last Sunday in March a visit is planned to Marin Meeting. Several possible meeting places have been examined, but no appropriate place has been found. The concern was raised that Friends should consider if they are willing to underwrite the cost of renting a meeting place. We will meet in February at the home of the Perrys.

Sheila Moran, Betsy Dearborn and Lynn Bird are continuing to serve on the retreat committee, and more people are needed for this committee. The next meeting of the Worship and Ministry Committee will be at Kitka House on February 1. There will be discussion of 1) appropriate ways to celebrate religious holidays such as Easter 2) how to bring the "retreat experience" back into our daily and Meeting life 3) the issue of whether children should join us for worship at the beginning or the end of Meeting, and 4) vocal ministry in our Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: As of December 31, the balance was \$495.54. (Report attached.) The \$25.00 contribution for Friends Bulletin subscriptions was discussed and laid over for the April Meeting for Business. Barbara Perry will communicate with the donor regarding options for the donation as the matter won't be decided until April. Larry Perry will communicate with the Friends Bulletin publishers to let them know we have delayed our decision.

Concerns: A minute (#4) was approved that the Alternate Clerk will be the Archivist for the Meeting. A minute (#5) was approved that beginning January 1, 1980, minutes will be numbered for easy retrieval.

Correspondence: Bill Cooper read letters from Barbara Graves requesting transfer of her membership to Strawberry Creek Meeting and from Betsy Dearborn requesting membership. These were then referred to the Overseers. A letter was read from Debbie Burton requesting that she no longer be sent the newsletter as she was no longer in the area. At Betty Hall's suggestion, a minute (#6) was approved that we contact Delta Meeting asking them to welcome her. Larry Perry suggested that this may be a future function of the Visiting Committee, though the Clerk will send this letter. A note was read from FWCC thanking Strawberry Creek Meeting for Barbara Perry's presence.

Random Discussion: The issue of changing the terms of those on the Oversight Committee was briefly discussed, and laid over until the February Meeting for Business. Betty Hall announced that a clearness committee requested by Tim Hall for Tim and Betty had been formed with John Bird (convenor), Lynn Bird, Bill Cooper, Larry Perry and Jackson Burgess. Sheila Moran suggested that the Overseers could contact Friends in CPQM who have had experience on Oversight Committees, for example Ellie Foster, who may have valuable insights to share. Rachel Ann Elder expressed appreciation for the opportunity to deeply discuss the First Month Queries, and would like to discuss the Queries on a monthly basis. She invites others to participate.

Following a period of silent worship, the Meeting ended at 2:15 p.m. with 13 people in attendance.

Jim Barnard
acting Recording Clerk

Strawberry Creek Friends Meeting
Meeting for Business
February 3, 1980

Meeting for Business, held at the Perry's home, began at twelve o'clock with 18 people in attendance. Following a period of worship, the Clerk read the month's queries. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved with the adjustments of the title of the final section from Random Discussion to Further Concerns and the correction noting that the Clerk announced Gary Crawford's resignation from his job as Peace and Social Order Coordinator as part of the Nominating Committee's report.

Nominating Committee: The Committee posed questions of how to fill the Peace and Social Action Coordinator job, the of the Committee in Worship and Ministry, and how to elicit direction regarding nomination for meeting positions. The Committee will insert a questionnaire on how people would like to serve the meeting in the newsletter. Following a period of discussion and silence, Friends joyfully approved the acceptance of of a volunteer to the position of Peace and Social Order Reporter. Cathryn Gebhart was approved for Reporter to serve for a term determined by herself. (#7)

Overseers: (Report attached.)

Friends were asked to consider the Overseers' recommendation that membership for Jim Barnard, Betsy Dearborn and Susie Nemir for approval.

Friends approved that the Overseers will report each month on the number and progress of helping committees in the meeting. (#8) Friends were asked to consider the appointment of a meeting librarian as well as the possibility of forming a couples' group. The Overseers put the possibility of sponsoring a refugee family before the meeting. Friends approved setting a discussion on refugee sponsorship and an ad hoc committee to prepare for the meeting of Jackson Burgess, Tim Hall, Barbara Perry, Yonny Levy and Barbara Emmons (convenor). In recognition of the minute on helping committees, details of the Overseers on helping committees was stricken. Friends approved the modification of the Overseers' terms to be:

B. Cooter	June 1980
B. Emmons	December 1980

Susan Burr's term will run until December 1980 as originally scheduled. (#9)

Worship and Ministry: Eight people attended the most recent meeting. The committee saw no reason to change the present arrangement for children in meeting. There is no new information on rented space. On the subject of holidays, specifically Easter, no specific plans were made. Sheila Moran will convene the committee for the next retreat on the third weekend of April. Jackson Burgess and Jim Navarro have joined the retreat committee. Retreat reports will continue in meeting for business. The committee discussed vocal ministry and preparation for meeting for worship. Subgroups under Worship and Ministry continue with the exception of the spiritual sharing group which was laid down.

A new group to discuss the queries has begun and will meet February 29 at Rachel Ann Elder's home.

Strawberry Creek will not be visiting Marin Meeting in March. Meeting for Worship will be at the Perry's in March. It was asked that the arrangement committee for the marriage of Jim Barnard and Anna Graves work closely with the Retreat Committee.

Treasurer's Report: The balance as of 31 January was \$551.54.

A letter was received by Robert Noble of the Mexico City Peace and Social Action reporting on the distribution of Nicaraguan aid programs. The report will be posted on the bulletin board.

Finance Committee: The Committee will present a budget in March. The members asked that meeting committees make estimates of expenditures for the next fiscal year. The next Finance Committee meeting will be February 14. The Berkeley Finance Committee has not made any decision on money to Strawberry Creek. They will make a decision in September. Berkeley Finance Committee asked that Strawberry Creek consider the matter. Berkeley has a scholarship and an educational fund for which they suggest that applications from Strawberry Creek be channeled through our Overseers. The meeting was asked to consider how Strawberry Creek manages scholarships.

First Day School: Children will study Isaiah, the story of the Good Samaritan, the Sermon on the Mount, and the Lord's Prayer in February.

Concerns:

- 1) The meeting for business asked that the Nominating Committee consider the nomination of a fourth overseer.
- 2) The Fun Committee was asked to organize a soccer event.
- 3) March 1 is Yearly Meeting Representative Committee Meeting. John Bird, PYM Observer, will be asked to attend the meeting. If John Bird cannot attend, the Clerk will select an alternate observer.
- 4) Friends were asked to consider once again assisting with registration for Yearly Meeting.
- 5) February 16 is the annual meeting of AFSC at the First Unitarian Church in San Francisco. Sheila Moran asked that Friends make contributions of food for the lunchtime sale.
- 6) Tim Hall has requested a letter of transfer from San Jose Meeting to Strawberry Creek Meeting.
- 7) The meeting celebrated the marriage of Jim Strait and Yonny Levy on January 12, 1980.
- 8) Larry Manuel has asked for help on the Citizen's Party campaign for the November elections.

- 9) There was a concern that the meeting nominate a Pym Representative and Pym Observer for the year.

Correspondence

- 1) The Clerk read a letter from the Pym Discipline Committee asking that the meeting consider Faith and Practice advises and queries by March. The Clerk will contact the committee expressing our concern about the revisions. He will inform the committee that we brought up the issue in business meeting but that we cannot meet the deadline date. He will refer discussion materials, when they arrive, to Worship and Ministry and the overseers to allow them to arrange discussions.
- 2) Snow Mountain and Darrell Blum thanked Friends for support during their war tax trial.
- 3) Bill and Cornelia Cooper thanks the meeting for the gifts of the stroller, toddler seat, and new clothing to Jasper Cooper.

Following a period of worship, meeting for business concluded at 2:45 PM with twelve people in attendance.

Janina Levy
Recording Clerk

Strawberry Creek Meeting
Business Meeting
March 2, 1980

Meeting for Business, held at the home of the Perry's, began at 12:00 p.m. with eighteen people in attendance. Following a period of silence, the Clerk read the queries. The minutes were read and approved with the following corrections: (1) first concern to be rephrased to read that there was a concern that a fourth overseer be considered; (2) Nominating Committee report be rephrased to read that the Committee posed the question of its role in Worship and Ministry; (3) spelling of Darrell Bluhm's name.

Overseers: A listening committee was formed and met successfully. A visiting committee met with Rachel Ann Elder about her request for transfer of membership and recommended that the Meeting accept the certificate of transfer.

The Meeting considered and approved a recommendation from the Overseers to increase the number of Overseers from three to four at the expiration of Bob Cooter's term in June 1980 (#10). Two Overseers will serve December to December terms, two will serve June to June terms.

Friends approved the membership of Jim Barnard, Betsy Dearborn, and Susie Nemir in Strawberry Creek Meeting. (#11)

The Meeting approved accepting a volunteer to serve as Meeting Librarian (#12). This was laid over until next month.

Friends approved the marriage of Jim Barnard and Anna Graves under the care of the Meeting (#13).

On the subject of the revision of Faith and Practice, Yearly Meeting material was referred to the Overseers. The Overseers recommended that the revision of the Advices and Queries be considered at the April retreat. Timing of our discussion will be communicated to the PYM Discipline Committee by the Overseers. It was also noted that the question of approval vs. acceptance of Faith and Practice merits discussion.

The celebration of all new memberships and transfers will be at the end of March party. The subject of subsequent welcoming committees will be held before the Meeting.

Nominating Committee: (1) Betsy Dearborn was appointed as PYM Representative. (2) The Committee recommended that three ~~members~~ ^{people} be named to Worship and Ministry. This proposal was discussed from a practical and historical perspective and laid over until the next Business Meeting. Betsy will submit information on this subject to the next Newsletter. It was suggested that four rather than three people be named. (3) It was recommended that Worship and Ministry take on the responsibility of educating Friends in Quaker process. This will be referred to Worship and Ministry. (4) The Committee recommended that the Alternate Clerk work closely with the Clerk to share the responsibility of the Meeting. The role of Alternate Clerk was discussed. Serving to educate the Clerk, acting as clerk when the Clerk wishes to express a personal opinion, and being a role ~~for~~ ^{for the} Clerk in the year following the term of office were proposals. Flexibility in designated roles and committee functions ~~was~~ ^{were} urged by several Friends. (5) The Committee recommended that two people be named to serve as Co-Recording Clerks to serve for alternate months. This was laid over. There was a suggestion that Recording Clerks and the Clerk work out scheduling.

Worship and Ministry: (1) Mid-week meeting attendance has been dwindling. Friends were asked to consider the usefulness and scheduling of this group. It was noted that Berkeley holds mid-week meeting each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. (2) There will be an Easter sunrise gathering with Berkeley Meeting on April 6 at 5:00 a.m. at the Berkeley Marina. Rachel Ann Elder asked that we continuously examine practices we bring to Friends' traditions. Friends expressed the Friends' practice of viewing each day as a sacramental day. (3) Friends approved holding Business Meeting on April 13 (#14). (4) Strawberry Creek will visit Marin Meeting, March 30th at 10:00 a. m. (5) The Committee recommended and the Meeting did not approve a trial month at the McKinley Street site. The Julia Morgan Center at College and Derby, a Seventh Day Adventist church, the campus YWCA, and Alta Bates Hospital were suggested. Worship and Ministry is open to additional suggestions. Meeting will be at the Burgess's in April.

Finance Committee: (1) A tentative budget, to run from April 1980 to October 1980, based on 1979-1980 expenditures, was drawn up. The following annualized amounts were proposed:

Newsletter	\$ 400
First Day School	120
Ministry and Worship: (includes retreats)	300
Scholarships	200
*PYM Dues	270
*CPQM	30
*assumes 20 members	<u>\$1320</u>

There is no provision for space rental or contributions to other groups. If only 20 members are responsible, cost comes to \$70/member/year. If 50 people are active in the Meeting and members bore the expense of their own dues, members would be responsible for \$35/year, attenders would be responsible for \$20/year. It was suggested that the budget include a subscription to Friends Bulletin. Friends approved printing a copy of actual expenditures and the proposed budget in the next Newsletter (#15).

(2) A letter from the Berkeley Finance Committee was read. In view of agreement not to give or receive money on a pro-rated basis and awareness of Strawberry Creek's lack of specific financial needs, discussion of a gift from Berkeley to Strawberry was laid over until September Monthly Meeting. (3) Larry Manuel has resigned from the Finance Committee. This resignation was accepted with regrets.

First Day School: March is a Bible study month. The children will study the crucifixion, the resurrection, stories of the apostles, and letters of the New Testament. Betsy Dearborn will be the second teacher for the third and fourth Sundays of March.

Correspondence: (1) A letter of removal for Tim Hall was received from San Jose Meeting and referred to the Overseers.

(2) Certificates of transfer for John Ullman and Mary Mikesell were received from Berkeley Meeting and referred to the Overseers.

(3) A letter of transfer for Blair and Bob Cooter was received from Cambridge, Massachusetts, and referred to the Overseers.

(4) A letter asking Strawberry Creek to subscribe to Friends Bulletin for members and attenders was read.

(5) A letter from Hank Page, a person in Texas interested in the Society, written in response to Bill Cooper's letter to Time magazine, was read. Dallas Monthly Meeting and FWCC have been contacted. Bill Cooper responded and sent a copy of Friends for 300 Years.

Concerns: (1) There was a concern about how committees of the Meeting initiate different types of structural changes.

(2) Friends were informed of various Friends directories.

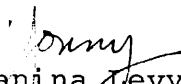
(3) Friends were reminded to (a) speak only once on each subject and (b) eat lunch before Business Meeting if possible.

(4) Friends were asked to pose ideas as queries rather than opinions. We were reminded to try to develop a more worshipful approach to Meeting for Business.

(5) It was suggested that we consider the schedule for Business Meeting for the rest of the year.

(6) It was suggested that an agenda be posted before Business Meeting.

Following a period of silence, Business Meeting concluded at 3:00 p.m. with fifteen people in attendance.


Janina Levy
Recording Clerk

Strawberry Creek Meeting
Business Meeting
April 13, 1980

Meeting for Business, held at the Burgess home, began at 12 PM with 17 people in attendance. Following a period of Silence, the Clerk read the queries. The minutes were read and approved with the correction in concerns that Bill Cooper will send a copy of Friends for 300 Years to Hank Page and, as noted later in the Meeting, that the Nominating Committee recommended a three person rather than a three member committee.

Overseers: There were visiting committees with Mary Mikesell and John Ullman. Acceptance of the transfer of their memberships was recommended. Friends approved discussion of the revisions to the advices and queries proposed by the PYM Discipline committee. The meeting will be convened by the Overseers and held on the fourth Sunday of April. There was a meeting on refugess on 3/22 that included reports from groups sponsoring Argentinian and SE Asian people. Barbara Emmons can help people become involved in the Oakland program for Lao tribespeople. Jackson Burgess reported that there is an Argentine man who has been cleared from prison and due to arrive in the Bay Area in the next two months. Jackson read a letter describing the man's background and a description of the South American Refugee Program and informed the meeting of details.

Sheila Moran asked that we consider any decision carefully. Friends asked if we are ready? Can we help a person in need? Can we do God's work? Is this the work of our meeting? The May business meeting will consider the question of sponsoring a refugee.

Friends approved accepting the transfer of membership of Mary Mikesell and John Ullman to Strawberry Creek Meeting. (#16)

Jackson Burgess volunteered and was approved as librarian. (#17)

Retreat Committee: All of Ben Lomand has been reserved for the weekend of April 19. The meeting will assume costs of reservations not filled and child care costs.

Treasurer's Report: Reports for Feb. and Mar. are as follows:

<u>February</u>		<u>March</u>	
Balance 3/1/80	551.54	Balance 29/2/70	502.79
Deposits	0.00	Deposits	150.00
Expenses	48.75	Expenses	24.00
Balance 29/2/80	502.79	Balance 31/3/80	628.79

Finance Committee: The First Day School line of the proposed budget was increased from \$120 to \$170 to allot money for Bibles for new children and children moving into the older group. Friends approved the budget. (#18)
The Clerk thanked the Finance Committee for its work.

Contributions: Friends considered whether Strawberry Creek would make regular and/or special contributions to Friends' organizations. It was suggested that the meeting make modest contributions. Friends approved

the following minute: SC Meeting will give annual gifts of \$50 per organization to the American Friends Service Committee (No. Calif. Regional Office), John Woolman School, Friends Committee on Legislation of Calif., Friends Assoc. for Services to the Elderly, and Friends World Committee for Consultation. (#19)

Friends were advised to consider these new expenses, as well as those related to monthly meeting status, when making contributions to SC.

Friends Bulletin: We have been asked to subscribe, as a meeting, to Friends Bulletin. Friends approved that each year a person will collect the names of all SC members and attenders who want the FB. One check for Strawberry Creek subscriptions will be sent to the editor. This year, Larry Perry will collect names for May to May subscriptions. Friends are reminded that the Bulletin costs \$7.00 per year.

Nominating Committee: 1) The Committee recommends that we lay down the Finance Committee and we name a Finance Convenor who will convene a committee of the clerk, clerk of oversight and the treasurer.

2) The Committee recommends that transportation coordinator be laid down as a regular meeting function. Alternate approaches: month to month assignment, names from silent consideration or a volunteer.

3) There is a need to clarify the meeting's intent for the composition of Worship and Ministry. The Committee held to the position that a named committee not be limited to members of the Society.

4) A Committee member felt that serving on the nominating committee, a job well suited to her, helped her to focus her spiritual life.

5) Several people have asked the nominating committee to support a peace committee. The committee supports Jackson Burgess' volunteering for librarian.

6) The following nominations were put before the meeting: Clerk, Dick Emmons; Asst. Clerk, Barbara Graves; Co-recording clerks, Marc Lambert and Joyce Lindblad; Treasurer, Carl Anderson; Recorder, Rachel Ann Elder; Oversight, Sheila Moran and Jim Navarro; First Day School, Jane Rubin, Michael Hartman, Andrea Sewing, Kathy Barnhart, Cornelia Cooper, Patricia Dienstfrey (convenor to be selected among themselves); Finance Convenor, Barbara Perry; Newsletter, Carol Mock.

The meeting considered the recommendation that there be a standing Worship and Ministry Committee of 3 individuals named by the nominating committee. Friends discussed the recommendations in Faith & Practice and the role of Worship & Ministry. The meeting could not come to unity on the recommendation and asked the nominating committee to follow the practice of the meeting and name a convenor for a committee of the whole for Worship & Ministry. There was a question on the process of the nominating committee in its selection of people to the proposed committees.

Worship and Ministry : Next meeting will be Friday, May 2 at the Perry's. Mid-week meeting was laid down. SC attenders not attending the retreat are asked to meet with Berkeley meeting. There is no new information on places for meeting.

Concerns: 1) Betty Hall expressed concern over the meeting's lack of approval of W & M's recommendation of renting McKinley St. She felt that objections ought to have been raised in the committee.

2) There was a concern that we do not have a FCL representative.

3) Betty Hall expressed distress that the retreat committee directed those people not going to the retreat to Berkeley Meeting. She felt that W & M should have been consulted.

4) Yonny Levy informed the meeting that she could not take minutes in May and asked that anyone who can serve as Recording Clerk contact her.

5) There was a question of whether FCL is our contact to FCNL.

Correspondence: 1) Requests for contributions were received from Wilmington College, Friends Assoc. for Service to the Elderly, Berkeley Area Interfaith Council, John Woolman School, The Bible Assoc., FWCC. Letters will be posted on the bulletin board.

2) A letter of release from membership for Ann Coombs was received ^{San Francisco Meeting} from a and referred to the Overseers.

3) Friends Committee on National Legislation has asked for a representative. This was referred to the Nominating Committee.

Following a period of worship, the meeting concluded at 5:30 PM with 15 people in attendance.

Janina Levy
Recording Clerk

Strawberry Creek Meeting
Business Meeting
May 3, 1980

Meeting for Business, held at the Burgess home, began at 12:00 p.m. with twenty-one people in attendance. Following a period of worship, the Clerk read the queries. The minutes were read and approved with the following corrections to the concerns 1) that Berkeley Meeting invited Strawberry Creek attenders not going to the retreat to join them for meeting and 2) that Betty Hall raised a concern that the Meeting be more involved in planning in-town worship during retreats.

Overseers: The overseers recommended acceptance of the transfer of Ann Combs' membership from San Francisco Meeting. They reported that, as a result of a meeting to establish a procedure for reviewing the advices and queries, Bob Cooter will elicit individual responses and organize a meeting for discussion during the summer. The overseers recommended that members of Strawberry Creek be able to enroll their children as junior members. In considering the composition of a named Worship and Ministry Committee, it was the feeling of the overseers that, while it is preferable to name members of the Society, in a small meeting the committee should not be limited to members.

Friends approved the transfer of Ann Coombs' membership to Strawberry Creek (#21). There was a discussion of junior membership which reviewed the overseers' proposal, Faith & Practice, and the economic implications of junior membership. Friends laid the question aside for discussion in the June meeting for business. Concerns may be raised with the overseers. Friends are asked to consider the overseers' acknowledgement that their recommendation recognizes the tension on this subject and seeks to provide a way to involve our children in the meeting without draining our energy in lengthy discussion. The overseers will meet Monday, May 5, at the Cooters' home. Friends approved the transfer of Rachel Ann Elder's membership to Strawberry Creek Meeting. (#22).

State of the Meeting Report: The Clerk read a draft of the report. Friends offered changes in content and grammar and approved a final version which will be included in the newsletter and with these minutes.

Treasurer's Report: As of 30 April 1980

Balance	31 March 1980	\$628.79
Deposits		0
Expenses		571.19
Balance		\$ 57.60

Expenses included those for the retreat and contributions to Friends Committee on legislation, Friends World Committee on Consultation, and John Woolman School. Payments for the retreat, consisting of approximately \$460 have not been deposited. A report of retreat income and expenses will be presented next month.

Retreat Report: Thirty adults and ten children attended the retreat at Dan Lomand. The treasurer presented a financial summary. Excess income from the retreat will be applied to child care costs.

Refugee Sponsorship: Jackson Burgess reviewed last month's discussion and informed the meeting that there is no new information on the Argentine man whose situation was discussed. A Friend presented the view that meeting support for the activities of its members was inherent in our sponsorship of refugees and that unanimous involvement in sponsorship was not necessary. Another added her willingness to encourage and help those who might be doing work with a refugee although she could not consider direct involvement herself. There was a strong sense of the meeting that sponsorship would be part of meeting life. Available resources for one person: six weeks housing, language teaching & transportation. The meeting approved making our meeting available to sponsor an Argentine refugee. (#23) Interested Friends are asked to contact: Jackson Burgess (convenor), Elena Burgess, Mary Louise Lambert, Marc Lambert, Barbara Emmons, Annie Agard, Ann Coombs, Yonny Levy, Jim Strait, Rachel Ann Elder, Betty Hall, Cathryn Gebhart and Joyce Lindblad.

Nominating Committee: Betsy Dearborn is resigning from the nominating committee as of today. This was accepted by the meeting with regret. There is a need to name a new clerk to overseers. Carol Mock did not agree to do the newsletter. Transportation coordinator, terms of visiting committee, Friends Association for Service to the Elderly representative, Friends Committee on Legislation, FYM representative and observer remain to be named. Barbara Graves will clerk June business meeting. Friends approved the nominations presented in the April business meeting with the exceptions of Carol Mock (named by error) and the finance convenor, a new role proposed in lieu of a finance committee (#24). Friends approved naming a finance convenor (#25). Barbara Perry was approved for next year. Annie Agard volunteered for transportation coordinator for a term of her discretion. Mary Miche, visiting committee clerk, is available to remain on the committee indefinitely. There is a need for additional members for the visiting committee. The Ad Hoc Committee to nominate the nominating committee will name two people to the nominating committee. The meeting, clerked by Betty Hall, discussed the composition and organization of the worship and ministry committee. Friends approved that Worship and Ministry be a named, open committee of Strawberry Creek Meeting and that the nominating committee name a clerk and two committee members to this committee (#26). The clerk of the discussion commended Bill Cooper for his careful and worshipful consideration of the question of the composition of Worship and Ministry. The Ad Hoc Committee asked for volunteers to the Nominating Committee. Jim Strait will assume Betsy Dearborn's term; Mary Miche will serve for Eleanor Warnock until she returns. The committee will select a convenor.

Worship and Ministry: Barbara Graves will close meeting for worship in May; Joyce Lindblad will close meeting in June. The committee continues to consider homes and rented space for meeting. The Nemirs have suggested to the committee that their house is available for rental. The committee suggests a \$200/month limit for rental space. McKinley Street, for example, would cost \$105/month. The Barnhart/McCarthy home is available for June. A group visited Marin meeting; there will be a June visit to Hayward. Appreciation was offered to the clerk and those who participated in Worship and Ministry activities. The questions of 10:00 meeting for worship and 7:30 business meeting for the summer months were laid over until June.

- Concerns:
- 1) The meeting thanked the outgoing officers for their participation.
 - 2) Berkeley Friends Church has invited us to join them on a retreat on the weekend of September 5-7.
 - 3) Cathryn Gebhart suggested a special meeting on peace and social action and offers her home for this gathering.
 - 4) There was a request that the nominating committee bring recommendations on a peace committee to the meeting.

Correspondence:

- 1) Bob Eaton (AFSC) is available to speak on his visit to Kampuchea. Betty Hall will talk to Berkeley about a joint meeting.
- 2) Susan Burr has asked to be relieved of her job as overseer at the end of May. This was accepted with regret. She was thanked for her work. The letter was referred to the nominating committee.
- 3) Clear Creek Monthly Meeting has asked that we accept Mary Louise Lambert as a sojourning member in our meeting. This was done with gratitude (#27).

*Young Levy
Recording Clerk*

Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting
Business Meeting
June 1, 1980

Meeting for Business, held at the Barnhart-McCarthy home, began at 12 p.m. with 18 people in attendance. Following a period of worship, this month's presiding clerk, Barbara Graves, read the queries for June. The minutes were read and approved, with gratitude to Yonny Levy for her fine job of recording an involved meeting.

Overseers: On behalf of the overseers, Sheila Moran presented the following report:
(see attached)

In the discussion following the report, a concern expressed regarding the status of present junior members was referred to oversight for consideration. A Friend has a concern that discretion be used in the offering of financial assistance. Another suggested that those receiving such aid to attend PYM should be encouraged to seek the most inexpensive means practical of attendance. This would include cooking one's own food rather than eating in the cafeteria, and living in a tent rather than in a dormitory, if this is not an undue hardship.

Barbara Graves reported that the outgoing and incoming clerks and other officers met informally to consider their transition. Note was made at that time of the variety of ways in which Friends do business.

Summer Schedule: Meeting for worship was scheduled for 10 a.m. for the summer months of July, August, and September, with the exception of the August 24th meeting at the Emmons', when it will be at 11 a.m. There will be no meeting for business in August, but a sharing session will be held at the Emmons' on the 24th instead. The July and September meetings for business will be held at 6:30 p.m. The July business meeting will be at the home of Barbara Graves. The selection of locations for summer meetings for worship was referred back to the worship and ministry committee.

Refugee Sponsorship: Jackson Burgess expressed appreciation for the forward movement being made, as several Friends have assumed responsibilities in behalf of Antonio Erceg. One meeting of interested Friends was held on May 22nd at Cathryn Gebhart's home; another will occur on June 5th at 7:30 p.m. General interest in this project has now focused on the commitment to help a specific person, Antonio. A bank account is being opened for him. Friends have offered warmth and support, and money is still needed to cover his expenses.

Nominating Committee: The following persons were nominated to serve in the respective positions: Lynn Bird, oversight committee; Barbara Emmons, clerk, oversight committee; Liz Head, worship and ministry committee; Mary Louise Lambert, clerk, worship and ministry committee; Melissa Lovett and Stephanie Kennedy, newsletter committee. Ann Combs volunteered to also be on worship and ministry committee. Still needed: Friends Association for Service to the Elderly representative, Friends Committee on Legislation representative, and a Pacific Yearly Meeting representative and observer. It was noted that the PYM representative attends PYM, reads

the minutes from PYM, and generally feels like a liason between PYM and the Meeting. S/he also needs to attend 3 representative committee meetings, plenary sessions, and one March meeting. The Meeting for Business recommended that the nominating committee continue search with Godspeed for a PYM representative. It was also noted that correspondence regarding the setting of dates and such related matters for PYM representative meetings should come from the clerk of the meeting. John Bird noted that he has been appointed to serve on the corporation body for FASE. The business meeting would like to hear more information from the nominating committee about the nature of FASE itself, and also about what would be wished of a representative. However if the nominating committee does not feel a need for a representative to FASE, they are free to not bring this back to business meeting. Mary Miche, Ann Combs, and Carl Anderson have volunteered to be on the visiting committee. They would be delighted to have two more folks join them.

- Concerns:
- 1) Individuals who type were encouraged to volunteer their services for periodically typing the newsletter.
 - 2) Cathryn Gebhart is coordinating the scheduling of a presentation by Bob Eaton of AFSC on Kampuchea with Berkeley Meeting.
 - 3) Barbara Graves recommended that Friends might read the article by Joseph Havens, "A Clerk's Journal", in the current Friends Journal, prior to attending the August 24 discussion at the Emmons'.
 - 4) A Friend requested that overseers check to be sure that all transfers of membership previously presented have been properly completed.
 - 5) A concern was expressed that not everyone had been able to receive the newsletter prior to the monthly business meeting. Frequently items are cited in the newsletter that Friends are asked to consider in advance of this meeting. Consequently, it was requested that those willing to make a contribution to cover the extra cost of receiving the newsletter by mail, to assure receiving it before the business meeting, should be able to do so. They may leave their names with the newsletter committee to arrange for this.

Correspondence: The clerk read a letter from Melissa Lovett, stating her wish to devote herself full-time this summer to the Survival Summer Project. She is concerned about receiving sufficient support to carry through with this endeavor. Interest and moral support are appreciated; she also estimates that she will need \$800. to cover expenses. Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends supports the participation of Melissa Lovett in the Survival Summer Project. The Meeting will accept contributions on behalf of her participation. (#28) Those wishing their checks to be tax deductible, may write them to Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting, earmarked for Melissa Lovett, and give them to Carl Anderson or Barbara Perry.

Business meeting closed with a period of worship at 1:40 p.m. with 18 people in attendance.

Joyce Lindblad
Joyce Lindblad, Recording Clerk

a worship group each fourth First day for Alameda/East Oakland Friends.

W&M took up the recommendation from the Site Subcommittee (otherwise known as the Space Exploration Committee) regarding use of the Nemir house. The Nemirs had had their house used as a meeting site before and, since they were to be out of town until Ninth month, the possibility of a long-term rental had been considered. This would also have the indirect benefit of reducing the rent for the occupants who are attenders of this Meeting. In the course of the W&M committee meeting, it became apparent that there was some discomfort with such a long-term arrangement. Therefore, to clarify matters for the Site Subcommittee, W&M brings to the meeting the following minute for consideration:

#29--"Worship and Ministry Committee shall explore various sites for Meeting for Worship over the next several months. For the interval of Eighth month through Tenth month, each site shall be used for one month. In Tenth month, sites to be used for longer terms will be presented to the Meeting for consideration." Approved.

Finance Committee will be consulted about rental expense. Relative to site consideration, weight needs to be given to space for the First day school program. There have been times when Meeting for Worship was at one place, and First day school was at another, necessitating driving the children to and fro. It is the intent of the clerk of Worship and Ministry to move ahead with finding a suitable site or sites so that the committee may devote resources to other items pertinent to the spiritual life of the Meeting.

TREASURER

Carl Anderson read his report. The final Retreat account report was made, and the first Exile Fund report delivered. The result of financial activity from 5/1 to 6/30 was an increase in balance-on-hand from \$57.60 to \$520.59. Jackson Burgess spoke of some confusion in the Exile Fund because contribution checks intended for June and July had been marked "June" only.

Treasurer's report was accepted.

Carl added that some inquiries had been made about whether the Scholarship Fund was available to assist those going to PYM. There is a balance of \$130 to be used in the period from Third through Tenth month of 1980 for those in need.

Carl also has sent \$200 to the Friends Bulletin. NOTE: Berkeley meeting paid subscriptions for those transferring to Strawberry Creek only through 12/79. Those who transferred need to pay \$10.50 for a year-and-a-half to be even with those subscribing just now. Friends wishing to do so may note on their regular meeting contributions that \$7.00 is going toward their Bulletin subscription.

REFUGEE COMMITTEE

Jackson Burgess reported that Antonio ^{Erceg} Erceg has arrived and is settled at Kitka House, 316 Athol Street, Oakland. He has applied for various public assistances but will not be eligible to receive them for a few more weeks. It has been found that he needs root canal dental work done; the Lutheran Council had resources to help with this. He has been going to English as Second Language classes four hours a day--he would prefer six. His most pressing need now is for kitchen implements.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Jane Rabin reported that the school will begin in the fall with Quaker values and Bible study. Rather than be divided into age groups, this year the children will be divided into two groups of mixed age.

VISITING COMMITTEE

Mary Miché informed us that the committee had not met for a while--it needs more active, closer-in members. The newly nominated committee should start functioning

soon.

FUN COMMITTEE

Tim Hall reported that ten people went to the Giants game on 6/28 and they had fun.

CORRESPONDENCE

Applications for membership were read from Eleanor Warnock and Mary Miché. These were referred to Overseers.

A letter from Jim Barnard and Anna Graves was received and read thanking the meeting for its part in their wedding.

Clerk expressed concern about the number of newsletters sent to him by other Meetings. What should be done with them?

Martha Dart, clerk of PYM Ministry and Oversight Committee, sent a letter with various items. One was a request for a copy of Strawberry Creek's State of the Meeting report, which was sent. There also was a request for an updated membership list, also sent. The committee approved a minute that there be no alcohol or drugs at PYM; this was read and will be put in the newsletter. Finally, there was an item about the Fund for Concern, which this year has helped Darrell Blum and Victoria Snow Mountain as they work with the "los Niños" project in Tijuana. This Fund is fed not only from PYM funds but from contributions; our treasurer reminds us that checks made out to the meeting indicating the Fund as ultimate destination can go through him for tax exemption purposes.

CONCERNS

Mary Miche raised a concern about Meetings support of Survival Summer. Melissa Lovett reported that she has had several needs met: her housing is free, she got \$215 from College Park Quarterly Meeting, and she is working part-time. Of course, if she did not work, she would have more time for Survival Summer; her present arrangement does allow for significant participation by her in the Project. She will give a report at the meeting in Ninth month. The Project lasts through Election Day.

Paul Jolly reported on his work with draft registration at Berkeley Meeting. Those interested in the work of the draft registration resistance group he is working with may contact him. They have not decided on any specific actions since the law is new and different. They will be starting a switchboard for inquiries. The Clerk reminded us that if there are young men known to the meeting who wish to have a letter expressing their conscientious opposition to registration and the draft recorded, to so inform the Clerk. Mary Miché added that the World Peace Tax Fund is sending out cards to its mailing list for those not within the scope of registration to still express their opposition to it, one half of the card going to their churches, the other to the Fund as a record of concern.


Mary Louise Lambert reminded meeting of the invitation to attend the Berkeley Friends Church retreat in Ninth month. Catherine Gebhart is the contact for this. Further information will be announced at Meeting for Worship.

Clerk informed us of a concern Catherine Gebhart had about interest in Meeting in Peace and Social Concerns. She has not felt concrete response to concerns.

Carl Anderson reminded us of the continuing vigil against nuclear armaments.

We closed with worshipful silence. There were 18 persons in attendance at 8:30 pm.

Submitted,


Marc Lambert
Recording Clerk.

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STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
of the Religious Society of Friends

Informal Meeting for Discussion, August 24, 1980
Home of Barbara and Richard Emmons
Richard Emmons and Barbara Graves, Co-Clerks

The meeting gathered at 1:30 p.m. with a moment of silent worship. Dick Emmons noted that this was not to be a regular business meeting, but rather an unstructured get together. He suggested that those present might discuss "unity": what it is and how it may be achieved. However there was no need to attempt to achieve unity at this gathering.

Barbara Graves welcomed the Van Dolsens, present as representatives of the Quarterly Meeting's Committee on New Meetings. She encouraged all present to share their ideas. Barbara observed that there is a great variety of ways in which Quakers "do business", both within and between different yearly meetings. She invited those interested to pick up a copy of Steve Cary's address to the AFSC's national board on "Consensus and Quaker Decision-Making".

Some of the questions, concerns, and ideas shared during the ensuing discussion include the following:

How do we want to do business and worship together in the coming year? What is the meaning of "overseer"? What is the role of the overseers? What is membership in the Meeting? What does it mean? Why are certain jobs reserved only for members? What are our expectations from the meeting? For example, do we expect comfort, support, nourishment of growth, and/or creative conflict, etc.?

How may the work of our committees grow and be strengthened? How may the unity reached in committees be both honored and worked with in Meetings for Business? Our committees are young and in a process of learning. Yet their input needs to be respected and carried forward, for Meeting for Business cannot do the work of each of the committees. What concerns really require a listening committee?

It is important that our expectations in coming together not be too high, so that we're constantly disappointed.

How much do we share, and how much wish to share in each other's lives? Is coming together once a week sufficient? How may sharings between Meetings for Worship enrich us individually, as a community, and also deepen the experience of Meeting for Worship?

Problems arise when we attempt to institutionalize every concern. There is a need for respecting individual's privacy, as well as supporting the development of community. We need to have patience with each other, and not too great expectations, that would be impossible to meet.

We might more appropriately look to our committees to help us, than expect them to solve all burdens which could be dumped on them. On Listening to Another by Douglass Steere was recommended as a good book to read for ideas about listening.

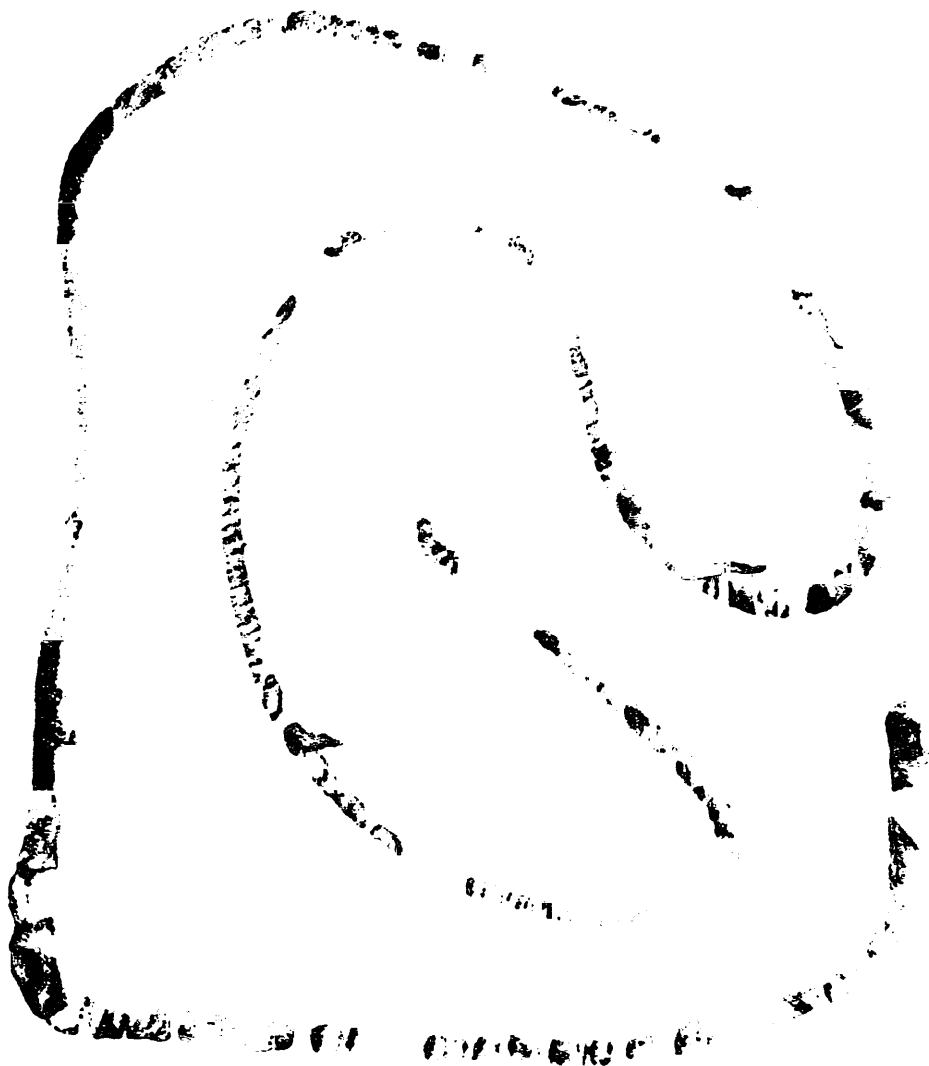
How may difficult or negative experiences be lovingly dealt with and contribute to growth individually and within the meeting? Might there be a message of God present in such experiences? How may "magic pennies" and helpful insights be shared with others, besides in Meeting for Worship?

Larry Perry read the Queries for this month.

Barbara Graves noted that Light deserves and presses to be shared, both from that of God within and about us.

The meeting ended at 3:10 p.m. with a moment of silent worship.

Joyce Lindblad
Joyce Lindblad, Recording Clerk



STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY of FRIENDS

7th of 14 month, 1980

Meeting for Business
Home of Barbara Graves
Richard Emmons, Clerk

We gathered in silent worship at 6:30pm. There were ten in attendance.

The Clerk read the queries for Ninth month. The minutes of meeting of Seventh month were read. Two changes were noted: Mary Mische would serve on either Worship and Ministry or Visiting Committee; Catheryn Gebhart was not the contact person for the joint retreat with Berkeley Friends Church. Minutes were then approved.

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

Our representative to Pacific Yearly Meeting was not present, he will be asked to file a report in the newsletter. The children's program was great this year, both Mary Mische and Mary Louise Lambert had helped organize it. Between the rising cost of staying at Craig Hall and the rising cost of travel, attendance was down considerably. Young Friends of North America had had its annual meeting the week before, there were many more young people than usual.

JOINT RETREAT

There was a total of 45 in attendance, as Berkeley Friends Church, Berkeley Friends Meeting, and Strawberry Creek Meeting gathered in Ben Lomond. There were 14 attenders from Strawberry Creek. Paul Burkes, from Friends of the Earth and formerly of AFSC, was the speaker on the topic "Service and the Life of the Spirit". Rachel Ann Elder and Barbara Graves will send a letter expressing thanks to Berkeley Friends Church. Barbara Graves will also submit a summary to the newsletter. The hope of further contacts was expressed, either in other retreats or to form a joint Peace Committee as had existed with Berkeley Friends Church and Berkeley Friends Meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Eleanor Warnock reported for the Committee. As the correction to the minutes states above, Mary Mische was deleted from the Visiting Committee. Carl Anderson ~~and Ann Combs~~ also withdrawn from that committee. A new one is nominated: Blair Cooter, clerk, Bill Cooper, member. Leonard Joy volunteered to serve on the committee. These names shall be seasoned until next month.

OVERSEERS

Barbara Emmons, clerk, reported several activities. On the 21st of Seventh month, there was a meeting for those concerned about draft registration. Chris Emmons, Rick Guindon, Peter Fogol, Tony Burgess, and Paul Jolly were supported by a group of friends. Eleanor Warnock's membership committee met with her and Overseers recommends her membership. Mary Mische's membership committee has not yet met. Scholarship assistance for one attender to go to the joint retreat was approved. Overseers plan to establish a regular meeting time, with the first hour open to those with concerns. (note: Overseers would greatly appreciate these concerns to be in writing).

A concern was raised about the transfer of membership of Tim Hall. It was noted that in the Overseers report of 6/1, applications of Tim Hall, Barbara Graves, Blair Cooter, and Bob Cooter for transfer of membership be recommended to the Meeting. The present clerk of Oversight has not received all the materials from the previous clerk, and we don't know which ones of these Friends has received a Certificate of Transfer.

The clerk and alternate clerk mentioned that they want to establish the practice of committee clerks meeting prior to each Meeting for Business to firm up the good order.

Final approval of Eleanor Warnock membership will be taken up at the next meeting.

MINISTRY AND WORSHIP

Mary Louise Lambert, clerk, reported on the two meetings her committee has had. She reviewed the agendas of both. Some items emerged for Meeting consideration. The first, and most joyous was to plan a welcoming meeting for David Nurkse. Plans for this meeting will be in the next newsletter. Two minutes were brought for Meetings consideration.

"For a trial period of three months, on the first First Day of the month, Meeting for Worship closer shall close meeting, give a brief explanation, read the queries for that month, and a time of worshipful consideration of these shall follow. At a suitable time thereafter the meeting will rise. The children's program will synchronize, at the discretion of that month's First day school coordinator, the children's rejoining meeting."

Meeting approved.

"In order that the Worship and Ministry committee might be freed from having to consider new sites for meeting as a committee of the whole, it is the intent of Meeting that there should be an active subcommittee to follow leads for sites, and to present recommendations to the Worship and Ministry Committee. Sheila Moran will convene this subcommittee, Dick Emmons will serve as a member. First day Committee will be approached to see if it might want to have one of its members join the subcommittee."

Meeting approved.

A site possibility was announced: the South Berkeley Senior Citizen's Center can rent its lounge for \$6.50 an hour and has two rooms upstairs for the children's program. Right now it is unlikely we can get the Center in the afternoon for business meeting. Site Subcommittee will look into whether the Center will be available Tenth month. Barbara Graves' home is available for business meeting, it is located only three blocks from the Center.

The Retreat Committee has three members (Jackson Burgess, Leonard Joy, and Betsy Jearborn) but no convenor. Barbara Graves offered to convene that committee.

It was asked that the location and time of Business meeting be placed on the agenda for Tenth month meeting.

TREASURER

Carl Anderson reported that receipt of contributions the last two months has been about one-third the rate of expenses. Whereas, in the past, meeting has had a comfortable reserve in the hundreds of dollars, the reserve now stands at \$30. The cause of this is primarily our rental of space and setting aside funds for PYM membership. The treasurer was asked to place an item in the newsletter and to recommend a contribution amount. The budget we started the year with did not include these items, so we will need to update the budget also. In his report, Carl mentioned that the meeting now has a post office box (#5065, Berkeley CA 94705). Larry Perry will collect the mail. This box is particularly for groups which correspond regularly with the meeting.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL

Barbara Emmons reported for the committee. The program is off to a good start both in curriculum and in personnel. There is still a need for volunteers to care for the infants.

REFUGEE REPORT

Mary Louise Lambert reported about Antonio's birthday party. There were many Argentinesthere, most of whom, both men and women, had been in prison. His English classes begin shortly, after a month recess. Friends were reminded of his need to be included in special functions and dinner invitations.

NEWSLETTER

Melissa Lovett, co-editor, reported that the deadline for items is two weeks before

the next business meeting. Newsletters will be available at the meeting for worship after the deadline for those attending to pickup. At the request of this Meeting, all those newsletters not picked up will be mailed. It was suggested that Berkeley Friends Church be put on the newsletter mailing list. Melissa asked that items for the newsletter be in writing. The typing pool has been formed, many thanks to those who volunteered.

OTHER REPORTS

Melissa Lovett reported on her experiences with Survival Summer. The local Survival Summer was engaged in canvassing the city with a questionnaire and there will be a gathering about resurgent militarism. Melissa herself went to a Boy Scout camp to talk to the youths about the draft. There also was an effort for more church involvement in peace work coordinated by the Ecumenical Peace Institute. There was a gathering of youth from Friends, Mennonites, and Brethren in Christ to get acquainted and to seek the means for joint peace efforts by the traditional peace churches. So, it has been an active summer and is drawing to a close. It is expected the contacts and activities started this summer will continue. She expressed her thanks to meeting's support.

OTHER CONTACTS

Dick Emmons got a letter saying that the Friends Committee on National Legislation seeks a joint meeting between us and Berkeley Friends Meeting for a presentation by Ted Neff. We do not have a contact person for FCNL, Cathryn Gebhart has been our FCL contact. We need to see if she will also serve for FCNL. Dick also got a request from the Ben Lomond committee for a contact person in the meeting. Sheila Moran offered to be that person.

CONCERNS

It was suggested that the PO box number be listed in Friends Bulletin and Journal. ~~The clerk will have all his mail routed through the box, too.~~

There has been frustration expressed ^{by Cathryn Gebhart about a lack of interest and support} ~~with~~ the Peace and Social Concerns ^{coordinator} ~~position~~. ^{committee work} Nomination committee is eagerly awaiting the return of Bob Coester who had offered to head a committee of Peace and Social Concerns. There are several others known to Nominating committee who have expressed an interest in serving on this committee.

Meeting closed with an interval of worship at 9:15 with 16 in attendance.

Marc Lambert, Recording Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY of FRIENDS

October 5, 1980

Meeting for Business
Home of Barbara Graves
Richard Emmons, Clerk

The meeting gathered in a period of silent worship at 6:40 p.m. with 13 people present.

The minutes from the meeting of Ninth Month were read. The following corrections were noted: Ann Combs, (as well as Carl Anderson, previously indicated) has withdrawn from the Visiting Committee. The post office box number for Strawberry Creek mail is 5065. The sentence, "The clerk will have all his mail routed through the box, too" was deleted. The next sentence was re-phrased: There has been frustration expressed by Cathryn Gebhart about a lack of interest and support for the Peace and Social Concerns committee work. The minutes were then approved.

WORSHIP & MINISTRY

Mary Miche reported on a very fruitful meeting of this committee, which focused on the spiritual life of the meeting. Concerns considered included: the nature and definition of prayer, and, what is meeting for worship? Any Friends interested in attending the next W & M meeting should contact Mary Miche or Mary Louise Lambert to coordinate its scheduling. It will be a meeting for worship, to contemplate the meeting for worship. Location: the home of Mary Miche.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carl Anderson presented the treasurer's report. See attached. Committees were advised to alert the treasurer, if they foresaw an upcoming budget problem. The meeting approved a one-time cost overrun for the newsletter. A draft budget for the coming year will be presented in the next newsletter. This will then be presented, reviewed, and approved at the November meeting for business. Committees were reminded to submit their bills promptly, to facilitate the budget-keeping process.

OVERSEERS' REPORT

Barbara Emmons presented this report. The previously written thoughts of the Overseers about the question of junior membership have re-surfaced, so will be included in the November newsletter. Many new members of Strawberry Creek have not yet been "officially" welcomed by the Meeting. The respective membership committees will take responsibility for arranging such occasions. The membership committee for Mary Miche is currently meeting with her. The meeting joyfully approved the membership of Eleanor Warnock. Future meetings of the Overseers will regularly be held during the week following monthly meeting for business. The next meeting will be on Tues., Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Emmons' home. Rachel Ann Elder will discuss the process of keeping records of membership, with the Overseers.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The meeting approved the newly constituted visiting committee, laid over from the September meeting. It includes: Blair Cooter, clerk, and Bill Cooper and Leonard Joy, members. It was noted that this committee helps facilitate visiting among participants in the meeting, but is not responsible for personally visiting everyone. Bob Cooter volunteered to be the FCL representative and FCNL contact person for the meeting. He invited other interested persons to work with him. Stephanie Kennedy so volunteered. Ritva Kaje offered to be the Peace and Social Action ~~Committee~~ Coordinator. Each of these offers was warmly and gratefully acknowledged.

Eleanor Warnock spoke on behalf of the nominating committee. She recommended that members of the ~~nominating committee~~ ^{Overseers} have 2 year terms, staggered to end alternate years. This proposal will be considered further at the November meeting for business.

The terms of 2 of the Overseers expire in December 1980. The nominating committee wishes to ask Lynn Bird to serve another term as Overseer. The terms of the nominating committee members end in December 1980. Therefore it is necessary to select an ad hoc committee to nominate the nominating committee, at this meeting. Mary Miche and Joyce Lindblad were approved as convenor and member, respectively, of this committee. They will bring names of nominees to the November meeting.

MEETING SITE SUBCOMMITTEE

Dick Emmons presented an interim report on meeting site possibilities which are currently being explored. No action is ready yet to be taken by the meeting. Concerns about the time and place of future monthly meetings for business were shared. This discussion will be continued at the November meeting, which will be at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 2 at the home of the Cooters.

QUARTERLY MEETING

Everyone was reminded that College Park Quarterly Meeting will be held at John Woolman School on October 18 and 19.

REFUGEE COMMITTEE REPORT

Jackson Burgess reported that Antonio Erceg is very appreciative of the efforts of his school-break tutors, Lynn Pon~~a~~ and Mary Louise Lambert. Following meeting for worship on September 28th, Antonio spoke in English to those present about Amnesty International. He encouraged everyone concerned to write letters to several Argentinians in power, to increase the pressure on them to take more positive action. Antonio is now being considered for an EPA program, in which he would be paid to continue studying English along with doing some tutoring for new students. This should begin in early January, if confirmed. Persons contributing to his support are asked to continue their pledges through December, if possible. The financing of several of Antonio's medical and dental problems is still up in the air. Medi-Cal will pay for 1 of the 3 root canals he needs.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dick Emmons read a letter from Lonnie Valentine of Mission Viejo, Ca., inviting this meeting to arrange a workshop on war tax objection.

Stephanie Kennedy will check about coordinating such an event with Berkeley Meeting.

NEW CONCERNS

Ritva Kaje proposed that this item be second on the agenda in the future, so that fresh items will receive quality time and attention. Dick Emmons requested that important items be given to him in advance of the monthly meeting, to be included in the agenda. Any items not on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting could be added then.

Ritva also expressed her sense that the time allowed for the reading and considering of the queries at the end of meeting for worship this morning was not adequate. This new format, in which the queries for the month will be read at the end of the first meeting for worship each month, will be reviewed by the worship and ministry committee after a 3 month trial run.

The meeting closed with a moment of worshipful silence at 8:35 p.m. with 14 people present.

Joyce Lindblad
Joyce Lindblad, Recording Clerk

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STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY of FRIENDS

November 2, 1980

Meeting for Business
Home of the Cooters
Richard Emmons, Clerk

The Meeting opened with a moment of worshipful silence at 6:40PM with 15 persons in attendance.

The Clerk read the Queries for Eleventh month regarding Civic Responsibility. The Recording Clerk read the minutes of October. There were the following corrections: 1) under Nominating Committee, the Overseers will serve two year terms, 2) Ritva Kaje offered to be the Peace and Social Action Coordinator, there is no committee, 3) under Refugee Committee, Antonio's tutor is Lyn Pon.

OVERSEERS

Barbara Emmons, clerk, gave her report. She read the item on Junior Membership in the October newsletter. The next meeting of the committee shall be on the fourth of this month. A joint meeting with Worship and Ministry committee is scheduled for the 23d of this month. There was a welcoming following the last Meeting for Worship for new members.

The Meeting then discussed the item on Junior Membership. Discussions included consideration of the age proposed (25) for dropping a junior member if that person had not expressed interest in becoming an adult member, and a minimum age for when a person could apply for adult membership. Friends were reminded that the purpose of this item was to amplify Faith and Practice. Overseers will take back the item for further work in light of what had been stated in Meeting, and return with it at the next Meeting for Business.

WORSHIP AND MINISTRY

Mary Louise Lambert, clerk, reported for the committee. At their last meeting, the committee dealt with the following concerns and suggestions that arose from their meeting: a concern about how we conduct our business, a suggestion of a monthly forum discussion after Meeting for Worship on a topic of general interest, a concern for the fostering of the spiritual resources and disciplines of those young friends facing critical decisions, i.e. draft registration, a concern about the way we inhibit our personal vocal ministry in Meeting for Worship.

The committee discussed meeting closers. Betty Hall will continue to serve as coordinator, the committee reaffirmed the policy of having one person close meeting for an entire month. The committee also heard concerns from a letter from Catherine Gebhart, and still has not set a regular time to meet. It is looking forward to its joint meeting with the Overseers.

The committee also decided to sponsor two holiday Meetings for Worship, one at Thanksgiving at 9:30AM with worship then a light breakfast, and another at Christmas at 10:30AM with worship and light breakfast. Both will be at Mary Mische's home. The committee welcomed Liz Head back from summer break.

The Clerk read Mary Louise Lambert's letter of resignation from the committee. Mary Louise reported that the committee had discussed her concerns and she felt it necessary to be relieved. The letter was referred to the Nominating Committee.

SITE SEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE

Sheila Moran, convenor, reported that the subcommittee had been exploring many different sites. The McKinley Street site is no longer available to us. A new site being considered is the Lutheran Center, which has the advantage of being less costly, the committee needs to do more consideration of it. A local Seventh Day Adventist church is being considered also, although it is anticipated that it would take longer to work out arrangements there. The subcommittee then recommended that Strawberry Creek rent the South Berkeley Senior Center for three months at \$104 a

month.

Discussion of this proposal followed. One concern that emerged was that Meeting had set forth in August a plan to meet in three different sites as an experiment then to come back and evaluate. Somehow, the sense of the Meeting is that we no longer are experimenting, but renting for three months more. There are various views in meeting regarding renting versus meeting in private homes, we need to air these views and concerns as a Meeting so that it is clear how we should proceed. It was decided that at the next Meeting for Business, a certain time should be set aside for expression of the various concerns on this issue. Meeting also wanted to hear from First Day School committee about its experiences and requirements of the various sites, and to bring forth its recommendations. Clerk proposed the following minute:

"The Site Search Subcommittee shall continue its search for appropriate sites. Meantime, South Berkeley Senior Center shall be reserved through January 1981. If there have been no more places identified, the January Meeting for Business shall decide how to proceed." Meeting approved.

Friends were reminded that there also was the issue of where to hold Meeting for Business. Another minute was proposed:

"The Meeting for Business shall be held each first Sunday at 6:30PM".

This proposal shall be placed in the newsletter for comment and raised for action at the December Meeting for Business. Frances Pennel-Nurkse offered her home for the next Meeting for Business.

TREASURER

Carl Anderson circulated both a Financial Report and a Budget for the next year. He addressed the Financial Report, noting that the Meeting had raised \$2000 for the Exile Fund. We are in good financial health, owing to something of a moratorium on payment of our Pacific Yearly Meeting dues. The Report was accepted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Carl also gave this report. The Budget for November 1980 through October 1981 has been printed in the newsletter. Of further note was that the Newsletter, to stay within its budget will have to be reduced to an average of eight pages due to increased costs. There were changes needed in two items. Meeting Space--the figure Carl had used was a projection of using the South Berkeley Senior Center and having three rooms for First Day School. The third room really is needed only occasionally so Friends approved reducing the budget item to the approximate cost of two rooms. This item reduced from \$1560 to \$1320. First Day program--~~in consultation with that committee,~~ it was apparent there was not the need for \$170, ^{so} this item ~~reduced~~ ^{was} reduced to \$110. Of further note was the increase in the scholarship fund, the Finance Committee felt that ^{there} should be more in this fund to enable greater participation by Friends in activities. The budget was approved. Friends noted that care should be taken to keep spending as trim as possible.

COMMITTEE TO NAME THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mary Miché reported for that committee. They propose the names of Eleanor Warnock, Frances Pennel-Nurkse, and Michael Hartman. These names shall be held over to the next Meeting for Business for approval.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Eleanor Warnock, ~~clerk~~, brought those items that had been carried forth from the last Meeting for Business. Friends approved that Overseers serve a two year term. Friends approved Lynne Bird for a term as Overseer to December 1981. It was noted the Lynne had agreed to this term but had left on extended vacation before the two year term for Overseers was proposed. The Nominating Committee will consult with Lynne about an extended term when she gets back.

The committee proposed that Barbara Emmons have her term extended until June 1981. The new Nominating Committee shall take up the proper distribution of terms for the four Overseers.

PEACE AND SOCIAL ACTION

Clerk read a letter from Ritva Kaje, coordinator, proposing an open meeting one Sunday per month for both sharing and planning. At such a meeting, those carrying concerns could share them with the group for support and action, and those assembled could inquire jointly into what are the good things to be doing, what can be done, and on which level, to insure that these good things happen, what do we want to do and facilitation of effective planning for action. Ritva visualizes special task forces emerging under the leadership of one carrying a concern.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Barbara Emmons reported that ~~after an uncertain start, and with a great deal of~~ *the November First Day Program is now in place, after some extra* program organizing by Pat Dienstfrey, ~~the First Day Program is in place.~~ This month the theme will be Quaker Men, with various speakers coming, including Dick Brown, John Fitz, Jim Strait with Yonny Levy, and Earle Reynolds from Santa Cruz Meeting. First Day School Committee would like to arrange a reception for Earle after Meeting for Worship.

QUARTERLY MEETING

Those who attended the Quarterly will put together a report to be posted on the bulletin board about issues facing the Quarter.

FUN

Tim Hall reported on some scheduled events: on the eighth of this month, a Junior Soccer League game, and on the 27th a joint Thanksgiving dinner with Berkeley Meeting.

After an interval of silent worship, we closed at 9:25PM with 16 in attendance.

Marc Lambert
Marc Lambert
Recording Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

December 7, 1980

Meeting for Business
Home of the Nurkses
Richard Emmons, Clerk

The Meeting opened with a moment of silent worship at 6:40 p.m. with 13 people present.

The minutes of the November Monthly Meeting were approved, with the following corrections: 1) under Finance Committee, following First Day program, the phrase "in consultation with that committee" was deleted. 2) under First day School Program, the first sentence should read: Barbara Emmons reported that the November First Day Program is now in place, after some extra program organizing by Pat Dienstfrey.

Larry Perry noted that John McCarthy is working on a new directory listing for Strawberry Creek. Any additions or corrections to the present listing should be given to him soon.

OVERSEERS

Barbara Emmons, clerk, presented the Overseers' report. Their next meeting will be held on Dec. 9th at the home of Lynne Bird. The first hour continues to be open to anyone wishing to share specific concerns.

Barbara read the proposed policy on Junior Membership, originally presented at the November Meeting. See attached. Its intent is to encourage young people of the Meeting to be more actively involved in the life of the meeting, than they might otherwise be. Concern was expressed, that this might also contribute to categorizing them into different groups. After further discussion, the proposal was approved as a working minute. It will be reviewed in about a year.

The protocol to be observed, in the event of the death of a member of Strawberry Creek, was discussed. Does Strawberry Creek need a separate statement, in addition to that in Faith and Practice? The Overseers will obtain a copy of the guidelines established at Pacific Yearly Meeting 5 years ago. This discussion will be continued.

A letter was received from Leonard Joy, requesting membership. A visiting committee will be formed to explore this request with him.

Mary Miche's visiting committee continues to meet actively with her. They will report at the next Monthly Meeting.

Jim Navarro reported on a joint meeting of the Oversight and Ministry and Worship committees held two weeks ago, in which they discussed several queries. As a result of this meeting, they have decided to draw up a statement of their functions. They hope to have this ready to present at the next monthly meeting.

WORSHIP AND MINISTRY

Rachel Ann Elder reported on behalf of Mary Louise Lambert, for the Worship and Ministry Committee. At their last meeting, they considered the following items: the possibility of forming small worship-sharing groups within the Meeting; the need for volunteers to help set up before and reorganize after Meeting for Worship (Elizabeth Head will coordinate this for two months. Anyone willing to help should get in touch with her.); a joint meeting with the Overseers was arranged; discussion topics continued to be set for each Worship and Ministry meeting; concerns were expressed about welcoming newcomers to Meeting for Worship. The Worship and Ministry Committee found the joint meeting with the Overseers a useful exploration of the overlapping concerns of these two groups for the health and welfare of the Meeting, its members and attenders.

Larry Perry stated that on Nov. 30th, four people from Strawberry Creek visited Berkeley Meeting, through the coordination of the Worship and Ministry Committee.

The minute proposed at the November Meeting: "The Meeting for Business shall be held each first Sunday at 6:30 p.m." was further discussed and approved.

The January 4th Monthly Meeting will be held at the home of Rachel Ann Elder at 6:30 p.m. Frances Pennel-Nurkse offered her home for the February meeting.

The current practice of reading the queries for the month at the end of the Meeting for Worship on the first Sunday of the month was considered. The meeting decided to stop this practice for now, and return to reading them at the beginning of the monthly meeting for business. The Worship and Ministry Committee was asked to give further thought to this concern.

Frances Pennel-Nurkse thanked the Meeting for providing diaper service for David for eight weeks. This allowed her and Peter to spend more time with their children.

SITE SEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE

Sheila Moran reported that this committee has found few choices of locations for further exploration. She has been unable to reach the Berkeley Seventh Day Adventist Church by phone, so will try to reach them by letter. The meeting discussed this issue, then approved the following minute:

"Monthly Meeting approved continuing to search for alternative rental sites to try out, but to have So. Berkeley Senior Center available month-by-month until the summer, with further discussion being held in Ministry and Worship Committee and among the meeting community until a more permanent solution can be agreed upon."

FIRST DAY SCHOOL

Dick Emmons read a letter submitted by Patricia Dienstfrey, convenor of the First Day School Committee. See attached. The immediate need for many more adults to sign up with Cornelia Cooper to help with the care of infants during Meeting for Worship was especially stressed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

No one was present to report for this committee. The extension of Barbara Emmons' term as Overseer until June 1981, proposed at the November meeting, was approved. In addition, the extension of Lynne Bird's term as Overseer until June 1981 was also approved. The new nominating committee, consisting of Eleanor Warnock, clerk, and Michael Hartman and Frances Pennel-Nurkse, members, was approved after seasoning for one month. Each of these approvals was warmly and gratefully made.

REFUGEE COMMITTEE

Jackson Burgess reported about the current status of Antonio Erceg. He has been accepted into the EPA (Educacion Para Adelantar) program, so is now receiving CETA support. After considering Antonio's current needs, the meeting approved this minute:

"Monthly Meeting endorsed continuation of sponsorship of Antonio Erceg through June, 1981, and asked the Ad Hoc Committee to continue to provide his rent money at Kitka House through June 1981."

TREASURER

Carl Anderson, treasurer, noted that the bill for Pacific Yearly Meeting dues has been received, in the amount of \$276.00. It will be paid from reserves in the general fund. This brings the new balance to about \$700.00. Carl will present a complete financial report at the next business meeting.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Concerning the newsletter, the following minute was proposed, discussed, and adopted:

"Monthly Meeting re-affirms the need to limit the newsletter to approximately 8 pages, so as to remain within our budget."

The Meeting closed with a moment of silence at 9 p.m., with seventeen persons in attendance.

Joyce Lindblad
Joyce Lindblad, recording clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY of FRIENDS

4 January 1981

Meeting for Business
Home of Rachel Ann Elder
Barbara Graves, Presiding Clerk

We gathered at 6:45PM with an interval of silent worship. There were 13 in attendance.

Barbara Graves read the queries for this month, which are related to the Meeting for Worship. After a period of reflection, the minutes of the last business meeting were read. There were no amendments for the minutes, and they were approved.

OVERSEERS

Sheila Moran gave the report for this committee. The Committee received the request for membership of Leonard Joy and designated Barbara Graves, Bill Cooper, John Bird, and Sheila Moran (Eleanor Warnock, alternate) as his membership committee.

Sheila distributed copies of the report of Mary Miche's membership committee. This report spoke to the issues the committee addressed in considering her application, and in finding unity in recommending her for membership. Overseers and Mary Miche will be available Thursday, January 15 to discuss with others any aspect of this recommendation for membership. It is hoped anyone who wishes to discuss her membership then would confirm their attendance with Barbara Emmons, clerk of the Oversight Committee.

Other items the Committee discussed at its last meeting were: to work up a packet on "final affairs", to clarify functions of the Committee, to recommend a one-day retreat to Retreat Committee, to improve contact with those who have not attended meeting in recent months.

Meeting expressed much appreciation for the Committee's hard work.

WORSHIP AND MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Mary Louise Lambert, clerk, reported on items discussed at the last meeting of the Committee. These included: affirming the positive in our Meeting, Meeting closers, evaluation of the reading of queries after Worship for the last three months, helpers to help set up/clean up after Meeting at rental sites, and Christmas day worship.

In the course of the discussion on "Affirming the Positive", the Committee found much that is strong in Strawberry Creek Meeting. The Meeting is young, vital, filled with children, and we have shared values and concerns. This young Meeting also means inexperienced Friends can be called upon to grow in responsible positions, there aren't so many "weighty" Friends, we can expect the unexpected.

Next month's theme will be "Groups after Meeting", also the size and growth of the Meeting.

Mary Louise sought clarification of the minute approved last month, under Site Search Committee, that "further discussion (of alternative rental sites) be held in Ministry and Worship Committee...until a more permanent solution can be agreed upon". Did this mean Worship and Ministry reassumes responsibility for the site search? No. Everyone in Meeting should feel the burden of concern about sites and be in contact with the Site Committee (Sheila Moran and Dick Emmons).

TREASURER

Barbara Graves read the Treasurer's report. The bank balance from November 1 to December 31 fell from \$849.34 to \$588.43. This was due primarily to the payment of the dues to Pacific Yearly Meeting. Rent for the last two months has been \$156 due to the differing number of hours we use the facilities.

The Exile Fund went from a balance of \$130.50 to 0.00. It was noted in the report that the Fund was only able to pay part of Antonio's rent in January. The Meeting minuted the following:

"The Treasurer is asked to find out if enough money had been collected to pay the balance of the rent for Antonio Erceg for January. If there are not sufficient funds in the account, Treasurer is instructed to cover the balance from General Funds. Treasurer will bring this fact to the attention of the next business meeting. Treasurer is also instructed to explore if there are any additional unmet costs in the Fund and so report to the business meeting."

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Eleanor Warnock reported for the Committee. The Committee brings the name of Mary Mikesell for consideration as Yearly Meeting representative. It was noted that the PYM representative committee meeting is February 28. There was further concern expressed about Meeting support toward Mary's travel expenses. This will be taken to the Treasurer, meantime Mary will make travel reservations to take advantage of "super-saver" fares.

RETREAT COMMITTEE

Barbara Graves reported that this committee has been somnolent. It has been hard to get all its members in town at the same time. They will meet shortly to look at the Spring Retreat; time is pressing to try to reserve Ben Lomond Quaker Center. The committee will be trying to locate people to help with the retreat.

NEWSLETTER

Stephanie Kennedy had no report. The newsletter committee was commended for its hard work and efficiency in reducing the number of newsletter pages. Much of this has been attributed to the abbreviated version of the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barbara Graves read a letter from Ralph Elder, requesting Junior Membership in Strawberry Creek. This will be referred to Oversight Committee.

The announcement for Winter Quarterly Meeting was read--ride needs and offerings will be placed on the bulletin board.

Other announcements regarding the Friends in the Orient Committee, an AFSC Middle East evening, and an evening with Daniel Berrigan were made.

CONCERNS

Marc Lambert spoke his concern about the terms of office in Strawberry Creek. Meeting committees serve June to June; many other Meetings have September to September. Strawberry Creek's practice causes Committees and officers to get off to a slow start because so many attendees leave for Summer recess. This concern was referred to Nominating Committee for consideration and to report back. Meeting at large is asked to comment to the members of Nominating Committee.

NEXT MEETING

We shall meet at the home of the Nurkse's, February 1 at 6:30PM. Clerk asked us to be punctual.

We closed with an interval of worship at 8:00PM. There were 16 in attendance.

Submitted,



STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY of FRIENDS

February 1, 1981

Meeting for Business
Home of the Nurkses
Dick Emmons, Clerk

The Meeting opened with a moment of silent worship at 6:35 p.m. with 16 people present. The Clerk read the queries for the second month. The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

STATE OF THE MEETING REPORT

Sheila Moran, Stephanie Kennedy, Mary Louise Lambert, and Joyce Lindblad offered to work together to prepare a State of the Meeting Report, to be presented at the March Monthly Meeting. This ad hoc committee was approved.

Carl Anderson reported on the Quarterly Meeting held in Palo Alto on January 17th. He will do a short write-up on this for the March newsletter.

OVERSEERS

Jim Navarro reported for the Oversight Committee: 1. They are delighted that Ralph Elder has requested Junior Membership. A committee composed of Jim Navarro, clerk, Carl Anderson, Marc Lambert, and Barbara Perry will meet with him concerning this request. 2. The site-finding subcommittee is feeling burdened by the time commitment involved in its efforts. So, the Overseers recommend to the Nominating Committee that one more person be added to this subcommittee. 3. Rachel Ann Elder, Meeting recorder, met with Oversight concerning the record keeping system that has been developed. 4. Oversight committee views the possible Strawberry Creek Meeting site at the G.T.U. during April, May, and June as an opportunity to experiment with Adult Education classes. To allow for this, they are considering moving the time of meeting for worship from 10:30 to 11:00, so that such classes could be held from 10:00 - 11:00. This would begin in April. 5. Following a period of worshipful consideration, Mary Miché was welcomed as a new member of the Meeting. This minute was approved:

"Having carefully considered the recommendations of Mary Miché's membership committee and of the Committee on Oversight that her application be approved, the sense of the Meeting was to approve of Mary's application. Although there was not unanimity, because of Mary's desire to also maintain membership and activity in the Catholic Church, those with reservations about this allowed the Meeting to proceed with approval. The Meeting therefore accepted Mary Miché as a member of Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. The Meeting furthermore expressed understanding for the reservations expressed, and an equally strong sense of responsibility and concern for those who could not share in the Meeting's action and for those who did."

WORSHIP AND MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Mary Louise Lambert, clerk, presented the Worship and Ministry Committee report. 1. After a discussion of the nature and value of small groups, this committee decided to sponsor a series of potlucks, each to be followed by a forum. They will be held once a month for 6 months. Several people have offered their homes for these gatherings; Mary Louise will contact others to coordinate the meals and the forums. The first potluck

forum will be at the home of Barbara Graves on Sun., Feb. 22 at 5:30 p.m. 2. The committee encouraged members and attenders to develop other kinds of support groups, as well. 3. The nominating committee plus Barbara Graves visited Mary Louise Lambert, asking her to reconsider her resignation from the Worship and Ministry Committee. As a result, Mary Louise has decided to continue as a member and clerk of this committee, and looks forward to doing this. 4. The committee discussed the concern for adequate communication between the Worship and Ministry and Oversight Committees. They intend to have several joint meetings each year, as indicated by interest and need. 5. Ann Combs agreed to coordinate persons for setting up and cleaning up our Worship site, during the next 3 months. 6. Barbara Graves reported for the retreat committee, that plans are being made for a Strawberry Creek Retreat. 7. The committee reviewed the 3 month trial period, of reading the queries at the close of Meeting for Worship. Sheila Moran and Rachel Ann Elder were asked to season the concerns about this further, toward making a possible proposal. 8. Sheila Moran shared a concern that some people's religious needs are not being adequately met, currently. She brought forward her need to experience worship with others who feel Christ-centered. Such meetings are planned; times and dates will be announced. 9. Next month this committee will consider its role with regard to single people and new-comers in the Meeting.

RETREAT COMMITTEE

Barbara Graves, clerk, reported that the retreat committee met and has begun plans for a Meeting Retreat at Pt. Bonita on April 24-26.

MEETING SITE SUBCOMMITTEE

Dick Emmons, speaking for this subcommittee, urged as many persons as possible to visit the potential meeting site on the G.T.U. (Graduate Theological Union) campus, in advance of the next monthly meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carl Anderson, treasurer, stated that there is currently \$834 in the general fund and \$350 in the exile fund. Quarterly Meeting dues in the amount of \$1 per member per year will be paid immediately, out of the general fund. Those wishing to make voluntary contributions for this item, or any additional contributions to Quarterly Meeting, may do so by earmarking a check to Strawberry Creek Meeting for this purpose, and giving it to Carl Anderson. It was noted that Yearly Meeting will provide 7 cents a mile toward the travel expenses of the Yearly Meeting representative. A Friend suggested that the treasurer be authorized to reimburse committees and the expenses of officers, as presented by the committees for payment. This would include the expenses of the recorder, FYM representative, etc. When necessary, money could also be advanced to cover expenses. This suggestion was approved. The sense of the Meeting was that when the Meeting asks people to do things, this also represents authorization to reimburse their expenses, when so requested.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Eleanor Warnock, clerk, reported for the Nominating Committee: 1. The committee is pleased that Mary Louise Lambert has decided to withdraw her resignation as member and clerk of the Worship and Ministry Committee. 2. Melissa Lovett has resigned from the newsletter committee. Anyone interested in stepping into this position is invited to get in touch with the Nominating Committee. 3. An additional member has been requested for the Meeting Site Subcommittee. Please consider whether

you could serve the Meeting well in this position. 4. After seasoning for one month, the Meeting approved Mary Mikesell as Yearly Meeting representative.

PEACE AND SOCIAL ACTION

Ritva Kaje, coordinator, spoke on behalf of the Peace and Social Action Interest Group. She reported that a fruitful meeting on peace concerns was held recently at the home of Jackson Burgess. Melissa Lovett and Jackson Burgess called this meeting, to share ideas and feelings about issues of peace and war. Some of those present felt a strong sense of needing a support group, to further share and work with such concerns.

The Meeting minuted its interest in developing a Peace and Social Action Support Group.

It was proposed that this group might meet on 3rd Sundays at 7:00 p.m. The first of these meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. on Feb. 15th. Ritva also noted, and encouraged response to, her letter to the Meeting which was included in the February newsletter. This concerns the functions which social action support group meetings might serve.

CONCERNS

The Meeting is in need of a calendar, for easing the planning of events. The newsletter should be notified first, about scheduled activities. Dick Emmons will work on coordinating any scheduling conflicts.

Appreciation was expressed to the Nurkses, for the use of their home for this meeting.

NEXT MEETING

We will meet at the Perrys' home on March 1, 1981 at 6:30 p.m.

We closed with a period of worshipful silence at 8:40 p.m., with 24 persons in attendance.

Joyce Lindblad
Joyce Lindblad, recording clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
of the Religious Society of Friends

March 1, 1981

Meeting for Business
Home of the Perrys
Richard Emmons, Clerk

We opened with an interval of silent worship at 6:35PM with 12 in attendance.

The Clerk read the queries for Third month. He commented that the participation in Meeting is strong, we could always use more attenders at Business Meeting. Overall, we would rate a B+.

The minutes of the previous Meeting for Business were approved without rereading, as they were printed in their entirety in the newsletter.

OVERSEERS

Sheila Moran reported for the Committee that their last meeting was February 3 (Overseers meet regularly the Tuesday after Business Meeting.)

Oversight Committee recommends that Leonard Joy be accepted into membership. As is customary, his name will be held over for approval at the next Business Meeting. There was a request that a very brief biographical sketch of new members, as they are approved, appear in the newsletter. Such might be possible if we keep within our eight-page limit for newsletters.

The Committee is very eager for an Adult Education program to follow Meeting for Worship and is concerned about child care during that time. Meeting ought to be able to allocate funds for a "sitter". A notice on the Bulletin Board and in the newsletter will ask parents to indicate their interest.

The Committee continues its oversight of member concerns.

WORSHIP AND MINISTRY

Mary Louise Lambert, clerk, reported that the Committee now meets regularly every third Saturday in a month at 9AM, rotating among its members houses.

At its last meeting, the Committee:

--decided that fifth Sunday visits to other Meetings will continue, coordinated by Liz Head. On March 29, we will visit Berkeley Friends Church,
--proceeded with Meeting Retreat plans. Ed Morgenroth has agreed to be present Friday night (April 10) to set the tone for the weekend. Betsy Dearborn and Leonard Joy shall make presentations later in the program. We shall return from the Alpine Lodge at Mt. Tamalpais in time for worship at the GTU. Arrangements have been made so older Friends will be able to attend and be returned to their homes each night.

--felt that the Adult Education series should follow Meeting for Worship for at least two months. The Committee is not yet clear whether the presentations would occur every Sunday.

--discussed having a greeter at the door to welcome and assist Friends to quietly enter Meeting. Referred to Overseers for further consideration.

--addressed the quality of vocal ministry in worship. One resource found helpful is a tract by Ruth Pitman on Worship. This tract may later be enclosed in the newsletter. Other "seeds" are sought.

--reported that the first potluck/forum was held February 22 at the home of Barbara Graves; she gave us a very inspiring overview of her life of service, and all 25 present felt a greater fellowship. The next potluck/forum shall be at the home of Rachel Ann Elder March 22, and on April 26 with Sheila Moran.

--scheduled the next Committee meeting to be March 21 at the Lambert home at 9AM. One focus of discussion will be how the Committee can serve the spiritual needs of single people in the Meeting.

SITE SUBCOMMITTEE

Dick Emmons, convenor, reported that plans have been completed to worship

at the Graduate Theological Union April, May, and June. A actual stay is up to us, we may take it a month at a time. Cost is \$15 a weekend, we have the area from 9 until 2. First Day School Committee still needs to check out the classrooms. The address is 2465 LeConte Avenue. Chairs and parking are available.

The following minute was proposed:

"Strawberry Creek Meeting for Worship shall commence at 10:00AM in the months of April, May, and June to be followed by Adult Education discussion."

Meeting approved. It was suggested that discussion should go from 11:15 to 12:15. It was further suggested that the children still leave 15 minutes into Worship, return at close of Worship, then return for child care.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Eleanor Warnock reported that Stephanie Kennedy has agreed to continue as full newsletter editor, Melissa Lovett being unable to continue to co-edit. The present number on the Site Subcommittee shall remain, contrary to what was reported last month. The Subcommittee feels it is able to accomplish all its tasks at present strength.

Meeting Service questionnaires are being circulated, and everyone will be contacted about how they can serve the Meeting.

STATE OF THE MEETING REPORT WORKING GROUP

Mary Louise Lambert reported that this group has met once, and will meet again this week. The Report needs to be approved at our next Business Meeting. Copies of the draft will be circulated at Meetings for Worship. Friends are asked to please comment soon to members of the working group, who are Stephanie Kennedy, Mary Louise Lambert, Joyce Lindblad, and Sheila Moran. Mary Louise went on to report that the Group had studied the last two reports and organized the Report along the outline of the Queries. There has been more activity in the areas of some Queries than in others.

It was suggested that this report cover the interval of May 1, 1980 (when the last one was due) to March 31, 1981 (just before the next Business Meeting) and that this timeframe be noted in the Report.

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

Sheila Moran, PYM Registrar, attended the Representative session in Pasadena. PYM will be held in Chico again, August 3-8, 1981. PYM Site Committee is optimistic PYM will be held at St. Mary's College, Moraga in 1982. Camping in 1982 still will be 6 miles away, but all in all, St. Mary's would be an improved site. A questionnaire is being sent to Meeting Clerks to find out why people do or do not come to PYM. Friends were reminded that shortly before next PYM, the Meeting representative (Mary Mikesell in 1981) will give an orientation for those attending for the first time.

CONCERNS

Mary Miche asked that the Meeting consider adopting a sister Meeting. Clerk suggested the best place to begin might be in Frist Day Committee; that Committee will be consulted.

Two minutes were proposed:

"Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting minutes its love and support for John Ullman at the death of his daughter Ruth February 19"

"Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting minutes its joy at the birth of Matthew to Yonny Levy and Jim Strait February 25"

Meeting approved. A welcoming for Matthew will be planned.

Given the resolve of the Meeting to visit Berkeley Friends Church March 29, we were reminded of our interest in forming a joint Peace Committee with them and Berkeley Friends Meeting. Also, possibly planning a joint retreat. It is hoped Friends will keep these options in mind.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


Sheila Moran announced that at PYM Representative session the new Brin-

ton visitors will be presenting in San Francisco, details forthcoming; Elizabeth and George Watson will present one of eight topics, according to Barbara Perry; Theology conference is coming up May 22-25 (contact Mary Louise Lambert); Lynn Bird will start a Women's Lives Group.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING

To Be at the home of the Perrys, April 6, 6:30PM sharp!

Submitted,


Marc Lambert
Recording Co-Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY of FRIENDS

April 5, 1981

Meeting for Business
Home of the Ferrys
Richard Emmons, Clerk

The Meeting opened with a period of silent worship at 6:40 p.m., with 20 persons present. The Clerk read the queries for the fourth month. The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. Appreciation was expressed to the Ferrys, for the use of their home for this meeting.

OVERSEERS

Lynne Bird presented the Overseers report. At their March 3rd meeting, they discussed: 1. Planning a process for checking with those who leave the Meeting. 2. Exploring the possibility of getting a letter-head to use for official letters and the newsletter. 3. Having greeters at the door, for Meeting for Worship. 4. The commencement of the adult education program, following Meeting for Worship.

This gathering also included a joint meeting of the Oversight and Ministry and Worship Committees with George & Elizabeth Watson. They focused their attention, during this session, on: the functions of Overseers and Ministry & Worship, and ways of strengthening the community. The work of membership and marriage clearness committees and search groups was discussed. The Watsons recommended that the Meeting establish a list of resources for professional help.

The next meeting of the Overseers will be on April 7th.

Last month the Overseers and the membership committee for Leonard Joy recommended his acceptance as a member of Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting. After seasoning for one month, this recommendation was wholeheartedly accepted and approved by the Meeting. A brief biographical sketch about Leonard will be included in the next newsletter.

WORSHIP AND MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Mary Louise Lambert, clerk, reported that this committee considered these items at its last meeting: 1. The topic of single people in the Meeting. 2. The establishment of an Adult Religious Education Committee. 3. Elizabeth Gustafson's request for feedback about the separation of Worship & Ministry and Oversight Committees, of interest to Davis Meeting. 4. Strawberry Creek plans a regular 5th Sunday visit to Berkeley Friends Church on March 29th, and another on May 31st, probably to Occidental. 5. Liz Head will coordinate the Meeting Site set-up during May, June, and July. 6. The second potluck-forum was held at Rachel Ann Elders, with Leonard Joy presenting. It was well-attended. The next in this series will be held at the home of Sheila Moran on April 26th at 5:30 p.m., featuring Sheila Moran. 7. An Easter morning sunrise service has been planned for the Berkeley Marina, to be followed by breakfast at Dock-O-the-Bay. Berkeley Meeting and Friends Church have been invited. Thanks to Betty Hall for making these arrangements. 8. The next meeting of Worship & Ministry will be on Sat., April 18th at 9 a.m. at the home of Liz Head.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carl Anderson, treasurer, presented a report covering the period of January 1 through March 31, 1981. The beginning balance was \$588.43; the closing balance \$828.01. The latter was composed of \$586.11 in the general fund and \$241.90 in the exile fund. At the next monthly meeting, Carl will present a 6-month report, to cover the period of Nov. 1, 1980 - April 30, 1981.

Since Carl will be doing some traveling in the coming months, it was noted that Richard Emmons can also sign for Strawberry Creek checks. If needed, Barbara Perry's name will be added to the check-signing card as well.

It's time for the renewal of subscriptions to the Friends Bulletin. We have again been asked to subscribe as a Meeting to the Bulletin, rather than individually. Subscription rates: for those who subscribe individually - \$8.50 per year; for those who subscribe through the Meeting - \$8.00 per year. The following minute was approved:

We will use the same procedure this year as last, for gathering subscriptions to the Friends Bulletin. Larry Perry will get the signatures of those within the Meeting who would like to subscribe for the coming year. Contributions to cover its cost may be given to Larry or to the treasurer. One check will be sent to the editor from Strawberry Creek.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Eleanor Warnock, clerk, reported for the nominating committee. She presented the names of nominees they recommend for approval at the May Meeting, to begin their responsibilities effective the June Monthly Meeting. All terms are for 1 year, with the exception of Overseers' terms, which are for 2 years. See attached list. Eleanor shared thoughts about the process and criteria of the nominating committee in formulating this list, as well as noting areas of ongoing concern. There are a number of areas in which people may serve the Meeting, out of the nominating committee's domain. These include: planning retreats, planning fun events, typing the newsletter, checking out meeting sites, being on the nominating committee, individual's membership committees, or listening committees, visiting, closing meeting, teaching First Day School, setting up the meeting room, writing articles for the newsletter, and so on.

The nominating committee considered the advantages and drawbacks of changing the terms of office from June to June to September to September. It will continue to season this concern, and welcomes additional input. For the present, it has no recommendation on this matter. The Meeting decided to continue having June to June terms of office.

The nominating committee will season the idea brought forward by the Worship & Ministry Committee, of having a formal Adult Religious Education Committee. They will also discuss it with the Overseers.

STATE OF THE MEETING REPORT

The 1981 State of the Meeting Report was read, discussed, and approved as corrected. It will now be sent to Lawrence Black, clerk of the Quarterly Meeting's Ministry & Oversight Committee.

RETREAT COMMITTEE

Barbara Graves, clerk, shared information about the Meeting Retreat, to be held April 10-12 at Alpine Lodge, Mt. Tamalpais. The consensus of those present was that the cost per adult should be \$15.50. For any for whom this amount would be a hardship to pay, the Meeting can cover the balance through a line item in the general budget. Any contributions toward the costs of children present would also be appreciated.

YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mary Mikesell, representative, reported on the recent gathering for Yearly Meeting representatives which she attended. She will summarize this report for the next newsletter.

Barbara Graves welcomed a pitch for the value of Yearly Meeting, to be given by someone this summer, in advance of the sessions.

PEACE AND SOCIAL ACTION

Ritva Kaje, coordinator, shared her concerns about the limited response she has received to her letter to the Meeting, about the functions a social action support group might serve. She will set a date, to be included in the next newsletter, for the next meeting of this group.

CONCERNS

1. Eleanor Warnock stated that she had given a copy of the Strawberry Creek mailing list to a friend of hers at the GTU (Graduate Theological Union), who is involved with the Center for Women & Religion, after consulting with Dick Emmons. The friend promised that there would be no appeals for money, in her contacts from this list. Some concern was expressed about how anyone might use the mailing list; it was agreed that in the future anyone considering giving it out, should get prior approval from the monthly meeting.

2. Barbara Graves offered pamphlets on the topic of "Vocal Ministry" to those interested, for help in preparing for the Meeting Retreat.

3. Mary Miché, coordinator of the childrens' program at Pacific Yearly Meeting, noted that there are 2 teaching positions open at this time.

NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting will be held at the home of Sheila Moran on May 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

The Meeting closed with a moment of silence at 9:10 p.m., with 16 people present.

Joyce Lindblad
Joyce Lindblad, recording clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY of FRIENDS

May 3, 1981

Meeting for Business
Home of Sheila Morgan
Richard Emmons, clerk

We opened with an interval of silent worship at 6:40PM with 12 in attendance. The Clerk read the queries for Fifth month on care of the membership.

Although the minutes were printed in the newsletter, it was decided to have them read. There were some corrections: a) Worship and Ministry, and Overseers had two joint meetings, one with the Watson; b) Larry Perry is gathering names of those interested in taking the Friends Bulletin, not taking subscriptions; c) the last item in Concerns should read: "It was mentioned that Mary Miché, as coordinator of the children's program at Pacific Yearly Meeting, is seeking people to fill two teaching positions at PYM. The minutes were approved as corrected. There were thanks expressed to Sheila for the use of her home for business meeting.

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Barbara Emmons, clerk, reported on the Committee's meeting April 7. Overseers will attempt to contact Friends who have been irregular in their Meeting attendance, discussed whether certain groups in the Meeting needed special caring, worked on a Meeting letterhead, encouraged care in the Meeting for Business to our words and behavior, planned to meet each Committee head and officer in preparation for the new Committee year, and continued work on the job description of Overseer. The Committee will meet again on May 5.

Clerk also read a letter requesting transfer of membership by Mark Beckham from Strawberry Creek to Berkeley Meeting. After discussion, it was referred to the Overseers.

WORSHIP AND MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Mary Miche informed the Meeting that since there was no meeting of the Committee last month, there is no report. The next meeting is planned for May 10th.

TREASURER

Carl Anderson, treasurer, circulated a detailed report of last month's finances and a summary of the fiscal activity of the first half of the Meeting's fiscal year. He recommended that Barbara Perry's name be added to the account signature card.

There was some question how to report the gift from the Meeting to Matthew Levy-Strait. Previous gifts to baby's welcomed into the Meeting had been made from a separate account with separate contributions. Such had not been arranged before the gift was made, and it is uncertain if such a gift might be made under some Meeting committee's budget. Meeting decided this gift shall come out of Meeting general funds, in the future the provision of welcoming gifts should be clear in advance.

Treasurer's report was accepted.

PEACE AND SOCIAL ACTION

Clerk read a letter from Ritva Kaje, P&SA coordinator. She expressed her concern about how information is disseminated in the Meeting. She has reorganized the bulletin board; there is need for someone to be in charge of it, henceforth. It was decided that the Meeting Closer should have responsibility for the bulletin board during his/her month of service. Worship and Ministry Committee was asked to look into the matter further.

Her letter went on to suggest that there might be a page in each newsletter describing social concerns carried or carryable by the Meeting..

And that the Meeting needs a full library given its size. We were re-minded that we do have a Librarian, Jackson Burgess. Mikeseil read a letter from the Committee for a National Peace Academy. Since Elise Boulding is on the Committee, Clerk will write her to ask what Friends Meetings might do to support the Academy.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Eleanor Warnock, clerk, sought Meeting response from the slate of nominees brought to last Business Meeting. Two attendees expressed concern about the procedure by which some were nominated. The Meeting urged Friends to contact members of the Nominating Committee with concerns during the seasoning interval, and not to wait until the approving Business Meeting to raise concerns. The nominees were approved, and appreciation is minuted to the hard work of the Nominating Committee. Further business from this Committee was: a) the Committee was not able to take up whether to constitute an Adult Education Committee. The Committee will evaluate the adult discussion series when it ends to see how such a committee would serve the Meeting. b) the Committee is still discussing when Committee terms should begin each year. New business from the committee was: a) The Committee was not able to find an individual willing to serve as Transpiration Coordinator. As part of his service on Visiting Committee, Ted Dienstrey agreed to take on this duty. b) Eleanor Warnock is moving to the East and will not be able to complete her term on Nominating Committee; Mary Miche and Joyce Lindblad agreed to serve as an Ad-Hoc Nominating Committee to find her replacement.

RETREAT COMMITTEE

Barbara Gaves, convener, reported that the retreat was held, about thirty persons attending. Various attendees spoke about how this was a welcome opportunity for people in the Meeting to get better acquainted, it was good to be present in such a good environment, and the flexibility of the program was welcome.

CONCERNS

--Betty Hall reminded Friends that she is working on an update of the address list, so needs corrections. --Clerk was asked to write a letter of introduction for Eleanor Warnock. --A letter of thanks to the Meeting was read from the Levy-Strats for our welcoming of Matthew

--We were reminded that the Meeting for Wroschp is scheduled for 10:00 in the morning, Friends should begin centering down before that, and those remaining outdoors should refrain from talking. --Three persons present had just returned from the CPQM M&O weekend, which had centered on the topic of membership. It was a rich experience, attendees brought back many thoughts about how we season applications for membership, and how we go about finding clarity that a membership has ended. --A sense of optimism was spoken to, in that a large number of Friends have agreed to serve a second year on committees or as officers. The Committee structure in the Meeting has been strengthened, the business moves at Business Meeting, and many more sources of energy have been tapped. Such a growth in Meeting was inevitable, after all; we look forward to even more growth. --Announcement for quarterly Meeting were circulated.

NEXT MEETING

June 7th, at the home of Catharine Bauer, 6:30PM sharp!

We closed with an interval of silent worship, at 8:30PM with 19 present.

Marc Lambert

Recording clerk

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STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

June 7, 1981

Meeting for Business
Home of Cathryn Bauer
Mary Louise Lambert, Presiding Clerk

The Meeting opened with a moment of silent worship at 6:45 p.m. with 10 persons present. The presiding clerk read the queries for the sixth month; several responses to these were shared. The minutes for the May Monthly Meeting were read and approved as printed.

OVERSEERS

Sheila Moran, clerk, presented the Overseers' report: 1. A letter has been sent to Mark Beckham acknowledging his request for transfer of membership. 2. The committee continues to work on defining its duties. This currently includes an exploration of the meaning of "marriage under the care of the Meeting". 3. Oversight recommends that Meeting for Worship continue to be held at the GTU for the present. 4. The committee recommended that the Adult Education Committee be a sub-committee of Ministry and Worship. However, Sheila Moran is now unable to unite with this recommendation, and suggests that this concern return to the Oversight Committee. 5. We now have stationery with a letterhead. 6. The next meeting will be on Tues., June 9th at the home of Lynne Bird.

A discussion of these items followed: 1. The Meeting approved, with regret, the transfer of Mark Beckham's membership. A certificate of transfer for Mark will now be sent to Berkeley Meeting. 2. After considering relative advantages and disadvantages of several Summer meeting places, this minute was approved:

The Meeting instructed Sheila Moran, on behalf of the Site Committee, to arrange to meet at the GTU for 3 more months. Betty Hall will work with the Site Committee to consider meeting alternatively in Friends' homes, taking into consideration the needs of the First Day School in so doing. The Meeting further instructs the Clerk, Richard Emmons, to consider how best to evaluate our experiences with rental sites.

3. The Overseers' recommendation that the Adult Education Committee be a sub-committee of Ministry and Worship was returned to them for further consideration. 4. The Meeting approved the purchase of a rubber stamp, to be used for imprinting its name and address on envelopes. Sheila Moran will obtain such a stamp, at a moderate price.

WORSHIP & MINISTRY

Mary Louise Lambert read the report for this committee, written by Mary Louise Lambert, clerk: 1. Due to heavy schedules, the committee focused on self care this month, and did not meet. 2. The committee requested clarification concerning whether the Meeting closer, or another person, should attend to the Meeting bulletin board at Meeting for Worship. 3. An informal request was met, which came from a regular attender and birthright Friend; she wished to meet informally with Friends to explore her feelings and concerns. 4. The monthly pot-luck continues, and is well-attended. Last month it offered the opportunity to get to know the Cooters more fully. 5. A group of Friends from Strawberry Creek

visited Davis Meeting at their request, to help them explore the possibility of separating their Ministry and Oversight Committee into two separate committees. 6. The committee's next meeting will be at the home of Barbara Emmons on Mon., June 15th at 9:00 a.m.

In response to item 2: the Meeting closer will have responsibility for the bulletin board during his/her month of service, as decided at the May Monthly Meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

No one was present to report for this committee. Ted Dienstfrey's name was presented at the previous Monthly Meeting, for consideration as the transportation coordinator. Bob Cocter has offered to continue as the FCL representative. This is a voluntary position, not nominated by the nominating committee. Meeting approved both persons for these positions, with gratitude. Mary Miché, on behalf of the ad hoc committee to nominate a member to replace Eleanor Warnock on the Nominating Committee, proposed that Jim Barnard be nominated to this position. This nomination will be laid over for approval at the July Monthly Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carl Anderson, treasurer, stated that he had no report for this meeting. The account is presently solvent. About 23 households are presently contributing to the Meeting.

PEACE AND SOCIAL ACTION

Ritva Kafe reported that she does not know, nor does the Meeting, whether a support group is needed to deal with this concern. She hopes to hear more reflections about this. Ritva suggested that discussions of substantial issues in this area might be appropriately included in the Friends' Bulletin, rather than the Meeting Newsletter. This idea was warmly received. Ritva will check with the Overseers concerning when a peace and social action discussion might be held during the Sunday adult education period.

OLD BUSINESS

Mary Louise Lambert read a letter of introduction written by Richard Emmons for Eleanor Warnock. Mary Louise also read a description of the National Peace Academy, written by Mary Mikesell. Mary recommends that Strawberry Creek become a Founder-Member of this group, with a contribution of \$25. or more. After a discussion, this item was approved. A contribution of \$25. will be sent to the Academy, from the Donations' Budget. Friends were encouraged to consider supporting this effort individually, as well.

CONCERNS

1. Mary Miché noted that Paul Jolly will be traveling this summer, doing peace and anti-nuclear work. He will discuss this with the Overseers on Tues., June 9th. Sheila Moran will ask him to do a write-up about this work for the next newsletter.
2. Cathryn Bauer encouraged us to consider how we as a Meeting could bring the young people more directly into our lives. Sheila Moran stated that the Overseers share this concern. They are now working on a plan, adopted by some other Meetings, in which children are matched with adults in the Meeting. Another suggestion in this area: that the whole Meeting study the same topic at one time.

3. Mary Miché will check to see if the First Day School Committee has considered our adopting a sister Meeting, as proposed at the March Monthly Meeting.
4. Mary Louise Lambert read a letter from the Finance Committee of FASE (Friends Association for Services to the Elderly), requesting an increase in our contribution. The Meeting decided not to do this, at this time. This request will be included in the next newsletter; those so wishing may contribute individually, directly to FASE.
5. Betty Hall announced that Andrea Semons would like to have a potluck, in honor of Ann Combs' 82nd birthday at the Semons' home on July 19th, following Meeting for Worship.
6. Carl Anderson will be walking about 200 miles in the Tortilla Marathon, from Santa Barbara to Tiajuana, Mexico. Mary Miché will contact people in the meeting to accept contributions toward this effort.
7. The final scheduled payment from the Exile Fund to Antonio Orceg has now been made. Antonio has completed his English studies and would like to work. Cathryn Bauer will contact Ax Nelson and Dick Brown of Berkeley Meeting concerning job possibilities. Mary Miché will assist in this effort, during the next 1 1/2 weeks.
8. John Ullman's 89th birthday will be on Wed., June 17th. Mary Miché will check with Betsy Dearborn concerning plans in progress for a Meeting celebration of this event.
9. Ritva Kaje will post the brochure for Pendle Hill summer sessions on the bulletin board.
10. Appreciation was expressed to Cathryn Bauer for the use of her home for this gathering.

NEXT MEETING

The next Monthly Meeting will be held on Sun., July 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Ann Elder. Note that due to the July 4th holiday, the meeting will be on the 2nd rather than the 1st Sunday of July.

We closed with a period of worshipful silence at 8:50 p.m., with 10 persons present.

Joyce Lindblad
Joyce Lindblad, recording clerk

July 12, 1981

Meeting for Business
Home of Rachel Ann Elder
Richard Emmons, Clerk

The Meeting opened with silent worship at 6:30 p.m., with 18 Friends present. The Clerk read the queries for Seventh Month. The minutes of the previous Monthly Meeting were read, corrected and approved.

OVERSEERS

Overseers' report was presented by Lynne Bird. 1) Overseers have met with Paul Jolly, who plans a cross-country bike trip to talk with people about disarmament and would like Meeting support. A committee for clearness has been set up and has met with Paul. 2) Overseers have met with Liz Head, Clerk of the Visiting Committee, to discuss possible functions of the Visiting Committee. 3) Overseers continued to discuss the meaning of marriage under the care of the Meeting. 4) Overseers discussed possible arrangements for disseminating information in case of a death or other emergency in the Meeting. 5) A welcome celebration is planned for new members Leonard Joy and Mary Miche in the fall. The overseers will next meet July 14, at the home of Shiela Moran.

Shiela Moran shared a letter from Leonard Joy asking to stand down as an overseer because of unanticipated professional responsibilities. It was the sense of the Meeting that the Nominating Committee should be reactivated to seek a replacement for Leonard as soon as possible, if necessary calling a meeting for that purpose before the next Monthly Meeting in September. Concern was expressed that the Nominating Committee should explore solutions to the problem of key committees becoming reduced in numbers after they are formed. Possibilities suggested included staggering the committee responsibilities, or providing for alternates.

The Clerk will send a certificate of transfer to Berkeley Meeting for Mark Beckham.

The Clerk read a letter of application for membership from Cathering Bauer, and a letter requesting marriage in care of the Meeting from Cathering Bauer and Theodore Kahn. These were referred to the Overseers. Appreciation was expressed for the thoroughness and thoughtfulness of these letters.

The question of placing the Adult Education Committee as a sub-committee of Ministry and Worship was referred back to the Overseers.

WORSHIP AND MINISTRY

Mary Louise Lambert presented the committee report. 1) Rachel Ann Elder will continue to line up Meeting closers. 2) The Retreat Committee has suggested a one-day retreat, possibly on the subject of grief. 3) Shiela Moran will take responsibility for the bulletin board. 4) Mary Miche will take responsibility in August for Meeting set-up and the GTU key. Next meeting of Ministry and Worship will be held August 18, at the home of Shiela Moran. Rikva Kaje will hold a potluck at her home at 5:30 p.m. July 26.

The Meeting approved the appointment of Jim Barnard to the Nominating Committee. It was recommended that the Nominating Committee select a convener from among its members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carl Anderson announced that he had no formal report, but that the Meeting account is solvent. He indicated that the Meeting will soon receive a bill for the Friends Bulletin, and that as yet no earmarked contributions have been received for it. The cost of the bulletin is \$8 per subscription, and while it is not necessary to make an earmarked contribution in order to receive the Bulletin, concern was expressed that the Meeting is carrying the expense of the Bulletin for some members, and that the Bulletin itself is in financial difficulties. Friends wishing to receive or cancel the Bulletin should contact Larry Perry.

PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING

Shiela Moran strongly encouraged Friends to register for PYM by July 27th if they plan to attend. There will be a 20% additional charge for late registration.

A letter was read from PYM, requesting that a member of the First Day School Committee bring successful First Day school materials for display. This letter was referred to the First Day School Committee.

VISITING COMMITTEE

Liz Head presented the committee report. 1) The committee wishes to maintain a visitors' book. It was suggested that the book be maintained by the same person who is responsible for the bulletin board. The Meeting approved allocation of money from the general fund to buy such a book. 2) The committee proposes establishing a phone tree in order to communicate special information of some urgency to members of the Meeting. Feedback about this idea is solicited.

Antonio Ercog is looking for a job; any leads would be appreciated. The Meeting's formal financial commitment has ended, but it was decided that the Exile Committee should be reactivated, with Mary Miche as convener, to deal with the possible need of assistance in the form of loans during the next few months. Antonio prefers that any assistance now be on this basis.

NEW CONCERNS

1. Barabara Graves reminded Friends of a special vigil of the Circle of Concern to be held to commemorate the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, August 9th at 1:30 p.m. The vigil will encircle the University campus.
2. Paul Jolly described his plans for a cross-country bike trip next summer, to address concern about the nuclear arms race, and to contact Friends Meetings and peace groups. He asked for a traveling minute, use of the Meeting's non-profit status for the purpose of soliciting contributions, and help in arranging contacts and hospitality along the route. He invites participation in planning from members of the Meeting, and plans to hold an evening program in December or January. Paul was asked to prepare a description of his plans for the next edition of the Newsletter.

3. The Meeting joyfully welcomes Anna Reynolds Cooper, born to Bill, Cornelia and Jaspar Cooper on July 7th.

4. Arrangements have been made to use the GTU for Meeting for Worship through September. We then have the options of continuing there indefinitely, of returning to the Senior Citizens' Center, or of meeting in members homes. The Clerk will circulate a poll sheet prior to the next discussion of this issue.

The next Monthly Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. September 13th, at the home of Mary Miche. Thanks was expressed to Rachel Ann Elder for hosting this month's Meeting.

The Meeting closed with silent worship, with 18 Friends present.

Anne Agard

Anne Agard, Recording Clerk

Meeting for Business
September 13, 1981
Home of Mary Miché

September Meeting Business was also a welcoming meeting for Mary Miché. The meeting opened with silent worship at 7:55 p.m., with 18 Friends present. Shiela Moran clerked in the absence of Dick Emmons, who is in Thailand, and Betsy Dearborn, who was unavailable. It was agreed that Shiela will also clerk the next business meeting.

Andrea Semons reported for the First Day School Committee. The committee has arranged to share a religious education program with the United Church of Christ, using their facilities and including their children in our classes. Monthly Meeting approved allocation of money to cover our share of a sitter hired by the church for infant care. It was pointed out, however, that there are enough babies in the group so that the sitter will need the help of an adult from Strawberry Creek each Sunday. The Meeting also approved having the children attend Meeting for Worship for the last fifteen minutes instead of the first fifteen minutes, an arrangement which coordinates more conveniently with the schedule at the Church of Christ, and which may be more desirable for us in any case. Plans for the First Day School's Christmas pageant were mentioned, and reference was made to some Friends' concerns about the appropriateness of last year's pageant. This matter was referred both to the Overseers and to Ministry and Worship. It was suggested that concerns about the noise occasioned by small children in Meeting, as well as other concerns, be referred first to these two committees, rather than to the childrens' parents. Many expressions of appreciation **

The Meeting approved continuing to meet at the Graduate Theological Union for the next year, and proceeding to make the necessary arrangements with GTU.

Frances Nurske reported for the Nominating Committee. The committee now consists of Frances Nurske, Jim Barnard and Michael Hartman, clerk. 1) The committee tentatively nominated Susie Nemur for the position of alternate clerk, to replace Betsy Dearborn. The nomination is being held over until the next Meeting for Business, and Friends are asked to communicate their feelings about the nomination to the committee in the meantime. 2) A committee to nominate the nominating committee will be approved by Meeting for Business next month. 3) The meeting approved the nomination of Barbara Graves as overseer. 4) The nominating committee asked Friends for suggestions about dealing with the problem of high attrition on committees.

Shiela Moran reported for the Overseers, who met July 14. 1) The Overseers are reviewing two applications for membership. 2) Adult education sessions after Meeting for Worship will be set aside to reflect on the queries in September, December, March and June. The first such session will be on September 27. 3) The following adult education sessions have been scheduled for October and November:

**for the presence of children in our Meeting were also shared.

October 11 and 18: Jackson Burgess will present two programs of religious reflections on Milton.

November 8 and 22: Marc Lambert will present two programs on C.S. Lewis. The first of these will be on the Narnia Chronicles, and appropriate for children who are familiar with these stories.

4) Rachel Ann Elder has organized the Meeting records, but needs more information from some members. The Overseers are working on a procedure for obtaining this. 5) A joint meeting of the Overseers and Ministry and Worship was held August 8, to review the state of the meeting. The sense of this meeting was very positive, but concerns were expressed about outreach to newcomers. The following suggestions were made: formation of a fellowship committee in which newcomers could be involved; phone follow-up of names in the guest book; and more effective use of the newsletter for communication, by making it available to newcomers. 6) The Overseers feel the need of help in managing the more social aspects of their work, such as welcomings. They would like to see the formation of a new committee to do this.

Mary Louise Lambert reported for Ministry and Worship. Ministry and Worship met on July 16, and on August 11. 1) The GTU key holder each month will be asked to find a key holder for the following month. 2) Overseers are asked to assume responsibility for baby welcomings. 3) It was recommended that the queries be read and discussed following Meeting for Worship once every quarter. 4) The recorder is asked to take responsibility for notifying Friends Bulletin and Friends Journal of births, marriages and deaths in the Meeting. 5) Clerks of named committees are reminded that their committees need to be represented at Meeting for Business. 6) Ministry and worship is working on revitalizing the retreat committee. 7) The fifth Sunday trip to Occidental Meeting was very rewarding, and Friends are strongly encouraged to visit there if they have the opportunity. 8) The possibility of mid-week worship and fellowship was discussed. 9) Pat Dienstfry and Jackson Burgess are working together to set up the meeting library.

No treasurer's report was presented. Barbara Perry presented a preliminary budget, which will be published in the newsletter. Questions or concerns about the budget should be addressed to Barbara Perry or Carl Anderson. The final budget will be read and approved at October Monthly Meeting.

Mary Mikesell reported on Pacific Yearly Meeting. Outstanding events at Yearly Meeting included 1) discussions of drugs, alcohol and other addictions, and concerns about the Yearly Meeting's publicly stated positions on these issues. 2) Consideration of the choice of site for next Yearly Meeting, and the implications of that choice and 3) minutes to the United States government on the situation in the Middle East and on U.S. government support of terrorism in Central America. Mary Mikesell will prepare more material on PYM for the newsletter, and as the Meeting's PYM representative is available for questions and discussion.

Joyce Lindblad reported that Antonio Erceg is still job-hunting, and is available for odd jobs.

Old Business: The Meeting approved setting up a fund for Paul Jolly in support of his bike trip for peace next summer. A travelling minute for Paul is contingent on his joining the Meeting, and he will write a letter of application for membership. Paul also wishes to apply for money from PYM's concerns fund, and the procedure for this was referred back to Paul's clearness committee. Paul will conduct a presentation on his summer plans for the Meeting in December or January.

New Concerns: 1) A birthday celebration for the Meeting will be held on October 25. Rachel Ann Elder and Betty Hall will take responsibility for the arrangements. 2) *The Meeting was informed of a letter from* Michael Hartman and Susan Burr, requesting marriage in care of the Meeting. This letter was referred to the Overseers. 3) Catherine Bauer's membership process will be completed before the Meeting proceeds with clearness for her marriage to Theodore Kahn. 4) Sympathy was expressed *with* the anti-nuclear demonstrators at Diablo Canyon.

The next Monthly Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. October 4, at the home of the Perrys.

Meeting for Business closed with silent worship at 9:30 p.m., with fifteen Friends present.

Anne Agard

Anne Agard, Recording Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY of FRIENDS

October 4, 1981

Meeting for Business
Home of the Perrys
Sheila Moran, presiding Clerk

The Meeting opened with a moment of silent worship at 6:40 p.m., with 13 people present. The Clerk read the queries for the tenth month. The minutes of the previous Monthly Meeting were read, corrected, and approved. The text of the first two of these corrections will be included in the November newsletter.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk read letters about the following concerns: 1) Marc Lambert's transfer of membership from San Francisco to Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting. 2) Susan Burr and Michael Hartman's request for marriage under the care of the Meeting. 3) Jim Barnard and Anna Graves' request for a letter of introduction, to take with them on their coming trip to Fiji, Australia, and New Zealand. 4) Paul Jolly's application for membership in Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting. 5) Sam Cox' transfer of membership from Honolulu, Hawaii to Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting.

The Clerk will write the requested letter of introduction; the other concerns have been forwarded to the Overseers.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL

Cornelia Cooper reported for this committee, that all of its members are enthusiastic about the new arrangement which has been worked out with the United Church of Christ, for coordinating religious education programs. She noted that volunteers are needed to assist the babysitter with infant care, and to teach the younger children's group during January and February. Sign-ups for these positions are needed by the next Monthly Meeting. It is presently working well for teachers and parents, having the children return to Meeting for the final fifteen minutes. After thoughtful discussion, plans for the Christmas program are proceeding.

VISITING COMMITTEE

Larry Perry stated that the Visiting Committee, despite minimal response to this idea, is now establishing a telephone tree for the Meeting. It will include all current members and attenders in this area. Paul Jolly has recently begun coordinating the cooks for John Ullman's Saturday lunches. He follows Mary Miché, who has done this for the last several years.

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Lynne Bird reported on the Overseers' meeting of Sept. 15th:
1) Paul Jolly's letter concerning his coming bike trip for peace has been reactivated and forwarded to his clearness committee. 2) A clearness committee for the requested marriage of Michael Hartman and Susan Burr has been named: Jim Navarro, Mary Louise and Marc Lambert, Kathy Barnhart, and Lynne Bird. 3) The Overseers are in the process of forming a clearness committee for the requested marriage of Theodore Kahn and Cathryn Bauer.

4) The Overseers recommend to the Meeting that the proposed "Strawberry Jam Committee" be formed, to facilitate fellowship in the Meeting, plan welcoming celebrations, and such. 5) The committee recommended that Rachel Ann Elder, recorder, mail forms to those persons from whom she needs additional information. 6) The Overseers plan to contact individuals who haven't been attending Meeting recently.

The nominating committee was asked to consider the formation of the Strawberry Jam Committee. What resources do we have, for people to serve on this committee?

MINISTRY & WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Mary Louise Lambert, clerk, reported on this committees' Sept. 17th meeting at the Emmons' home. These meetings are regularly scheduled on the first Wednesday after monthly meeting. The following items were discussed: 1) Plans are underway for the Meeting's fall retreat, which will focus on the theme "Living Life Sacramentally". Volunteers are needed to help make the necessary arrangements for this gathering. 2) A welcoming for Anna Keynolds Cooper is to be held at the Coopers on Sept. 20th. (This proved to be a joyful occasion for all present.) 3) The committee will be making a statement concerning the planned Christmas Pageant in the near future. 4) Due to the GTU's concern about the responsibility involved in handling their key, the committee recommended that the alternate clerk be responsible for seeing that this key is with someone who understands this concern. 5) The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct. 7 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Burgess home.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Michael Hartman, clerk, reported for the nominating committee that: 1) After further consideration of the heaviness of her personal responsibilities, Susie Nemir's name is being withdrawn from consideration for the position of alternate clerk. 2) Marc Lambert is nominated to serve as alternate clerk for the Meeting. 3) The committee is currently considering its process for passing information about committee structure and nominating practices on to the next nominating committee. Interested people are invited to contact the committee concerning this.

A Friend expressed concern about the process of having a name presented for nomination to the Monthly Meeting, and then withdrawn at a subsequent Monthly Meeting. She encouraged individuals to express their concerns directly to the person involved. Several others also shared their thoughts about this matter.

TREASURER'S REPORT & PROPOSED BUDGET

Carl Anderson, treasurer, presented the treasurer's report for May through September, 1981. It was accepted as presented. He also offered a proposed Meeting budget for the period of 11/1/81 through 10/31/82. After some discussion and one minor revision, this budget was approved. It totals \$3302.50 for the year, which averages \$94. per contributor for 35 contributors.

Children who are not using the Bibles they received from the Meeting, and who don't care to keep them, are invited to return them to the First Day School for general use. They will be stored at the UCC.

AD HOC COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Barbara Emmons & Barbara Perry were approved as joint members of this committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Antonio Erceg continues to look for temporary work, while he awaits final word concerning his entry into the CETA training program.
- 2) Cornelia Cooper expressed appreciation on behalf of Anna for her warm welcoming celebration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) College Park Quarterly Meeting will be held on Oct. 17 & 18, 1981 at John Woolman School. 2) Paul Jolly will speak to the Meeting about his prospective bike trip for peace on Oct. 25 at Sheila Moran's home. The evening will begin with a potluck dinner. Friends from Berkeley Meeting are also invited to attend. 3) Carl Anderson is considering doing a civil engineering project in Latin America. He is interested in hearing about others' experiences overseas. He also noted that in the event that this project materializes, the Meeting will need to find another person to serve as treasurer.

The Meeting expressed appreciation to Barbara Perry for the use of her home for this Monthly Meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The November Monthly Meeting will be held at the home of John & Lynne Bird on Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

The Meeting closed with a period of worshipful silence at 8:15 p.m. with 15 people present.

Joyce Lindblad
Joyce Lindblad, Recording Clerk

Strawberry Creek Meeting for Business
 November 1, 1981
 Home of John and Lynne Bird
 Dick Emmons, Clerk

The Meeting opened with silent worship at 6:40 p.m., with 20 Friends present. The Clerk read the queries for Eleventh Month. The minutes of the last Monthly Meeting were read, corrected and approved.

The Clerk has written a letter of introduction for Jim Barnard and Anna Graves to take with them on their trip to Australia, Fiji and New Zealand.

Mary Louise Lambert reported for Ministry and Worship.

1) Pat Dienstfrey, Kate Buchner and Sarah Davis are serving on a new retreat committee. A one-day retreat is planned for November 14. Meeting for Business discussed the possibility of committees being formed for individual retreats, rather than having a standing retreat committee. 2) Ministry and Worship explored with Paul Jolly ways in which he and his bike trip companions might find renewal on their journey. 3) Thanksgiving Day Meeting for Worship will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Mary Miche. Christmas Day Worship will be held at 10:30 a.m., also at the home of Mary Miche. Since these are occasions on which families will wish to worship together, it is proposed that children and adults stay together for the entire meeting on these two days, and that worship be shortened if necessary to accommodate the children's needs. 4) Ministry and Worship has discussed the matter of young children in Meeting for Worship. Ministry and Worship stands committed to the importance of our children's presence in our lives and worship, and hopes to help parents find creative ways to help their children find meaning in Meeting for Worship. Ministry and Worship also feels that we all need to come prepared for worship, so that noise of any kind is less disruptive. These matters will be further explored in Ministry and Worship next month. 5) A fifth Sunday visit will be made to San Jose Meeting in November. Interested Friends should contact Mary Louise Lambert. 6) Ministry and Worship prepared the following statement regarding the possible children's Christmas pageant:

"Worship and Ministry recognizes the diversity of vision within our Meeting. Historically Friends have preferred to focus on the potential holiness of each day. This does not necessarily prohibit the celebration of occasions such as Christmas and Easter, which are times for particular recognition of the life of Christ. We need to be mindful of the basic sacramental quality of any such celebration. All in the Meeting share the responsibility of teaching our children the appropriate reverence and joy which Christmas calls forth as the birth of Christ. We hope that the First Day Committee will be free, but not required, to allow the children to symbolically act out the Christmas story. On the occasions when such a pageant may take place, all need to be mindful of the meaning behind the pageant. Concern in particular is expressed that picture-taking not dominate the occasion."

A Memorial Meeting was held for Jackson Burgess on October 25. Friends in Meeting for Business expressed their sense of sadness and loss at Jackson's death, and at the same time their thankfulness for the support which Friends were able to give to Jackson's family and to each other during this difficult time. The Overseers will prepare a memorial minute to be sent to Friends Journal and Friends Bulletin.

Jim Navarro reported for the Overseers. 1) Sam Cox ~~(*)~~ ↓ see below Paul Jolly has applied for membership, and clearness committees have been formed. Committees are also working toward clearness for the membership of Catherine Bauer, the marriage of Catherine Bauer and Theodore Kahn, and the marriage of Susan Burr and Michael Hartman. 2) Marc Lambert's transfer of membership from San Francisco Meeting was accepted and recorded. The Clerk will notify San Francisco Meeting. 3) Because Oversight is being overloaded with business, they will ask Ministry and Worship for help in convening transfer of membership clearness committees. 4) Oversight recommends to the Nominating Committee that they nominate one person to be responsible for gathering the required group of people to prepare for events such as welcomings of new members and babies, birthday parties for older members, potlucks and holiday and anniversary celebrations. ~~The Overseers recommend Larry Perry for that position.~~ 5) Oversight will cooperate with the First Day School Committee and Ministry and Worship to set up a meeting with the parents of pre-schoolers to share the Meeting's support for them and to talk about the kind of worship they would like to have their children exposed to. 6) Overseers will write a letter to the ad-hoc committee to nominate the Nominating Committee, sharing their concern that it is important to nominate people who are active in the Meeting and who attend Meeting for Business regularly. Once the Nominating Committee is formed, Oversight will meet with them to discuss the role and responsibility of the Nominating Committee. 7) A scholarship was requested and approved by the Overseers. ↔ See Reverse →

Barbara Graves reported for Paul Jolly's clearness committee on Meeting support for his bike trip for peace next summer. The following actions on this matter were approved by Meeting for Business: 1) Paul will be given a letter of introduction from the Meeting. 2) Paul will be given \$200 from the Meeting's general fund to help cover his expenses, and earmarked contributions to ~~(*)~~ ↓ may be made through the Meeting treasury. 3) The Clerk will write letters to College Park Quarterly Meeting and Pacific Yearly Meeting, urging that they too give this project their publicity, support and financial contributions, and specifically asking that PYM's fund for concerns be used in Paul's behalf.

The Clerk has received a letter from Carl Anderson requesting transfer of membership from University Meeting in Seattle. This letter was referred to Oversight.

Carl Anderson reported that the Meeting treasury is low and that a number of expenses are imminent, including the PYM bill, money for the newsletter and for infant care, and the contribution approved for Paul Jolly. Contributions to the general fund are in order.

~~(*)~~ has requested a transfer of membership to Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting, and

⊙ the peace Pedalers

⊕ The Meeting considered the report of Oversight concerning items 3 & 4, but since there were varying points of view expressed, no action was taken by the Meeting.

Michael Hartman reported for the Nominating Committee. The Committee's nomination of Marc Lambert for alternate clerk was approved by the Meeting. The Nominating Committee is exploring ways to provide for planning the Meeting's more social events, including having the visiting committee share some of these responsibilities.

Friends shared their experiences at Quarterly Meeting, including QM's very positive reaction to Paul Jolly's plans for this summer. Strawberry Creek needs to appoint a specific representative to Quarterly Meeting, and this matter will be taken up at the next Monthly Meeting. Next Quarterly Meeting will be held January 16, and will include a session on how to clerk. It was suggested that all in the Meeting who are involved with clerking should attend.

Ritva Kaje shared her recent experiences in Finland and London. Carl Anderson directed Friends' attention to a directory for travelling Friends put out by Friends General Conference, now available at the AFSC bookstore. Mary Mikesell announced a party scheme to raise money for an initiative to place a nuclear freeze on the state ballot, and invited Meeting participation in giving such a party. Mark Lambert will conduct a class on C.S. Lewis' Narnia Chronicles following Meeting on November 8. A memorial service for Jackson Burgess will be held at the UC Berkeley Faculty Club at 4:00 p.m. November 10.

The next Meeting for Business will be held at 6:30 p.m. December 6, at the home of Ritva Kaje.

Meeting for Business closed with silent worship at 9:05 p.m., with 20 present.

Anne Agard

Anne Agard, Recording Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY of FRIENDS

December 6, 1931

Meeting for Business
Home of Ritva Kaje
Richard Emmons, Clerk

Marc Lambert, alternate Clerk, opened the Meeting with silent worship at 6:45 p.m. with 21 people present. The queries for the twelfth month were read. The minutes of the previous Monthly Meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk read portions of the following letters: 1. A thank you from Sara Burke, for the scholarship help provided her by the Meeting. 2. A thank you from John Woolman School for the Meeting's support for Sara Burke. 3. Dick Emmons' letters of response to each of the preceding letters. 4. Dick Emmons' letter of introduction to the Sacramento Meeting for Anna Cox. 5. From the Westwood Meeting Clerk, and Peace & Social Order Committee, letters of introduction for Robert Don. 6. Dick Emmons' letter to San Francisco Meeting, stating that we have joyfully accepted Marc Lambert's transfer of membership. 7. From Dick Emmons to College Park Quarterly Meeting and Pacific Yearly Meeting, letters requesting their assistance for Paul Jolly and the Peace Pedalers. 8. A letter from the Clerk of CPQM to Dick Emmons concerning the Peace Pedalers' trip. 9. From the Clerk of Marin Meeting, a request for the transfer of membership of Jim Navarro to Strawberry Creek.

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Barbara Graves reported the following items, from the Overseers' meeting of Nov. 3: 1. A visiting committee has been formed to meet with Carl Anderson, concerning his requested transfer of membership. Its members are Tim Hall, John Bird, and Rachel Ann Elder, convenor. 2. Cathryn Bauer has withdrawn her request for membership. 3. Pat Dienstfrey will write a memorial minute for Jackson Burgess, to be sent to Friends' Bulletin and Friends' Journal. 4. A Sharman-method Bible study series and a session on AFSC Peace activities are being planned for Adult Education. 5. The visiting committee (Barbara Perry, Marc Lambert, and Barbara Graves) which met with Sam Cox concerning his requested transfer of membership recommends that the Clerk accept his certificate of transfer and record his membership in this Meeting. 6. The visiting committee (Carl Anderson, Ann Combs, and Sheila Moran) which met with Paul Jolly recommends the Meeting's approval of his request for membership. 7. The committee which met with Susan Burr and Michael Hartman concerning their request for marriage, recommends that the Meeting approve their marriage under the care of the Meeting. 8. This year's Brinton Visitors are Mike and Margie Yarrow, who will be in this area from Feb. 7-17. A pot-luck gathering with them is being planned. 9. The Overseers are exploring with the Nominating Committee the functions of the Fellowship Committee, and whether these might be carried out by the present Visiting Committee. 10. Paul Jolly has requested a traveling minute as further support for his planned trip with the Peace Pedalers. The Overseers recommend that such a minute be written. A letter from Paul was read, concerning his sense of his mission on this trip. 11. The next meeting of the Overseers will be on Dec. 7th at the home of Lynne Bird.

The Meeting discussed the appropriateness of giving Paul Jolly a traveling minute. It was decided that Paul will work with Dick Emmons and other interested persons to prepare a draft of a traveling minute. This draft will be presented at the January Monthly Meeting.

These items were approved by the Meeting, and were laid over until the January Meeting for action to be taken: 1. Paul Jolly's request for membership. 2. Susan Burr and Michael Hartman's requested marriage under the care of the Meeting. The Clerk accepted Sam Cox's certificate of transfer and will record his membership in the Meeting.

WORSHIP & MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Mary Louise Lambert, clerk, reported for this committee, from their meeting of Nov. 4th: 1. A Christmas Day Meeting for Worship will be held at Mary Miché's home at 10:30 a.m. 2. A Meeting retreat will occur at the Berkeley Friends' Church on Nov. 14th. 3. Volunteers are requested to donate lamps for use during Meetings for Worship at the GTU. (These may NOT be left there between Meetings.) 4. Persons who sit near the inner door during the Meeting for Worship are asked to close it, once the Meeting is settled. 5. The Meeting closer will be asked to announce the presence of a guestbook, and will encourage visitors to sign it. 6. The bulletin board is in need of someone to tend it. 7. The nominating committee is looking for a fourth person to serve on the worship & ministry committee. 8. Numerous concerns have been expressed to this committee about the number of latecomers to Meeting. If deemed needed, the query about promptness will be read and further reminders given about its importance. 9. A fifth Sunday visit is planned in December to San Jose Meeting. 10. The committee considered further the needs of children, parents, and others in Meeting. 11. The next committee meeting will be held at Sheila Moran's home on Dec. 9, 1981 at 9:30 a.m. Consideration will then be given, to how to plan the Spring Meeting Retreat.

Mary Louise noted that the planned retreat and fifth Sunday visit to San Jose occurred, with small turn-outs but thoughtful participation in each.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Frances Pennel-Nurkse reported for the nominating committee: 1. This committee recommends that Tom Head be approved to serve on the Worship & Ministry Committee. 2. Discussion concerning the functioning of a fellowship committee continues. The committee does not yet have a specific recommendation to make concerning this. One possibility would be to have such committees formed on an ad hoc basis for each occasion.

Tom Head's nomination was approved, and is laid over until the next Monthly Meeting for action to be taken.

AD HOC COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

On behalf of this committee, Barbara Emmons nominated Michael Hartman, a continuing member, Blair Dean Cooter, and Bill Cooper to the nominating committee. Action will be taken on these nominations at the next Monthly Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No report as such was given at this Meeting. It was noted that additional contributions are needed soon to cover current budget items.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Peter Nurkse reported for this committee that helpers are still needed to work with the younger children in First Day School during the end of January and throughout February.

QUARTERLY MEETING

Winter Quarterly Meeting will be held in San Francisco on Sat., Jan. 16th. Marc Lambert offered to be the Meeting's official representative.

CONCERNS

1. Ritva Kaje shared her feeling that peace and social action concerns are so central, that they should not be left to the responsibility of one person or committee within the Meeting. She presented information about several peace and social concerns, including current Nuclear Freeze Initiative parties being given.
2. It was decided that at the January Monthly Meeting, everyone will have an opportunity to share briefly about what he or she has done for the sake of peace and social action during the previous month.
3. A letter from the U.S. Academy of Peace was read, requesting an additional contribution to its efforts. After discussing this, the Meeting approved the purchase of one copy of the Academy's report, and offered the use of the Meeting treasury as a conduit for those wishing to make further individual contributions.
4. Several Friends engaged in a discussion of the role and functioning of the Oversight Committee.
5. Mary Louise Lambert noted that she received a letter from Leonard Joy. He looks forward to returning to this area before too long.
6. The Meeting expressed appreciation to Ritva Kaje for the use of her home for this Monthly Meeting.
7. The next Monthly Meeting will be held at the home of Sheila Moran on Sun., Jan. 3, 1982 at 6:30 p.m.

The Monthly Meeting closed with a period of silent worship at 9 p.m. with 23 persons present.

Joyce Lindblad
Joyce Lindblad, Recording Clerk

Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting for Business
January 3, 1982
Home of Shiela Moran
Dick Emmons, Clerk

The Meeting opened with silent worship at 6:35 p.m., with 12 Friends present. The Clerk read the Queries for the First Quarter. The minutes of the last Monthly Meeting were read, corrected and approved.

OVERSIGHT: Shiela Moran reported for the Overseers, who last met December 7. 1) A committee has been formed to meet with Jim Navarro regarding his transfer of membership. The committee consists of Sam Cox, Tom Head, Andrea Semons, and Barbara Graves, Convener. The committee will meet later this month. 2) Adult Education plans for January: Mary Mikesell will lead two sessions on the baptism of Jesus. She will use the Sharman method which she studied at Pendle Hill. Mary will also lead a longer series if there is interest. Paul Jolly will give a presentation on the Peace Pedallers. 3) A tentative date of Tuesday, Feb. 9 has been set for Berkeley and Strawberry Creek Meetings to meet with the Yarrows, who are Brinton Visitors. 4) Catherine Bauer has withdrawn her requests for membership in the Meeting, and for marriage under the care of the Meeting. 5) Two people presented concerns to the Committee. The Committee on Oversight would like to say again that Friends are welcome to bring concerns to the Committee. The Overseers ask that Friends call ahead of time so that the agenda can be set accordingly.

Paul Jolly's request for membership was approved by the Meeting, and Paul was welcomed. Paul and the Meeting agree that the Peace Pedallers' trip this summer will be more in the nature of an inquiry into the subject of peace, than ministry in the traditional sense. For this reason, he and the Meeting have agreed that a letter of introduction from the Meeting is in order, and not a travelling minute. The Clerk will write this letter. The Clerk read part of a letter from Laura Magnani on behalf of PYM's fund for concerns. The fund will provide up to \$1000 to help defray the expenses of the Peace Pedallers' trip. Strawberry Creek will act as treasurer for this money, as it is actually the Meeting which is ^{acting for and} receiving the money in Paul's behalf. PYM needs a formal written budget from Paul, and a formal report for him later, after the trip has been completed.

The Meeting approved clearness to proceed with the marriage of Susan Burr and Michael Hartman. Their marriage will take place March 20. The Arrangements Committee consists of Sam Cox, Barbara Perry, and Mary Louise Lambert, Convener.

The Meeting accepted Sam Cox's transfer of membership, contingent on receipt of a certificate of transfer from his former Meeting.

WORSHIP AND MINISTRY: Mary Louise Lambert reported for Worship and Ministry, which met December 9. 1) Christmas Day Meeting for Worship was held at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mary Miché. 2) Plans should be made now for a Spring Retreat. Mary Mische will contact Alpine Lodge for reservations. A notice will be put in the Newsletter asking for volunteers to serve on a planning committee. A committee needs to be established by

February Monthly Meeting at the latest. Mary Miché and Shiela Moran will put together a folder on retreat planning, which should make the job easier for the Retreat Committee.

3) Worship and Ministry recommends establishing a standing Retreat Committee. Although there are valid arguments pro and con, experience has shown that asking volunteers to come forward for retreat planning has not been successful and does not serve the Meeting's expressed need for retreats. Mary Miché will write up a job description for the Retreat Committee, to be used by the Nominating Committee if a standing Retreat Committee is to be established.

4) Mary Louise Lambert is writing up a job description for Worship and Ministry, to be offered to the Nominating Committee. Worship and Ministry will review this before passing it on to the Nominating Committee.

5) Discussion on raising children in the Meeting moved towards recommending that one or more sessions of Adult Education period following Meeting for Worship be devoted to a program for parents to ask questions of one another, and in particular of parents who have raised children in a Meeting.

6) Barbara Emmons will arrange for Meeting closers.

7) A fifth Sunday visit to the Inverness Worship Group is planned in January.

8) It was suggested that Ministry and Worship take charge of seeing that the outer doors at the GTU are shut when Meeting is gathered, perhaps with a sign indicating that Meeting for Worship has begun.

9) Mary Mische will take responsibility for trying to get the bank of floodlights in the meeting room to work, thereby getting more light in the room.

10) Next meeting of Worship and Ministry will be January 12 at 9:30 a.m., at the home of Larry Perry.

It is time to make new arrangements with GTU for use of the building through the Spring. Mary Miché will take responsibility for this. Concern was expressed that the Meeting seems to have difficulty with certain organizational details such as responsibility for the GTU key, setting up chairs and the bulletin board, and planning for retreats. Feeling was also expressed that these problems are gradually being worked out.

The Nominating Committee did not report. The Meeting approved Tom Head to Worship and Ministry. A new Nominating Committee was approved, consisting of Michael Hartman (clerk), Blair ~~and~~ Dean Cooter, and Bill Cooper. Appreciation was expressed for the work of last year's Nominating Committee, and the Ad-Hoc Committee to Nominate the Nominating Committee. The new Nominating Committee must appoint a Meeting representative to PYM by next Monthly Meeting. It was recommended that the nomination be presented in the Newsletter or at the close of Meeting for Worship prior to the February Monthly Meeting.

No treasurer's report was presented, but it was noted that the treasury needs money.

Larry Perry reported for the Visiting Committee. Strawberry Creek recognizes with appreciation Paul Jolly and his ministry of co-ordinating Saturday lunches for John Ullman through Fall 1981, following in the footsteps of Mary Mische, who had done this ministry on her own.

Ritva Kaje reported on the progress of the Nuclear Freeze Initiative, and reminded Friends that the Meeting treasury may

be used as a conduit for contributions to the U.S. Academy of Peace.

Joyce Lindblad reported that Antonio Erceg hopes to be accepted for CEPA training soon.

As planned at the last Monthly Meeting, Friends present reported on their activities in the interest of peace and social concerns during the past month. Friends commented on a wide variety of activities, including involvement in community organizations, work-related activities, and prayer. The Clerk suggested that Friends prepare informational paragraphs about groups they are working with for publication in the Newsletter, and that presentations might be prepared for Adult Education and First Day School.

The Clerk read a letter from Bob Jolly, who is the liaison person on the PYM Nominating Committee for Strawberry Creek. Bob Jolly indicates that the Committee depends on Monthly Meetings for information about appropriate nominations to PYM Meetings, and encourages Friends to send recommendations to him by March 1. This can be done through the Clerk of Strawberry Creek.

The Clerk also read letters from the Clerks of PYM and College Park Quarterly Meeting, both requesting input on topics to be discussed at the respective Meetings. Next Quarterly Meeting will be on the theme of clerking, and the letter from College Park Quarterly Meeting was accompanied by an item on leadership which will be printed in the Newsletter.

John Bird presented the following concerns in writing to the Meeting:

Dear Friends:

Recently I brought two concerns regarding PYM to the Oversight Committee. That committee suggested that I present these concerns to the Monthly Meeting in written form.

Concern I--Size of PYM: A few years ago the Seavers of San Francisco suggested that PYM was too large and consideration should be given to splitting PYM on a north-south basis. The reasons for this proposal related to the difficulty in finding accommodations and maintaining closeness that is possible in a smaller gathering. I have another idea--hopefully a better idea. Namely, lay down PYM. We now have appropriate size regional Meetings. In the case of College Park Quarterly Meeting, it would be far easier to have a Fourth Quarterly (Annual) Meeting than to attempt another split of PYM. This proposal would have the further advantage of simplifying the relationship between the Monthly Meeting and the Regional Meeting. Two sites which CPQM participates in the governance of continue to be available for CPQM use. Finally, this proposal would permit a simpler, less structured "Yearly" Meeting that could realistically maintain closer contact with young Friends and other subgroups of special concern.

Concern II-- PYM Ministry and Oversight Committee: Last year, Ministry and Oversight of PYM, acting on its own, instructed all that registered for PYM that no drugs or alcohol were permitted at PYM. This committee-imposed ban

applied on and off campus and applied to both legal and illegal drugs, but did not apply to the use of tobacco. Finally, Ministry and Oversight Committee directed that those who did not agree with its edict should not come to PYM. Accordingly, last year I did not attend PYM.

Ministry and Oversight Committee's edict was in response to a decade-old problem of the illegal use of drugs by young Friends. I propose that the Monthly Meeting state its support for a ban on illegal drugs at PYM and indicate its lack of unity with a Ministry and Oversight Committee edict that bans legal use of alcohol off campus and its lack of unity with Ministry and Oversight prescribing rules of personal conduct that PYM has not united in a regular plenary session.

Sincerely,

John R. Bird

It was decided that John's second concern will be duplicated for circulation among Friends in the Meeting, and that a threshing session will be scheduled to discuss the issues John has raised.

Shiela Moran reported that John Ullman will be moving to the Salem Lutheran Home in Oakland on January 15. Friends expressed feelings that this is a wise and positive move for John, and hopes that Friends will contact and visit him.

Mary Louise Lambert raised the question of who should assume responsibility for the State of the Society report, and asked for ~~* volunteers.~~

Marc Lambert will serve as Yearly Meeting's representative to the ~~World~~ Reunion of Friends in Mexico City.

Appreciation was expressed to Shiela Moran for the use of her home. The next Monthly Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. February 7, at the home of Marc and Mary Louise Lambert. The Meeting closed at 8:50 p.m., with 17 Friends present.

Anne Agard
Anne Agard, Recording Clerk

* clarification about whether volunteers should be sought to complete this report.

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

February 7, 1982

Meeting for Business
Home of the Lamberts
Richard Emmons, Clerk

The Meeting opened with a moment of silent worship at 6:35 p.m., with 12 persons present. The Clerk read the queries for the second month. The minutes of the previous Monthly Meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

OVERSEERS

Sheila Moran, clerk, reported that the Overseers have not met since the last monthly meeting, in the absence of business to consider. The Overseers again extend an invitation to all Friends to express their concerns directly to them, either in written form or in person during the first part of their meeting.

Mary Louise Lambert reported for the arrangements committee for Michael Hartman and Susan Burr. Plans for their marriage are developing: their wedding will be held at the Berkeley Friends' Church at 1 p.m. on Sat., March 20th. It will be followed by a reception with square-dancing to a live caller. Interested friends are invited to help with the preparations.

It was noted that Ralph Elder's visiting committee met and had a good discussion with him about his current status as a junior member, and about the possibility of his future adult membership in the Meeting. (This was not recorded in previous Monthly Meeting minutes.)

WORSHIP AND MINISTRY

Mary Louise Lambert, clerk, reported for this committee, which met on January 12th at the home of Larry Perry. 1. Mary Miché and Sheila Moran are preparing a folder to assist in future retreat planning. 2. Worship and Ministry proposes the formation of a standing retreat committee, to be nominated by the nominating committee. This retreat committee would serve for one year, during which they would plan a one day fall or winter retreat and a weekend-long spring retreat. 3. A job description for the worship and ministry committee has been drafted. 4. Barbara Emmons will coordinate Meeting closers. 5. Mary Miché will demonstrate how to turn on the flood lights at the GTU, to avoid holding future meetings in the dark. 6. A report on the state of the Meeting library has been requested. Ideas for increasing its use are welcomed. 7. Worship and Ministry proposes that from now until new officers are approved, the clerk, Dick Emmons, will be in charge of the GTU key. The clerk will have the key himself or will choose another person to have the key temporarily. When the new officers are approved in June, this committee proposes that this responsibility transfer permanently to the alternate clerk, or if necessary to another person nominated by the nominating committee. 8. GTU has granted Strawberry Creek the continued use of its facility until June, 1982. 9. A Meeting visit to San Francisco Meeting is planned for February 21st. Cushing Dolben will be a special visitor in SF on that day. 10. A fifth Sunday visit to West Marin preparative Meeting in Inverness is being coordinated by Larry Perry. 11. The committee proposes that a new sign be made for the Meeting, showing its name and the time of Meeting for Worship.

12. Next month this committee will consider suggestions which it can make to the First Day School Committee. 13. Worship and Ministry Committee is unable to establish a regular meeting time. Its next meeting will be on Thurs., Feb. 18, from 7-9 p.m. at the home of Ann Combs.

The Meeting approved: 1. The proposed standing retreat committee, to be nominated by the nominating committee. 2. That the clerk be in charge of the GTU key through the remainder of his term. 3. That volunteers prepare a new Meeting sign. Mary Louise Lambert and Liz Head will consult about this project.

Appreciation was expressed to the children of Strawberry Creek, for making the Meeting sign currently in use. Dick Emmons will write a letter of appreciation for the sign to the First Day School. He will also write a letter of appreciation for the use of the GTU building to Barbara Arnold at GTU.

No Spring retreat will be held this year, due to an absence of volunteers to plan and conduct it.

Dick Emmons and Mary Miché were approved as an ad hoc committee to prepare a State of the Meeting report.

PEACE PEDALERS

College Park Quarterly Meeting has offered a gift of \$600.00 to Paul Jolly for the Peace Pedalers' trip.

The ad hoc clearness committee, composed of Barbara Graves, Bob Cooter, and John Bird, which met with Paul Jolly concerning his trip with the Peace Pedalers, has offered to continue to serve as a communication link between Paul and the Meeting. This offer was gratefully accepted.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Blair Dean reported for the nominating committee, that it is now in the process of drawing up names to form next years committees. All interested people are invited to talk with the members of this committee about how you would like to serve the Meeting during the coming year. The committee nominated Mary Mikesell to serve as PYM representative this year, and Stephanie Kennedy to serve as alternate this year, with the prospect of being the PYM representative next year. It was recommended that the nomination of PYM representatives be made earlier in future years, at the same time as other nominations are made. PYM representatives will be approved at the called meeting for business on Feb. 28th.

QUARTERLY MEETING

1. Megan Black requested that there be a contact person in the Meeting, for the Quarterly Meetings. Dick Emmons, clerk, offered to be this person during his clerkship. 2. On behalf of Marc Lambert, Meeting Representative, Mary Louise Lambert read a report by Marc on the College Park Quarterly Meeting of Jan. 16, 1982. This meeting was held at the SF Friends' Center. The theme of the session was "Clerkship", with an afternoon session on that topic clerked by Barbara Graves. Other items noted were: support for the Peace Pedalers, support for the Shovels for Laos project, needed support for Santa Cruz area Friends and the Quaker Center in the wake of the recent storm in that area, FASE plans continue to develop, with funds currently being sought for its residential care unit, PYM site has been changed from St. Mary's College to Chico, and the FCL Harvest Festival of Sept. 26th is now in the planning stages. 3. The next quarterly meeting will be held on May 15 & 16 at the Ben Lomond Quaker Center.

Marc Lambert was suggested as a prospective May Quarterly Meeting Representative, contingent on his acceptance of this position, and on the March Monthly Meeting's approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carl Anderson, treasurer, presented a report for the period of Nov. 1, 1981 through January 31, 1982. The ending balance is \$430.39, for the general fund. The Yearly Meeting's dues bill, in the amount of \$375.00, is expected shortly. The 1/31/82 balance in the Peace Pedalers' Fund is \$2141.50. The Meeting accepted the treasurer's report.

CONCERNS

1. Many shared their thoughts about the concerns which John Bird presented at the previous Monthly Meeting. (These were included in full in the minutes of the Jan. 3, 1982 Meeting.) A brief statement will be presented at the called meeting for business on Feb. 28, addressing the function and structure of Yearly Meeting, and proposing possible changes in these. Dick Emmons will write a letter to Eleanor Foster, PYM Clerk, encouraging other Meetings to have threshing sessions in advance of Yearly Meeting, on this topic. Mary Louise Lambert offered to schedule and convene a threshing session on the use of drugs and alcohol at Yearly Meeting.
2. John Ullman has moved to his new home at the Salem Lutheran Home. He welcomes visitors.
3. The AFSC Annual Meeting will be held in Sr' on Feb. 20th, with the theme, "Searching for Answers in a Threatening World".
4. The Meeting congratulates Cathryn Bauer and Theodore Kahn on their Feb. 6 marriage, and wish them well in their life together.
5. Suggestions are encouraged for PYM committee topics.
6. Antonio Erceg received boots, socks, and a cap for use in his current training program from interested supporters. He is presently looking for an individual apartment, so that he may live independently.

Thanks was expressed to the Lamberts, for the use of their home for this Meeting. The next Meeting will be on March 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Ann Elder. The Meeting closed with a period of worshipful silence at 9:15 p.m., with 16 people present. This was followed by a welcoming party for new member Paul Jolly.

Joyce Lindblad
Joyce Lindblad, recording Clerk

Minutes of the special called business meeting,
2/28/82.

The meeting opened in silent waiting, with 22 persons in attendance. Nominating committee brought forward the names of Mary Mikesell for representative to Pacific Yearly Meeting and Stephanie Kennedy as observer. Meeting approved the nomination of Mary Mikesell. A previous commitment will keep Mary Mikesell from attending Representative Committee meeting on 3/6, so it became necessary to appoint a substitute. Sam Cox's name was suggested and meeting approved his serving as substitute for the meeting.

As meeting discussed the role of the observer, some Friends expressed hesitancy in about approving as observer someone who had not had any experience with Yearly Meeting processes. Nominating Committee was therefore asked to consider further the nomination for observer. Friends expressed their gratitude for Stephanie Kennedy's very heartening eagerness to serve the meeting. Apologies were also expressed for not being as careful as we should have been regarding advice from Kaxh and Praxice.

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Respectfully submitted,

~~Sincerely~~ *Shirley Moran*
Substituting as recording clerk

The statement on structure and function of Yearly Meeting was not presented due to lack of time and preparation (see Feb. 7 Mo. Mtg "Concern 1." Dick Emmons, Clerk)

Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting for Business
March 7, 1982
Home of Rachel Ann Elder
Dick Emmons, Clerk

Lambert
Meeting for Business opened with silent worship at 6:35 p.m., with 22 Friends present. The queries for Third Month were read by Marc ~~Burton~~, alternate clerk. The minutes of the last Monthly Meeting were read, corrected and approved. The minutes of the special called Meeting for Business on February 28 were read, corrected and approved as follows:

"The meeting opened in silent waiting, with 22 persons in attendance. Nominating Committee brought forward the names of Mary Mikesell for representative to Pacific Yearly Meeting and Stephanie Kennedy as observer. The Meeting approved the nomination of Mary Mikesell. A previous commitment will keep Mary Mikesell from attending Representative Committee meeting on March 6, so it became necessary to appoint a substitute. Sam Cox's name was suggested and Meeting approved his serving as substitute for the meeting. *for 1982*

As Meeting discussed the role of observer, some Friends expressed hesitancy about approving as observer someone who had not had any experience with Yearly Meeting processes. Nominating Committee was therefore asked to consider further the nomination for observer. Friends expressed their gratitude for Stephanie Kennedy's very heartening eagerness to serve the Meeting. Apologies were also expressed for not being as careful as we should have been regarding advice from Faith and Practice.

The statement on the structure and function of Yearly Meeting which had been presented as a concern at February Monthly Meeting was not presented again as planned, due to lack of time and preparation.

Shiela Moran, substituting as Recording Clerk."

Clerk's correspondence: 1) A report has been received from PYM Finance Committee, concerning PYM contributions. This report will be printed in the Newsletter. 2) A letter has been received from the Friends General Conference, announcing and asking help in publicizing the 1982 Gathering of Friends at Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, July 3-10. 3) The Clerk has written a letter to the children of the Meeting, thanking them for making the Strawberry Creek sign which was used by the Meeting for the past several years. 4) The Clerk has written a letter to Barbara Arnold, thanking her for the Meeting's use of the Graduate Theological Union facilities. 5) The Clerk read the Meeting's letter of introduction for Paul Jolly to take with him on his Peace Pedallers trip.

Oversight: Jim Navarro reported for the Overseers, who met February 2. 1) Carl Anderson's membership committee has met with him, and the Overseers recommend that his transfer of membership be accepted. 2) Oversight has continued the process of reviewing the list of members and attenders. The Overseers will be visiting or telephoning people whom they feel the need to contact.

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- 3) Oversight Committee would like the Meeting to evaluate the adult education series and examine which way it should go.
 - 4) Oversight will next meet March 10 at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Barbara Graves.

The Meeting laid over Carl Anderson's transfer of membership until next month. Appreciation was expressed for the success of the adult education program. It was observed that some sessions have been much better attended than others, and that there seems to be particularly strong interest in the topics of Quaker history and practice.

Worship and Ministry: Mary Louise Lambert reported on the last meeting, held February 11. 1) The Committee took the opportunity of Tom Head's new membership to reflect again on the role of the Worship and Ministry Committee, and on committee process. 2) The Committee reflected on its agenda setting and its use of time. 3) It was noted that John Ullman has not been attending Meeting. The Committee considered suggesting that a few friends could join John for worship at his apartment during the week. The March potluck will be held at John's. 4) The Committee has received a request for a baby welcoming. This was referred to the Overseers and to the Visiting Committee, ~~as per October Business Meeting.~~ 5) Ministry and Worship will next meet March 12 from 7 to 9, at the home of the Lamberts.

Nominating Committee did not report. Friends expressed concern for the Meeting's support of the Nominating Committee. Friends are urgently requested to contact the Committee with specific offers and suggestions. The Committee needs to know what individuals in the Meeting are willing and able to do.

Meeting discussed the questions of responsibility for baby welcomings. A decision on this matter will be postponed until after new committees are formed. Baby welcomings will be organized on an ad hoc basis in the meantime.

Marc Lambert was approved and recorded as Strawberry Creek's Quarterly Meeting representative. He will serve through the May 1983 Quarterly Meeting.

No formal treasurer's report was presented, but Carl Anderson observed that a \$390 bill for PYM dues has been received, and has been only half paid because the Meeting's General Fund is low.

Sam Cox reported on the PYM representatives' interim meeting on March 6. 1) 1982 PYM will be held the first week in August at Craig Hall in Chico. The PYM Site Committee is exploring other site possibilities for following years. One possibility for 1983 is a conference/camp ground on the shores of Lake Sequoia, about 50 miles east of Fresno. If this site is selected, PYM will be held the third week in June and will probably be limited to 500 attenders. 2) The PYM registrar is computerizing registration this year. Forms will be mailed directly to past attenders, and will also go to Monthly Meeting representatives for distribution. These forms must be in the hands of the registrar by July 10. A flat 20% surcharge will be charged to all late registrants. 3) PYM Peace and Social Order Committees reported on their activities, including concerns for issues of Latin America and the "new poverty," and plans for a vigil on Hiroshima Day. 4) Discussions are being held with Lloyd and Margaret Baily of New York Yearly Meeting, who may be able to go to Korea as PYM Friends in the Orient. 5) PYM Discipline Committee is working hard to prepare a

new PYM Faith and Practice, and hopes to have preliminary copies available in 1983. Discipline Committee is also considering Yearly Meeting workshops for "Quaker functionaries," i.e. recording clerks and treasurers. 6) PYM appears to be in a healthy state financially. 7) After considerable discussion, the Representative Meeting approved the following statement on the use of drugs and alcohol at PYM, to be printed on the registration form:

"Use of alcohol and illegal drugs at PYM creates conditions which are not consistent with the openness, love and trust we seek to find. An application to attend PYM is an affirmation of our intent to refrain for this week from the use of illegal drugs and alcohol. All persons listed on this application should be aware of this affirmation. During PYM support and counsel will be offered to all who need help to abstain."

Barbara Graves reported for the Peace Pedallers' support committee. The Peace Pedallers set out Monday, March 1, after a meeting for worship at San Francisco Friends Center.

Andrea Semons reported for the First Day School Committee. 1) The new First Day School Committee will have to give consideration to the continued cooperation with the University Christian Church religious education program. 2) The Committee suggests that, in view of the need for cooperation with University Christian Church, the Meeting make a decision about continued use of GTU as soon as possible. 3) Pat Dienstfrey has been leading sessions for the older children about mysterious stories in the Bible, and Cornelia Cooper has been working with the younger children on Quaker values. 4) There is a continued need for volunteers to help with infant care.

Mary Louise Lambert reported for the arrangements committee for the marriage of Michael Hartman and Susan Burr. The committee will be contacting Friends to ask if they will attend and if they can help.

Jonathan Vogel will clerk a threshing meeting on PYM's position on the use of drugs and alcohol. This meeting will be held Sunday March 14 after Meeting for Worship.

Antonio Erceg has a new apartment and needs pots, glasses, chairs, cups and saucers and other housewares. Friends should contact Mary Louise Lambert in order to donate these items.

A meeting for parents and others concerned about the role of children in the Meeting is planned for April.

It was suggested that time in Monthly Meeting again be devoted to individual Friends' reports on their activities in behalf of peace and social justice. This will be discussed at the next Business Meeting.

It was suggested that the Treasurer report the Meeting treasury's balance each month, so that Friends may have a clearer idea of what the Meeting's financial needs are, and what contributions are appropriate. Carl Anderson observed that the Meeting's total yearly budget is about \$3500, and that with about 35 contributing members, the average contribution per member needs to be about \$100.

It was suggested that the Clerk and Alternate Clerk make a practice of meeting regularly with the Overseers and with Worship and Ministry.

The Contra Costa Worship Group will hold meeting for worship and a potluck the third Sunday of every month for the next six months. The group will meet at the Emmons' home for the first three months, and at the Coopers' for the next three months. The Alameda Worship Group meets ~~at the Lamberts'~~ every fourth Sunday at 10 a.m.

Concern was expressed that job assignments for committees be developed. Oversight is coordinating this project.

It was suggested that Strawberry Creek, Berkeley and Westwood Meetings appoint joint representatives to FCNL, ~~and FCS in addition to FCL, for which~~ Bob Cooter ~~already~~ serves as representative ~~to FCL.~~

The matter of a summer recreation program for children during the week was referred to the child care committee.

Mary Miche and Dick Emmons have developed a first draft of a State of the Meeting Report. Copies of this draft were circulated at Monthly Meeting, and Friends were asked to pass on their suggestions to Dick or Mary. A revised draft will be printed in the Newsletter, and it is hoped that a final draft can be approved at the next Monthly Meeting.

Thanks was expressed to Rachel Ann Elder for the use of her home. The next Monthly Meeting will be held at 6:30 April 4, at the home of Bob Maynard, 1049 Madana Avenue, Oakland.

Meeting for Business closed with silent worship at 8:20 p.m., with 27 Friends present.

Anne Agard

Anne Agard, Recording Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY of FRIENDS

April 4, 1982

Meeting for Business
Home of the Maynards
Richard Emmons, Clerk

The Meeting opened with silent worship at 6:35 p.m., with 14 persons present. The Clerk read the queries for the fourth month. The minutes from the previous Monthly Meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE

1. Betsy Dearborn sends greetings from Philadelphia, and has requested a sojourning letter be sent to Chestnut Hill Meeting. 2. The Clerk wrote a letter of introduction for Betsy Dearborn to Chestnut Hill Meeting. 3. A letter was received from Honolulu Meeting concerning Sam Cox' certificate of transfer. 4. A letter was received from Orange Grove Meeting, with a certificate of transfer for Kate Buckner.

OVERSEERS

Barbara Graves reported for the Overseers, from their meeting of March 10th: 1. The Strawberry Creek gathering planned for Sat., April 17 will focus on Meeting concerns & committees. The agenda was distributed. 2. Stephanie Kennedy has requested & plans to do a series on evolution in the adult education class on the 2nd & 3rd Sundays of May & June. 3. Members & friends of the Meeting shared in the joy of celebrating the March marriages of Susan Burr and Michael Hartman, and Joyce Lindblad and Bijan Samati. 4. Peace pedaler Caryn Daschbach wrote a letter of thanks for the bike bag given their group, for use on their trip. They are publishing a monthly newsletter, throughout their travels.

1. Meeting approved the acceptance of Carl Anderson's certificate of transfer of membership. 2. Sam Cox shared a vignette about the life of Jim Navarro. 3. The visiting committee & Overseers recommend that the transfer of membership for Jim Navarro be accepted. This recommendation will be held over for one month, before action is taken.

WORSHIP & MINISTRY

Mary Louise Lambert, clerk, reported on this committee's last meeting, held on March 12th: 1. The committee members shared ways they prepare during the week for Meeting for Worship. 2. Four Friends stand ready to meet for worship with John Ullman in his home, should he welcome such a visit. 3. The difficulty that some have in getting to Meeting for Worship on time was discussed. 4. A sunrise service in celebration of Easter is planned for April 11th at 5:30 a.m. at the Berkeley Marina. 5. A baby welcoming is scheduled on April 25th at the home of the Maynards, to welcome Amelia Maynard. 6. The State of the Meeting Report was read & slightly revised. 7. Next month the committee plans to consider the idea of "opportunities", as expressed by Sam Cox in his adult religious education series. It will also consider the committee's job description. 8. The next committee meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the Emmons' home.

Appreciation was expressed to Jonathan Vogel, for clerking the threshing session on PYM's position on the use of drugs and alcohol, and to Sheila Moran for serving as recorder for this meeting held March 14th. The Contra Costa Co. Worship Group has now had its second meeting, which was well-attended.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carl Anderson, treasurer, gave a report for Feb. & March, 1982. The balance in the General Fund as of March 31 is \$372.01; the March 31 Peace Pedalers' Fund balance is \$538.94. In May, Carl will present a six-month report.

It was suggested that it would be advisable to have the Meeting's books audited, to coincide with the transition of officers in June. Bob Maynard offered to do such an audit; his offer was gratefully accepted.

STATE OF THE MEETING REPORT

Dick Emmons read the proposed State of the Meeting Report. After making several corrections, the Meeting approved this report, with gratitude to those who contributed to and wrote it.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Michael Hartman, clerk, reported for the nominating committee. He presented a list of names of the people they nominate to fill Meeting positions during the year which begins June 1, 1982. This list will be included in the May newsletter, and action will be taken on the nominations at the May Monthly Meeting. The committee will clarify the half-year term of Barbara Graves as an Overseer (Barbara has been nominated to be the Meeting Clerk during the coming year).

FIRST DAY SCHOOL

No formal report given. During April, Mary White is working with the older childrens' group & Susan Burr with the younger childrens' group in First Day School.

CONCERNS

1. Robert Don has requested a clearness committee & a membership committee. The Clerk has forwarded these requests to the Overseers.
2. Caroline Cox & Chris Barns were married under the care of Palo Alto Meeting yesterday, April 3, 1982. Caroline was an active participant in Strawberry Creek Meeting several years ago.
3. A PYM familiarization session will be held in June, with the PYM representative & observer.
4. The Meeting's discussion of the role of children in Meeting was rescheduled for May.
5. Friends interested in receiving the "Friends' Bulletin" should let Larry Perry know now, in order to establish a list of those subscribing through the Meeting. The group rate is \$10.50 per person. Contributions to the General Fund to cover this expense are welcomed.
6. "American Pictures", a presentation by a young Dane about his experiences while traveling through the South & living with Black people, will be given at UCB on 4/9 & 4/10.
7. A retreat for couples will be held at Ben Lomond Center April 23-25.
8. Following a pot-luck dinner on April 13th, John McCandless will address the question: "What does George Fox have to say about Christ?"
9. Friends' peace & social action concerns & involvements will again be shared around the circle, during a forthcoming Monthly Meeting.

10. The Meeting's continuing reservation of the G.T.U. for use during Meetings for Worship will be checked out. 11. On April 18th, John Bird will give a presentation on the F.A.S.E. subscription plan at the Bird residence. 12. F.A.S.E. has asked for a representative from Strawberry Creek; the nominating committee will consider this request. 13. Thanks was expressed to the Maynards, for the use of their home for this Meeting. 14. The next Monthly Meeting will be held at the home of Blair Dean & Bob Cooter on May 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

The Meeting closed with a period of silence at 8:30 p.m., with 22 people present.

Joyce Samati
Joyce Samati, Recording Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
of the Religious Society of Friends

Fifth month, 2, 1982

Meeting for Business
Home of the Cooters
Richard Emmons, Clerk

We opened with an interval of worship at 6:40PM with 17 in attendance.. Queries for Fifth month were read. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk read four letters addressed to the Meeting: one from Bob Maynard and one from Liz and Tom Head requesting membership in Strawberry Creek Meeting; These were referred to the Overseers for further action; A letter from John Draper, PYM statistical clerk, was referred to the Recorder for response. Sam Cox wrote a letter about his participation in the upcoming Gay and Lesbian Parade in San Francisco and requested the Meeting's consideration of support and help in publicizing it. A committee, convened by Mary Louise Lambert and also including Ritva Kaje and Barbara Graves, will meet with Sam to explore ways the Meeting might respond to his request.

OVERSEERS

Sheila Moran, clerk, reported on the Committee's proceedings. The Meeting then approved the transfer of membership of Jim Navarro. Copies of the notes taken at the Meeting Workshop were distributed. Many agreed this had been a most worthwhile activity and hoped others might be scheduled to consider other topics.

A committee on Clearness for Robert Don and a committee to consider membership transfer to Strawberry Creek Meeting for Kate Buckner have been established but have not yet met formally. The Parents' Panel on childrens' participation in Meeting will be scheduled in June.

The newsletter from the Peace Pedallers has been received. They are doing well.

The committee met with a long time attender to discuss the step of membership.

WORSHIP AND MINISTRY

Mary Louise Lambert, clerk, reported 1) The committee has finished work on its job description in time to pass it on to the new committee. 2) 'opportunities' for ministry were discussed, particularly in the area of more visitation. 3) Fifth Sunday visits were discussed; the fifth Sunday in May is on a holiday weekend so no visit to another Meeting is planned. Being considered for future visits are: West Marin Preparative Meeting and Humboldt Worship Group.

TREASURER

Carl Anderson circulated his report for the first half of our fiscal year (11/1/81-4/30/82) and the current month's summary, after the Clerk had read a letter from Bob Maynard stating that an audit of the Meeting's financial records from May 1980 to March 1982 showed them to be in good order. Barbara Perry, clerk of the College Park

Friends Education Association (CPFEA) which oversees John Woolman School, wrote a letter to the Meeting requesting a loan to the school to help them over the summer period of no income. She noted that this difficulty has been a continuing necessity since a period of very low enrollment in 1973-74. After some discussion, the letter was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration of how the Meeting as a whole might help. Loans from individuals are welcome at any time. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

VISITATION COMMITTEE

Liz Head, clerk, read from the committee's job description. She concluded that after the committee had considered all the areas wherein Visitation Committee could help, it was felt by the committee that the name Hospitality Committee was more fitting. The committee attends to: the guest book and visitor followup, social gatherings to acquaint newcomers with oldtimers, celebrations of welcome for new members, greeting new babies, visiting the ill and needy of the Meeting, maintaining the telephone tree.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Michael Hartman, clerk, brought some new recommendations: John Bird as the Meeting representative to FASE and Amy Block as a member of the Retreat Committee. This Meeting is the time for the full slate brought last month to be approved. Friends were reminded that not all those nominated to positions have had the full benefit of previous experience for the jobs, so the Meeting needs to be ready to assist those who are less experienced in the performance of their duties.

Unease was expressed by one member over the nomination for Alternate Clerk. After much discussion, a period of silent reflection, and further deliberation, it was decided to delay decision on that nomination for one more month. The remainder of the nominees were approved. A recommendation was made that if Meeting members had stops about a nominee that the Nominating Committee, the Meeting Clerk and the Clerk of Oversight Committee should confer to consider how to proceed, and should bring recommendations to a later Monthly Meeting. This will be considered further as an option, but was not adopted as policy at this time.

The Committee recommended that Visiting (now Hospitality) Committee be a subcommittee of Oversight Committee and ~~the~~ the Retreat Committee be a subcommittee of the Worship and Ministry Committee. Consideration for this also was laid over to the Next Meeting.

Nominating recommended that there be a standing Peace and Social Order Committee. There are several Friends who have expressed interest in serving. Friends were reminded that the creation of a committee in no way delegates that responsibility, since we are all responsible for the Social ministry of the Meeting. We should look to the Peace and Social Order Committee report as a monthly reminder of the work yet to be done by the Meeting. A decision on this item also was laid over.

Meeting approved Andrea Semons and Lynn Bird to serve one year terms on Oversight Committee, filling out previous terms. Larry Perry and Marc Lambert will serve two-year terms. Tom Head was approved as clerk of Worship and Ministry Committee clerk. Jim Navarro had considered joining the Finance Committee, and had been so nominated, but is unable to serve. Nominating continues to seek a nominee for representative

to FCNL, as Bob Cooter is unable to continue in that capacity.

A concern was expressed that the Clerk serve ex-officio on Oversight Committee and the Alternate Clerk serve ex-officio on Worship and Ministry. After some discussion, it was emphasized that although these officers are expected to maintain contact with these important Committees, there is no need for formal requirement of regular attendance at all their committee meetings, since this might prove too burdensome.

NEW CONCERNS

Concern was expressed about the timing of the Business Meeting; attendees with small children are unable to spend the evening time in Business Meeting. Friends were asked to consider changing the time to following Meeting for Worship on First Days, except for the summer months. This was discussed, but no decision was made.

Our representative to PYM expressed concern that not enough people had contacted her about the orientation to PYM. What is the best way to disseminate this information? If anyone wishes an orientation meeting, please contact her (Mary Mikesell).

A Friend expressed concern about a meeting of the Overseers at which discussion was held with an attendee regarding membership in the Meeting; also concern was expressed that the Overseers should not assume responsibilities which the Meeting as a whole should have. This issue was not discussed further; it may need further exploration in the future.

NEXT MEETING

We shall meet next at the home of the Lamberts, June 6 at 6:30PM. We closed with an interval of worship at 9:00PM; there were 18 in attendance.

Submitted,



Marc Lambert
Acting Recording Clerk.

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Meeting for Business
June 6, 1982
Home of Marc and Mary Louise Lambert, Alameda
Barbara Graves, Clerk, Presiding

The meeting opened with a period of worship at 6:35 p.m. with 23 individuals in attendance. The sixth set of queries, on nurture and education, was read. Appreciation was expressed for the work of the officers and committees of the Meeting who have just completed their terms of service.

Minutes

The minutes of the May Meeting for Business were read and approved with the following corrections:

Under "Correspondence" on page one, it was noted that the letter from Liz and Tom Head reported that they had requested a transfer of membership from Multnomah Monthly Meeting to this Meeting.

Under "Nominating Committee", it was noted that the Meeting had approved the slate presented by the Nominating Committee, with the exception of the Alternate Clerk and the recommendations made at the May meeting. We were reminded that the Nominating Committee's recommendation that members only be considered for the Worship and Ministry Committee was again presented in May, but no action was taken.

On page 3, in the fourth line of the first full paragraph, the word "important" was deleted.

Correspondence

The Clerk shared with the Meeting a number of items received in the mail, which will be posted on the bulletin board. The Meeting asked the Clerk to use her judgment in posting/circulating materials received by the Meeting. We were reminded that our Meeting regularly contributes to five organizations, and that other contributions are made on a special basis when requests come to the Meeting through members and attenders.

A letter was read from Sheila Moran, resigning her membership in the Society of Friends. Sheila stated her belief that

membership is a "primary commitment"; as she has become active in Mary Magdalen parish in North Berkeley, she feels a need to formalize her commitment there. She does not feel she is moving away from Friends; but, rather, closer to God in her daily life. Although it is customary to appoint a committee to visit with a Friend who is resigning from membership, neither Sheila nor others have felt this is necessary in this case. This matter will be held over for one month before final action is taken. This will allow Friends to visit with Sheila before a formal letter accepting her resignation is prepared.

Letters and cards were noted from members and former members. We were informed that a letter had been sent to the Yearly Meeting from this Meeting, asking for the transfer of \$400 from the Fund for Concerns to the Peace Pedaler's Fund.

Overseers

Marc Lambert, Clerk, reported. Overseers met twice during the past month, and now meet on the Thursday after business meeting, with an open concerns period at 7:00 p.m. to start the meeting. Four individuals have moved towards membership in the Meeting, and have been visited. Overseers recommended approval of the transfer of Kate Buckner from Orange Grove Monthly Meeting, and, pending receipt of a certificate of transfer, the transfer of Liz and Tom Head from Multnomah Monthly Meeting. Overseers also recommended accepting Bob Maynard into membership. As is our custom, these items will be held over for final action next month.

Overseers reminded Friends that we are all a visiting committee for our Friends in need. John Ullman is now at the Salem Lutheran Convalescent Home on Fruitvale Avenue in Oakland. Plans are progressing for an appropriate celebration of his 90th birthday. In the meantime, John may be reached by phone and also visited. A Friend mentioned her sense of "overload" in dealing with John's needs, and was encouraged to meet with the Overseers, who will survey the situation and reflect on the nature of the Meeting's commitment to John Ullman's needs.

It was reported that a clearness committee had met with Robert Don. The committee does not intend to meet again. We were told that, following meeting for worship on June 6, Robbie expressed his regrets that he would not be at meeting for business, and told us that he has postponed his application for membership.

Worship and Ministry

Tom Head, Clerk, reported. The old and new committees met jointly on May 10 and discussed the responsibilities of the Committee and their hopes for the future. At their next meeting, the Committee will consider a variety of items related to the spiritual needs of the Meeting and our physical location.

Treasurer

Our new Treasurer, Susan Burr, has met with our outgoing Treasurer, Carl Anderson. Carl reported that a special account has been set up for funds earmarked for John Woolman School.

It was reported that the Meeting has been in contact with Barbara Arnold of the Graduate Theological Union, who suggested that a \$10 per month increase in our rental fee would be appreciated. The Meeting approved this increase and the concurrent increase of \$40 in our budgeted expenditures for the year.

Hospitality

Sally Summers has resigned from this Committee, and the Nominating Committee was asked to find a replacement for her.

Nominating

Bill Cooper reported. Mary Louise Lambert has volunteered for the position of Transportation Coordinator, and the Meeting gratefully approved her service in this area.

The Committee nominated Barbara Emmons for service on the First Day School Committee, and this nomination will be held for one month, with final action at our next meeting. The Committee is looking for others to serve on this important body, and we were told that Pat Dienstfrey has resigned as co-convenor.

The Nominating Committee is having difficulty finding a FCNL representative.

The Meeting approved the recommendations held over from last month: first, that John Bird serve as our representative to FASE, and, second, that Amy Block serve as a member of the Retreat Committee.

First Day School Committee

Barbara Emmons reported. Plans for the summer months include two groups - one for infants and one for the older children. Three individuals will be needed each week - one to assist with infant care and two to work with the older children. If needed, the Committee will hire Meeting teenagers for child care. There will be no programs or childcare on the July 4 and Labor Day holiday weekends.

The Committee asked for donations of old crib sheets for the infant care program.

Committee members have each chosen a particular age group as their area of interest. They will be contacting people in the Meeting to see if, what and who they would like to teach. Although a hard and fast schedule has not been established, they

hope to find individuals willing to teach for four to six week periods. An "extensive and expensive" curriculum published jointly by Friends General Conference and Friends United Meeting is being reviewed.

We were reminded that the we need to support this Committee in the important work they oversee. Strawberry Creek Meeting includes 20 + children, roughly 1/3 of our membership. We need to devote at least 1/3 of our time to them.

Alternate Clerk

In considering this matter, held over from our last meeting, we were reminded that strength and power lie within the Meeting as a corporate body, not in individuals within the Meeting. We were asked to help each other, and, in particular, to approach those Friends in positions of responsibility within the Meeting when we feel we or they are "wrong".

With one Friend standing aside, the Meeting approved the nomination of Susie McAlpine as Alternate Clerk. Appreciation was expressed for Friends' willingness to struggle on the issues involved.

Letter of Support for Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day

The committee appointed last month presented a proposed letter from Strawberry Creek to the other Monthly Meetings within College Park Quarterly Meeting. This was approved with some editorial corrections, and a copy is attached to these minutes.

Recommendations from the Nominating Committee

Several recommendations have been held over from prior meetings:

First, that nominations, if questioned, be referred to the Clerk and the Clerks of Nominating and Oversight for consideration and recommendations.

Second, that the Hospitality Committee be a subcommittee of Oversight and the Retreat Committee of Worship and Ministry.

Third, that we establish a Peace and Social Order Subcommittee under Worship and Ministry.

It was noted that these concerns are tied in with the concern over membership in the Society of Friends as a prerequisite to committee membership, and that these might be a topic for an after meeting discussion at some future point.

Although no formal action was taken at this time on these recommendations, the Meeting approved asking the Nominating

Committee to contact those persons who have expressed interest in working on peace and social order issues. They will be encouraged to meet as an ad-hoc committee during the summer months, bringing any action items to the Meeting for approval. During this time, they can develop a sense of what is there to be done and how Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting can act. This arrangement will be reviewed at our first meeting in the fall.

Other Concerns

Several present reported on recent and ongoing activities and issues in the area of peace and social order. In response to a prior recommendation, the Meeting approved subscribing to the monthly calendar of peace activities in the Bay Area, at \$15 per year.

The Clerk accepted responsibility for taking care or delegating care of the Meeting's bulletin board.

Next Meeting

Thanks were expressed to the Lamberts for their hospitality. Our next meeting for business will be held Thursday, July 1, so as to not conflict with the July 4 holiday weekend, and will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Barbara Perry. As is our custom, we will hold no meeting in August. In September, so as not to conflict with the Labor Day holiday weekend, we will meet on the second Sunday, September 12.

The meeting closed with a period of worship at 8:50 p.m., with 21 present.

Sam Cox
Recording Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Meeting for Business
Thursday, July 1, 1982
Home of Barbara Perry, Berkeley
Barbara Graves, Clerk, Presiding.

The meeting opened at 6:35 p.m. with a period of worship. Twenty-five individuals were present. The seventh set of queries, on self discipline, was read.

A number of changes were made to the printed agenda. Friends were encouraged to contact the Clerk with agenda items prior to each meeting for business.

Minutes

In response to a concern voiced, the minutes of the June meeting were changed to reflect that letters and cards had been received from Paul Jolly, Eleanor Warnock, and Rachel Goodwin and Bruce Sunstein.

The names of the members of the Clearness Committee which met with Robert Don were added to the minutes: Jim Barnard, Barbara Emmons, Dick Emmons, and Larry Perry.

With these emendations, the June minutes were approved.

Correspondence

Two letters requesting membership have been received. One, from Margaret Parker Ely, requests membership for herself and junior membership for her children. The other is from Elizabeth Perry. A letter from Bob Maynard requesting junior membership for his daughter Adrienne was apparently lost in transit, and a fresh copy was prepared. These letters were all forwarded to Overseers.

A letter from the Regional Office of the American Friends Service Committee asking that we appoint someone to serve as a liaison with that office was forwarded to the Nominating Committee.

Significant portions of a letter from Betsy Dearborn were printed in our last newsletter, and the complete letter will be posted. The Clerk read a letter of introduction prepared for Betsy, and this was approved by the Meeting.

A letter was read requesting that we designate a contact person for the annual Harvest Festival, held to benefit the Friends Committee on Legislation, and/or that we, as a Meeting, take part in this worthwhile activity. This will be printed in the newsletter.

Resignation of Sheila Moran

We were reminded that we have not "lost" Sheila. We share in the joy her continuing discoveries on her spiritual pathway bring. Marc Lambert and Andrea Semons were appointed to prepare, sign on behalf of the Meeting, and forward to Sheila an appropriate letter releasing her from membership.

Overseers

Marc Lambert reported. Brief biographical information was shared on each of the four individuals recommended last month for membership: Kate Buckner, Liz and Tom Head, and Bob Maynard. With great joy, the Meeting approved accepting the transfers of Kate Buckner from Orange Grove Meeting and Liz and Tom Head from Multnomah Monthly Meeting (pending receipt of a certificate of transfer), and accepting Bob Maynard into membership.

In considering the question of the Meeting's continuing relationship to John Ullman's needs, Overseers agreed that our best role is to provide assistance when, where and however appropriate, but that decisions need to be left to his family and a long-time friend. John has moved to the Chapparal Intermediate Care Facility in Berkeley. The Facility has a program which brings together preschoolers and the residents. At least one Meeting child is part of this program; perhaps others might also take part. John's 90th birthday was celebrated joyously with a picnic at the Lafayette Reservoir.

In considering the concerns held over from previous meetings on committee composition and function, Overseers suggested that they make appropriate arrangements for a working session on these concerns in the fall. The Meeting asked Overseers to bring a suggested format and content for such a session to our September meeting.

Worship and Ministry

Tom Head reported. The committee has discussed the formation of worship sharing groups within the Meeting, and a statement on this will appear in the newsletter. A detailed precis of the committee's discussions on how a Peace and Social Order Committee might relate to Worship and Ministry has been prepared and will be shared with the ad-hoc Peace and Social Order group. Worship and Ministry continues to regularly consider the spiritual life of the Meeting. Believing that it would be helpful for newcomers to have a small printed handout available to them describing the nature of Quaker worship, the committee will be inviting examples from other Meetings for examination.

Recognizing that there are both good and bad aspects to our current site for Meetings for Worship, the committee has agreed to consider our physical location further in January, 1983. In responding to this, Friends pointed out that staying at the Graduate Theological Union through June, 1983 would be beneficial for our children's program.

The committee proposed that the queries for the month be read early in the hour of worship on the first Sunday of each month. Although recognizing that some Friends might have concerns about possible interference with the unprogrammed nature of our worship, Worship and Ministry felt that this practice, widespread among Friends, would contribute greatly at this point in the Meeting's life. After some discussion, the item was referred back to the committee for further seasoning.

Worship and Ministry also proposed that the Meeting be listed in the directory which appears monthly in Friends Journal, at a cost of approximately \$20 per year. It was stated that such a listing had been approved in the past, but never acted on, and the Committee was asked to proceed with such a listing.

Nominating

Michael Hartman reported. The committee has carried on extensive telephone conversations over the past two months. The ad-hoc Peace and Social Order group has not yet been named. More members are urgently needed for the Hospitality Committee. The Meeting enthusiastically approved the nomination made last month of Barbara Emmons to the First Day School Committee.

First Day School Committee

Jean McCandless reported. The committee has had a very good response to their search for instructors for the First Day School program, and is now trying to establish age breakdowns for the various classes. Ordering the curriculum planned for use next year will cost about \$200, including both teacher's manuals and children's materials. In addition, the Committee is seeking to augment its budget by \$15, to increase the amount paid to the infant care person. The committee was encouraged to order at least the first quarter's worth of curriculum materials, with the expectation that \$60 will be available in addition to this year's budgeted amount. Further funding should be available through the next fiscal year's budget, which we expect at our September meeting.

Thanks were expressed to Rachel Ann Elder, who has initiated a rotating loan of toys for the infant care area, and has donated a number of crib sheets. Gratitude was expressed to Jean McCandless for her efforts on behalf of the First Day School program. The committee is having difficulty arranging for childcare during the summer months, and a sign-up sheet was passed around.

Treasurer

Susan Burr reported on our funds. These figures have been rounded off.

	<u>General</u>	<u>Peace Pedallers</u>
Opening Balance	\$ 307	\$ 1,590
Contributions in May and June	635	2,465
Expenses in May and June	<u>126</u>	<u>2,803</u>
Closing Balance	<u>\$ 816</u>	<u>\$ 1,252</u>

The John Woolman School Working Capital Fund had an income of \$25, which was promptly passed on to the School.

Friends were reminded that the annual budget for our current fiscal year, ending October 31, is approximately \$3,500. If 35 individuals contribute to the work of the Meeting, this suggests an average contribution of \$100.

Budget requests for the next fiscal year should be forwarded to the Finance Committee soon, as they expect to present a proposed budget at our September meeting.

Other Business and Announcements

We were informed of an upcoming dinner for a visiting South African Friend, which will be hosted by Ax Nelson of Berkeley Monthly Meeting. Berkeley Monthly Meeting is also sponsoring a skills pool, called "Join Hands", details of which will appear in our next newsletter.

During the absence of the Clerk (July through August) and the Alternate Clerk (July), Dick Emmons has agreed to serve as a "foster parent" for the Meeting. During the absence of the Clerk of Worship and Ministry, Rachel Ann Elder will convene the committee.

Chris Hogeness volunteered to serve with Mary Miche and Gerri Maynard on the Hospitality Committee, and his willingness to serve was gladly accepted by the Meeting. Hospitality Committee's duties will be spelled out in the newsletter, along with a request for additional members.

Margaret Willits agreed to serve as an informal contact with Harvest Festival. The Nominating Committee was asked to activate the ad-hoc Peace and Social Order committee approved at our June meeting.

We were reminded of the births of Anna Barnhart and ^{Robin}~~Mary~~ Louise Tittle this past month. Maggie Ely expressed her thanks to the Meeting for its support during her recent disability, and thanks were expressed to Mary Miche for arranging John Ullman's 90th birthday celebration. Our hearts are with Barbara Emmons at this time, following the death of her father.

With thanks to Barbara Perry for her hospitality, the Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m. with a period of worship, to meet again for business on Sunday, September 12, 1982 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Ann Elder.

In our closing worship, a Friend spoke of the joy we witness when, amid physical, financial, emotional, mental and spiritual depression, we see people commit themselves to Friends and to our Meeting. We were reminded that we need to listen carefully to each other, so that we can carry out our decisions.

Sam Cox
Recording Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Meeting for Business
Sunday, September 12, 1982
Home of Rachel Ann Elder, Berkeley
Barbara Graves, Clerk, Presiding

The meeting opened in worship at 6:35 p.m. with twenty-two persons present. The queries on Witness were read.

Minutes and Agenda

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved with a few changes. The names of Margaret Ely's children - Geoffrey, Benjamin, and Catherine - were added, and it was noted that the Tittle infant is named Robin Louise, not Mary Louise.

A number of changes were made to the printed agenda.

Correspondence/Announcements

A number of miscellaneous items were circulated for our perusal. A letter from Marc Lambert was read. Due to the press of his responsibilities, he feels he must resign as our representative to College Park Quarterly Meeting. It was agreed to ask Larry Perry to serve in this capacity; if he is unable to do so, the matter will be brought back to the Meeting in October.

Overseers

Marc Lambert reported. A letter was read from Shirley Ruth, regarding John Ullmann's living situation. Shirley is available as a contact person for those with concerns about John. She particularly noted in her letter the "loving care of Strawberry Creek Friends." John continues to welcome visitors. Ted Dienstfrey will be bringing John to worship on Sundays.

The Committee recommended junior membership for Adrienne Maynard, and the Meeting approved this joyfully. The membership committee for Elizabeth Perry has met, and recommends accepting her into membership. Although presently away at college, she is well-known to us through her participation in the life of the Meeting since its beginning as the South Berkeley/North Oakland Worship Group. As is our custom, this item will hold over for final action next month. The membership committee for Margaret Ely has met. Overseers continue to keep in touch with distant members and attenders.

In response to the request forwarded to Overseers at our last business meeting, the Committee had made arrangements for an all-Meeting workshop on our committees on Saturday, September 25. Concerns have been voiced since the arrangements were made, and the Meeting approved asking Meeting officers and clerks of committees to meet on that day to further define the issues for the Meeting.

Ministry and Worship

Rachel Ann Elder reported that the Committee continues to work on worship-sharing groups. In discussing a Meeting library, the Committee felt that we might start by posting notices of books we would be willing to lend from our personal

libraries. We were reminded that we need to persevere in our efforts to know one another.

Retreat

Mary Mikesell reported that the Committee has met and set up a framework for a retreat in early November on "Ministry in Meeting (From a Personal Point of View)". Further details will be forthcoming.

Mary also reported that the letter given her last spring by the Meeting made it safely through her trip East and returned to the West with five endorsements, but was lost when her purse was stolen shortly after her return.

Hospitality

Mary Miche announced an upcoming welcoming for new members on Sunday, October 24 after worship. In response to a concern about a "master calendar" of Meeting activities, the Recording Clerk was asked to keep such a calendar, and help the Meeting avoid conflicting dates and times for events and committee meetings.

Nominating

Michael Hartman reported that the ad-hoc Peace and Social Order Committee (Susie McAlpine, Carl Anderson and Kathy Barnhart) has met and will meet again after worship on Sunday, September 19.

Treasurer

Susan Burr reported on the state of our funds.

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Peace Pedalers</u>
Opening Balance	\$ 800	\$ 1,200
Contributions, July - August	425	1,000
Expenses, July - August	(601)	(1,350)
Closing Balance	\$ 624	\$ 850

The Treasurer will see to it that appropriate arrangements are made for the transfer of funds from the Yearly Meeting's Fund for Concerns to the Peace Pedalers' account.

Finance

Bob Maynard presented a draft budget for our next fiscal year, beginning November 1, 1982. (A copy is attached.) A number of questions were raised. It was noted that we are not currently able to include a line item in the budget for peace and social concerns, but await any recommendations the ad-hoc Peace and Social Order Committee may have. Funds for our retreat are included in the budget of the Ministry and Worship Committee. An item headed "Donations: Other" reflects funds passed on this year to the Peace Academy and the Peace Pedalers, and it was suggested that this item be deleted from the final budget.

It was pointed out that the approximately 17% increase in our budget for next year reflects a corresponding increase in participation in Meeting activities. Once again, Friends were reminded of the need for us to include contributions to the Meeting in our personal budgets. The Finance Committee was asked to take the comments made at this meeting under consideration and return the budget to us for final approval next month.

Religious Education

Jean McCandless called our attention to the report on goals and plans for the First-day School which appeared in the last issue of our newsletter. Today was the first day of the new term, and she felt it went well. The Committee has a large share of ongoing business to attend to, and uneven committee participation has caused some difficulties. Currently the Committee is establishing a working relationship with the new Assistant Minister for Christian Education at the University Christian Church.

Time of Business Meeting

We were reminded that several years ago our business meetings were moved to evening sessions, and that they then altered seasonally, being held in the evening during the summer months and during the day in winter. It was proposed that it might be easier for parents with children if we returned to daytime business meetings, at least during the winter months.

Several possibilities were presented. We could hold business meetings after worship on Sundays, with or without a sack lunch for the adults, but definitely with childcare and food for the younger ones. Evening meetings could continue, perhaps on weeknights, and perhaps beginning at 7:00 p.m. or later so as not to conflict with family dinner hours. In addition to questions of personal timing, a number of other questions arose. We need to find out if the building we occupy for worship would be available for a longer period on Sundays. What kind of childcare and childcare facilities would be needed or available for a day-time business meeting? What are the costs associated with these?

Barbara Perry volunteered to contact other Meetings to find out how they handle business meetings and childcare, and she, Dick Emmons and Jean McCandless were asked to form a committee, prepare a questionnaire on the issue for the newsletter, and report back to the Meeting at a later date.

New Business and Adjournment

Friends were reminded that our agenda is established to allow us to deal with items of business in a responsible, caring fashion. Individuals with concerns should, where at all possible, present these in writing. Sometimes concerns may be dealt with most expeditiously by a committee of the Meeting.

With thanks to Rachel Ann Elder for her hospitality, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with a period of silent worship, to meet again on Sunday, October 3 at the home of Maggie Ely.

Sam Cox
Recording Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Meeting for Business
Sunday, October 3, 1982
Home of Maggie Ely, Berkeley
Barbara Graves, Clerk, Presiding

The meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. with a period of worship, followed by the reading of the queries on Social Justice. Twenty-five were present. In speaking to the queries, we were reminded that we need to face oppression with courage and faith, and that it is important to remember to reach out to the violator as well as the violated.

Agenda/Minutes: The prepared agenda was approved with a few additions. The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence: The Clerk read two letters to the Meeting. The first, from Carl Anderson, told us of an opportunity for him to attend a conference in New York City on "No First Use of Nuclear Weapons", and asked for a travelling minute from the Meeting. A number of Friends were unclear about granting such a minute. Faith and Practice indicates that a travelling minute is given for service within the Society of Friends, and involves a clearness process which cannot be followed in this case due to the press of time. In considering this, the Meeting approved minuting our encouragement of Carl in his travels, and writing him a letter to that effect.

The second letter was from Christopher Emmons, applying for membership, and announcing his wedding next June to Leslie Ann Wilfong, which he hopes will be under the care of the Meeting. This letter was referred to Overseers.

Nominating Committee: Barbara Graves reported for Michael Hartman. The Committee recommends that Tom Head serve as our liaison with the American Friends Service Committee, and this was approved. It was also noted that Larry Perry has agreed to serve as our representative to College Park Quarterly Meeting.

The Clerk noted that it was now time to appoint the Ad-Hoc Committee to Nominate the Nominating Committee, and the Meeting approved Liz Head and Sam Cox for this service, with Mary Louise Lambert joining them if she is able. They will report back at a later date.

Peace and Social Order: Two sign-up sheets were circulated--one for canvassing in support of the Nuclear Freeze Initiative and the other for the provision of services as a fund-raiser for the Freeze.

Finance Committee: Barbara Graves reported for Bob Maynard. Finance recommended that we drop the contribution to the Peace Academy from our Fiscal Year 1983 budget, but encourage individuals to contribute as they feel led. It was also recommended that the category of "Other Donations" be cut in half. The Meeting approved dropping the contribution to the Peace Academy, and cut the "Other Donations" item completely from next year's budget. We were reminded that our budget is large, and we should discipline ourselves to examine special situations as they arise. With these changes, the proposed budget for 1983 was approved.

It was also noted that expenses of committee clerks are reimbursable from their committee's budget.

Ministry and Worship Committee: Rachel Ann Elder reported on on-going and upcoming activities. The Committee is also working on the lighting and housekeeping of our meetingroom at the Graduate Theological Union.

Retreat Committee: Mary Mikesell reported that the Fall Retreat will be held Saturday, November 20 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Hillside Swedenborgian.

A Spring Retreat is planned for a weekend near the Easter holidays. The Committee has considered two locations--Alpine Lodge on Mt. Tamalpais and Quaker Center, Ben Lomond. Our choice of location must reflect our decisions on the type of lodging we desire, space and childcare requirements, travel distances, and costs. The lodge facilities at Quaker Center would be more expensive than similar arrangements at Alpine Lodge, but Quaker Center needs the money. It was suggested that we use Alpine Lodge and try to find other ways to contribute to Quaker Center. It was apparent that Friends would prefer to hold the Spring Retreat at Alpine Lodge, and the Committee was instructed to act accordingly.

Some concern was also expressed about cooking arrangements. The Committee proposed assigning particular meals to individuals or groups to prepare, with an "evening-out" of expenses after the Retreat. Some Friends felt it would be better to have the meals prepared by one person, as has been done in the past. The Meeting expressed its belief that the Retreat Committee would make whatever arrangements seem best.

John Ullman has expressed interest in dealing with the existential questions of life and death. In consultation with him, the Retreat Committee is making arrangements for a mini-retreat for John with six or seven other Friends. Amy Block and Andrea Semons will coordinate this, in consultation with Shirley Ruth.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Burr reported that the funds from Pacific Yearly Meeting for the Peace Pedalers are forthcoming.

Overseers: Marc Lambert reported. The Meeting approved the membership of Elizabeth Perry, held over from last month.

Overseers recommended that Margaret Ely be accepted into membership by conviction, and that Geoffrey, Catherine and Benjamin Ely be recorded as junior members. As is our custom, this will hold over for final action in November, at which time we will also hear a brief biographical sketch of the Elys.

Overseers reminded the Meeting of the statement on junior membership we adopted on December 7, 1980, which is similar to statements in Faith and Practice.

Marc then reported on the workshop held September 25 on the function and structure of Meeting committees. A number of Meeting officers and clerks of committees were present, and several helpful suggestions were made.

The workshop recommended that the Meeting adopt a policy that:

Sub-committees and ad-hoc committees are usually set up by an already existing committee or the Meeting to do a specific job, and are laid down when the job is done. Committees with on-going functions are usually appointed as regular standing committees of the Meeting.

This was approved, and we agreed this means that Retreat and Hospitality will continue to function as standing committees of the Meeting.

The workshop also reminded the Meeting that all committees are expected to work closely with each other on issues of common interest. Committees are encouraged to report as often as necessary to the Monthly Meeting. Recommendations for action, of course, must be presented for Meeting consideration. Items of general information, such as upcoming activities, might be best summarized in the newsletter rather than reported at business meeting.

When considering the place and role of members and attenders as Meeting officers and on Meeting committees, the workshop proposed the following:

In its growth as a constituent part of Pacific Yearly Meeting, Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting has reached the point where it is able to fully comply with the requirements set forth in the Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice. These specify that officers, members of the Oversight and Ministry and Worship committees, and clerks of other Meeting committees shall be members of the Meeting. Attenders are welcome to participate in the activities of the Meeting, including service on committees other than Oversight and Ministry and Worship. But final responsibility for all decisions rests with the members. Where exceptional circumstances arise, the Meeting may consider altering its practices, but such a situation would be an exception and not a general rule.

A number of questions were raised in connection with this proposal. We were asked if the word "members" would refer only to members of Strawberry Creek Meeting or generally to members of the Society of Friends. It was felt that a specific list of our officers and committees with appropriate membership requirements would be helpful, and would serve as a useful guide for the Nominating Committee. Faith and Practice is ambiguous about membership requirements for the office of Recorder and for members of the Nominating Committee. We were asked to think about these questions for one month, bringing them up again in November.

An individual asked if limiting a committee's membership to members would effectively close the committee's meetings. It was pointed out that open meetings are not inconsistent with specific membership requirements. Those with concerns are welcome to bring them to meetings of Ministry and Worship, and to Overseers.

The workshop reminded the Meeting of our nominations process:

A slate of nominations is presented to the Monthly Meeting at least one month in advance of any action on it. Before such action occurs, those with concerns and questions are expected to consult with the Nominating Committee. We are all reminded that nomination to an office or a committee is not the same as appointment to such a position. Our process allows for changes to the proposed slate where such may be appropriate. The most important part of the process is our ability to trust each other and our committees, and to continue to be straightforward and honest with each other.

In considering the question of what is involved in service on a committee, the workshop suggested the following:

Each Meeting committee should prepare a "job description" for itself, giving information on the tasks the committee undertakes, membership, time commitments, and the like. These descriptions should be published in some form before the Nominating Committee begins its search for new committee members. This will allow all within the Meeting to know what each committee does and make a responsible judgement on where each may be of service.

It was hoped this would be done. The Meeting thanked those who participated in the workshop for their assistance in guiding us to clarity on these questions.

Hospitality Committee: Mary Miche reported. We were reminded that our Transportation Coordinator is Mary Louise Lambert. Hospitality sees greeting and welcoming newcomers to the Meeting as one of their functions. They also see an ongoing need for an orientation session for newcomers, giving them information about the Meeting and its processes. This concern was referred to Overseers.

Religious Education Committee: Barbara Voorhees Emmons reported that First-day School is going well, and the children are settling in to their programs. The Committee is looking forward to a "bang-up" Christmas celebration.

Other Business/Adjournment: Larry Perry gave a brief report on actions taken at the spring College Park Quarterly Meeting. There were a number of announcements of upcoming needs and events.

The meeting adjourned with a period of worship at 8:45 p.m., to meet again on Sunday, November 7 at the home of Barbara Perry.

Sam Cox
Recording Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
of the RELIGIOUS SOCIETY of FRIENDS

Meeting for Business
Sunday, November 7, 1982
Home of Barbara Perry, Berkeley
Susie MacAlpine, Alternate Clerk, Presiding

The meeting opened at 6:35 p.m. with a period of worship. This ended with the reading of the queries for the eleventh month. Twenty-six persons were present; each introduced him or herself in turn around the circle.

Minutes: The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved with one correction: that the Worship and Ministry Committee be referred to consistently as such.

Correspondence: The clerk read a letter received from Shirley Ruth about John Ullman's life and involvement with Strawberry Creek Meeting. The clerk referred to the Overseers a letter of application for membership from Amy Block. Kate Buckner requested a letter of introduction. She plans to leave at the end of November for Honduras, where she will serve as an international observer in a refugee camp on the border of El Salvador. Then she will continue on to meet with the Monte Verde, Costa Rica Friends' Meeting. The clerk was asked to write such a letter.

Overseers: Marc Lambert, clerk, reported on the Overseers' meeting of October 7th: 1. The membership committee for Christopher Emmons has been formed and is ready to meet with him when he returns to the Bay Area. It consists of Marc Lambert, clerk, Jim Navarro, and Rachel Ann Elder. 2. The marriage committee for Christopher Emmons and Leslie Wilfong, composed of Andrea Semons, clerk, Bill and Cornelia Cooper, and John McCarthy and Kathy Barnhart, is also ready to meet with them when they are here. 3. The Oversight Committee and the Worship and Ministry Committee held a joint meeting on October 21st. 4. A current list of members of Strawberry Creek has been compiled; members of other meetings who are active in Strawberry Creek are included. 5. The next meeting of the Overseers will be at 7 p.m. November 11th at the Lambert residence.

The meeting joyfully approved the membership of Margaret Ely and of her 3 children as junior members. This action had been held over from the October meeting. Lynne Bird presented a biographical sketch of the Ely's: Margaret, Geoffrey, Catherine, and Benjamin.

Peace and Social Order Committee: Carl Anderson, convenor, reported for this committee. Its present members include Kathy Barnhart, Susie MacAlpine, Jonathan Harris, Jim Barnard, Susan Blanc, and Carl Anderson. At its last meeting, the committee discussed its role, and worked on proposition 12. Twelve persons canvassed in Martinez for prop. 12. Carl thanked Friends for the letter of support he received for his trip to the New York conference on "No First Use of Nuclear Weapons". The next committee meeting will be at Kathy Barnhart's home on November 11.

Jim Barnard noted that a film called "The Change of Heart" is being made about one of the affinity groups of the June 21st Livermore Action. Money is continuing to be raised, for its completion. A preliminary screening of the film is being coordinated with the Berkeley Friends' Meeting. The meeting approved co-sponsoring this event.

Jim Barnard will serve as a liason between the Worship & Ministry and Peace and Social Order Committees.

At the December Meeting for Business, the meeting will discuss when the Peace and Social Order Committee should appropriately request meeting approval for sponsorship of events.

First Day School: Jean McCandless, clekk, stated that plans are progressing well for the Christmas program. Further details will be available in the December newsletter. This committee is in the process of making contacts with prospective teachers for the period of January through June 1983. The purchased curriculum is being used. Four first day school classes are being held, and infant care is also being provided.

Retreat Committee: Amy Block reported that the fall retreat will be held on Sat., Nov. 20 from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Hillside Community Church in El Cerrito. The theme will center on "Ministry: a personal view". The spring retreat will be March 18-20, 1983 at the Alpine Lodge on Mt. Tamalpais.

Michael Turner noted that there will be a silent retreat entitled "Choose Life" on Fri., Dec. 10th in Berkeley.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Burr, treasurer, presented the report for September and October, 1982. The General Fund balance is \$139.15. Contributions in the amount of \$435.00 have been received, which will bring this balance to \$574.15. The Peace Pedalers' Fund balance is \$1089.93. An additional \$25. received will bring this to \$1114.93. The Peace Pedalers have completed their trip, and are now returning to the Bay Area. Some of their expenses are yet forthcoming.

Committee to Nominate the Nominating Committee: In behalf of this committee, Liz Head presented the names of Dick Emmons, clerk, Bob Maynard, and Andrea Semons in nomination for the nominating committee. All are willing to serve, if so requested by the meeting. The nominations were held over until the December meeting, for action to be taken. A Friend urged further consideration of the advisability of having several persons on one committee serve the Meeting in more than one capacity simultaneously.

Nominating Committee: Susie MacAlpine shared a report from Michael Hartman, clerk of the nominating committee. He described the committee's current mode of considering members and attenders for nomination to fulfill various Meeting responsibilities. The committee has tried to follow Faith and Practice, in its work.

Worship and Ministry: Tom Head, clerk, reported on the joint meeting of the Worship & Ministry and Oversight Committees held on October 21.

It focused on a discussion of the issues related to membership and on further considering the statement proposed at the October 3rd Meeting for Business. Although the meeting ended without specific action or recommendation, the group found unity in several observations:

1. With respect to the role of Faith & Practice, they found it more meaningful to speak of guidance rather than compliance. 2. Openness to exceptions to the guidelines of F & P was seen as being important in this statement. 3. The importance of encouraging faithful attenders to give consideration to membership was underscored.

A revision of the workshop minute was attempted at the meeting, and continued beyond the meeting by Barbara Graves and Leonard Joy. The product of that continuing effort stands presently as follows:

"Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting has grown and matured to a state in which we now feel able to follow the guidance of Faith & Practice with regard to the composition of committees and the need for members to carry the responsibilities as officers and clerks. In recognizing the general wisdom of so doing, we wish to clearly recognize the wisdom, also, of being open to exceptions. When there are attenders among us whom we recognize as clearly exemplifying the qualifications and commitment for tasks to be done on behalf of the meeting, we would hope that their gifts might be sought as clerks, members of committees or officers of the Meeting.

A related concern leads us to urge Oversight to be actively sensitive to the possibility that consistent attenders may wish to be committed to membership and unsure whether or how to proceed without gentle invitation. We hope that Oversight will seek to identify individual attenders who may feel themselves already within our spiritual community and desirous of making their commitment to membership."

Following a pithy discussion, the preceding minute was adopted by the meeting, with the addition of "more nearly" in the second line. The first sentence now reads,

"Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting has grown and matured to a state in which we now feel more nearly able to follow the guidance of Faith & Practice with regard to the composition of committees and the need for members to carry the responsibilities as officers and clerks."

This minute is intended to offer guidance to the nominating committee in its search for persons to appropriately fill positions within the Meeting. It does not reflect unity of the Meeting, beyond this.

Concerns: 1. A discussion of the timing of Meeting for Business was laid over until the December meeting. 2. Michael Turner expressed concerns about the Simpson-Mazzoli Immigration Bill now in Congress. He urged all present to actively fight against it.

Thanks was extended to Joyce Samati for serving as recording clerk at this meeting, and to Barbara Perry for providing her home for the meeting.

The meeting adjourned with a period of silent worship at 9:15 p.m. The next meeting for Business will be held on Sun., Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of the Maynards, 1049 Mandana Blvd., Oakland.

Joyce & Samati, acting Recording Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
Meeting for Business
Sunday, December 5, 1982
Home of Bob and Gerry Maynard, Oakland
Barbara Graves, Clerk, Presiding

The meeting opened at 6:35 p.m. with a period of worship. Twenty-eight were in attendance during the evening. The clerk announced that, as the queries are now being read during worship on the first Sunday of each month, we will dispense with reading them at business meeting. A special welcome was extended to two who have returned to us -- Christopher Emmons, back from Earlham College for the holidays, and Paul Jolly, back from the Peace Pedalers' bicycle trip.

Agenda: The prepared agenda was approved with a few additions.

Minutes: The minutes of the November meeting were read. Larry Perry, who had not been able to be present at that meeting, stated his objections to the minute on membership requirements for officers and committee members, which he does not find helpful. The minutes were approved.

Committee to Nominate

the Nominating Committee: The report presented last month was brought forward for final approval, and the Meeting approved asking Dick Emmons, Mary Mikesell and Andrea Semons to serve as the Nominating Committee, with Dick Emmons serving as Clerk.

Time of Business Meeting: Dick Emmons reported on the results of a survey taken in September. Of 19 respondents, ten preferred evening meetings. Five would like to have business meeting after meeting for worship during the winter months, if childcare was available. Three indicated a desire for business meeting to take place on weeknights, and one indicated no preference.

During discussion, it was pointed out that some families might find it hard to meet at 6:30 p.m., which conflicts with some family dinner schedules. Others questioned the wisdom of holding business meeting after meeting for worship, fearing that holding business meeting at the G.T.U. might contribute to a loss of our informal style.

The Meeting approved holding our next business meeting at 7:00 p.m., feeling that a later start on Sunday evenings might help alleviate conflicts with family schedules. This schedule will continue until further change is felt desirable.

Peace Pedalers: Paul Jolly reported that all the bicyclists have returned. A final issue of their newsletter is due out, and they will hold an evening meeting in January to share their impressions. Gratitude was expressed for the support provided them by Strawberry Creek Meeting.

Overseers: Marc Lambert reported. Membership committees for Amy Block and Christopher Emmons have met. Barbara Perry has replaced Jim Navarro on the Emmons membership committee. The membership committee for Amy Block consists of Larry Perry (convenor), Ann Combs and Kate Buckner. The marriage committee for Christopher Emmons and Leslie Wilfong has met twice.

Overseers reminded us that we all have the opportunity and the privilege of making newcomers welcome. A more formal chance for newcomers to meet with Meeting members and get answers to their questions about Friends is being planned, with a small gathering scheduled for January 9 at the home of Barbara Graves after meeting for worship.

A proposal was presented that the Meeting establish some form of "Sharing Fund", either as a part of the Overseers' budget or as a special fund within the Meeting's budget under the care of Overseers. This arose from a need of a Friend last month. Other Meetings have addressed such needs by establishing funds which are disbursed either by the Overseers or by a gathering of Meeting clerks and the Meeting Treasurer. During the discussion which followed, there were no voices raised against the proposal. Friends did feel that the proposal should be approached cautiously. Perhaps requests for this sort of assistance should come first to the Monthly Meeting, giving us guidance as we learn how to set up and administer such a fund. The Monthly Meeting does, after all, have an interest in its funds, and transactions within the Meeting are expected to be confidential. It was stated that, in general, there are adequate funds within the Meeting's budget to respond to emergency needs. Overseers were asked to take the comments made under consideration and report back to us at a later date.

First-day School: Barbara Emmons reported that the Christmas pageant is progressing beautifully. Appreciation was expressed for the practice of reporting what is done in First-day School at the close of meeting for worship.

Worship and Ministry: Tom Head reported that the fall worship-sharing group has completed its series and seems to have met a need. A similar group in the new year will be led by Mary Mikesell.

Worship and Ministry plans to have an individual available after meeting for worship each week to informally answer questions for newcomers and others. Larry Perry will serve in this capacity in December.

The January meeting of the committee will consider our site for meeting for worship. To facilitate discussion of the issue, the meeting will be open to all, held after meeting for worship, and a questionnaire will be circulated with the January newsletter.

Finally, Worship and Ministry is still seeking a site for the Christmas Day meeting for worship.

Peace and Social Order: We were told about upcoming activities of this group, including a meeting for worship at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory on Thursday, December 16 from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. In January the committee will sponsor a potluck and discussion on the question of how we carry out peace and social order concerns in our daily lives. In February the topic will be the Children's Creative Response to Conflict program.

College Park Quarterly Meeting: Larry Perry reported that there is an ongoing concern within the Quarter on how information from Friends' organizations should be shared within the Monthly Meetings. An appeal has been made that each meeting designate a contact person for the Friends Committee on National Legislation. The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Vine Street Meeting House in Berkeley on Saturday, January 15, 1983.

Representatives: Larry Perry reported that he has considered the question of Meeting representation on Quaker organizations. He has come up with a list of organizations, and wonders if we wish to have a representative for all the groups we support. Should representatives be volunteers, or should they be sought out by the Nominating Committee? In thinking about this, Friends expressed their wish that this be referred to the Nominating Committee, which should bring in nominations for representatives in the same manner as it brings in nominations for other positions. If the Nominating Committee has questions, they are encouraged to raise these for the Meeting.

Retreat: Mary Mikesell noted that a report of the fall retreat will appear in the Newsletter. The date of the spring retreat will be changed, so as not to conflict with the AFSC annual meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Burr gave us the state of our finances.

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Peace Pedalers</u>
Opening Balance	\$ 140	\$ 1,115
Income - November	435	25
Expenses - November	<u>(236)</u>	<u>(465)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>\$ 339</u>	<u>\$ 650</u>

Susan also gave a closing report on our budget for Fiscal Year 1981-82. Income in the General Fund was projected at \$3,500, and we actually raised \$2,955. The Peace Pedalers Fund had income of \$9,182. There were 34 contributors to the General Fund, with an average of \$87 per contributor unit. With a new budget of approximately \$4,000, the average contribution would have to rise to \$118, unless other contributors come forward.

Announcements/Next Meeting: A number of announcements were made of upcoming events. Betty Hall asked that those interested in working on a Quarterly Meeting committee speak to her. Quarterly Meeting Directories are available through Larry Perry.

Because the first Sunday in January is the day after New Year's, it was agreed that the next meeting for business will be held on the second Sunday, January 9, 1983, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at the home of the Emmonsés in Lafayette.

With gratitude expressed to the Maynards for their hospitality, the meeting closed in worship at 8:35 p.m.

Sam Cox
Recording Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
Meeting for Business
Sunday, January 9, 1983
At the Emmons' Home, Lafayette
Barbara Graves, Clerk, Presiding

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship at 7:10 p.m. Twenty-seven persons were present during the course of the evening.

Agenda/Announcements: The prepared agenda was approved with a few additions. The Clerk reminded Friends that this is the month when all officers and committees of the Meeting should prepare their "job descriptions" and forward them to her for the Nominating Committee's guidance.

Minutes: The minutes of the December meeting were approved with the following emendations. In the section entitled "Time of Business Meeting", it was pointed out that the last sentence in the second paragraph suggests that our business style is informal, when what was said at the December meeting was that the GTU facility itself is more formal, especially when compared with the use of members' homes for meeting for business. The list of organizations mentioned by Larry Perry in his report on our representatives will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee for its use. Finally, we were reminded that the meeting originally scheduled for the home of Barbara Graves on Sunday, January 9 has been changed to Sunday, January 23.

Correspondence: The Clerk read a letter from Doug Gwyn, the new minister at the Berkeley Friends Church, expressing his hopes for a continuing interaction among Friends in the area.

Overseers: Marc Lambert reported. Overseers recommend that Amy Block be accepted into membership by convincement, and a brief biographical sketch was presented. As is our custom, this matter will hold over for one month for final action.

Two letters requesting membership have been received. The first is from Jane Rubin, whose visiting committee will consist of Lynn Bird (convenor), Liz Head and Bill Cooper. The second is from Betty Hall, whose committee will consist of Andrea Semons (convenor), Jim Barnard and John Bird.

Overseers recommend that the Meeting take the marriage of Chris Emmons and Leslie Wilfong under its care. As the wedding will be held in Richmond, Indiana, Warren Stabler (Clerk of Clerk Creek Meeting in Richmond) and Arthur and Sara Little have agreed to serve as our witnesses at the wedding. As is our custom, this matter will hold over for final action next month.

The following minute was presented by Overseers:

A sharing fund is to be used in confidence at the discretion of the Oversight Committee, in response to an emergency need; this help may or may not be requested by an individual for him/herself, but preferably will be; a person's relationship to the Meeting and length of association are factors to be considered. Overseers shall expect a follow-up report on the disbursement of this fund, and shall report its use to Business Meeting, keeping the name or identifiable features of the cause confidential (including not being mentioned in the Treasurer's report). Any funds used may be either on a grant or a loan basis, and shall be open to contributions or private fund-raising efforts, which may provide a substantial portion of the amount to be disbursed.

Discussion after the presentation of this minute centered around three items -- the question of confidentiality, the nature of the process by which funds are disbursed, and the fund-raising process. We were reminded that we need to support each other spiritually, physically, emotionally. Perhaps it would be best to see the fund as a discretionary, rather than a confidential, fund. If the circumstances or the case merits, greater secrecy may be maintained. But it is hoped that the Meeting can know the needs of its members.

With regards to the process questions, we were told that Overseers would benefit from having a fiscal limit to the fund spelled out, and the amount of \$150 was suggested. This would define our ability to help in personal emergencies, rather than long-term situations. We were also told that it is not necessary that this be a line item in our budget, but that the funds are available through the general budget. Some hesitation was expressed over the possibility that Overseers might be put in the position of "hustling funds" or being encouraged to do extra fund-raising. Perhaps possible ways for funds being replenished should be spelled out in the minute.

Having heard all these comments, Overseers agreed to bring a revised minute to the February meeting.

Worship and Ministry: Tom Head reported that the committee will hold an open meeting after worship on Sunday, January 16 to discuss our site for meeting for worship.

Peace and Social Order: Carl Anderson reported on recent and upcoming events. Twelve individuals participated in the meeting for worship at Lawrence Livermore Laboratory on December 16. The Meeting raised approximately \$300 and a considerable quantity of groceries for the Berkeley Friends Food Pantry project. The ad-hoc group was reminded that the Meeting awaits their recommendations for their on-going existence.

Hospitality: Mary Miche reported on recent and upcoming events. The committee feels that they do not always know of needs within the Meeting, and encourage Friends to bring news to them. They would also like to know who in the Meeting would enjoy visiting sick Friends.

Nominating: Dick Emmons reported. The committee held its first meeting immediately prior to business meeting. It plans to present a full slate of nominations to the April meeting. Nominations for Pacific Yearly Meeting representative and observer will be brought to the February meeting. As PYM's Representative Committee will meet the first Saturday in March, precluding our usual process of holding nominations over for one month for final approval, the Meeting agreed that nominations for PYM Representative and Observer will be presented, discussed, and final action taken at the February meeting.

Retreat: Mary Mikesell reported that the committee is having difficulty with dates for the Meeting retreat. Of several alternatives presented, they were encouraged to plan for the last weekend in March, if at all possible.

Next Meeting: The next meeting for business will be held at Oak Glen, 1236 Bonita Street in Berkeley, on Sunday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting closed with a period of worship at 8:35 p.m.

Sam Cox
Recording Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
Meeting for Business
Sunday, February 6, 1983
"Oak Glen", 1236 Bonita, Berkeley
Barbara Graves, Clerk, Presiding

The meeting opened with a period of worship at 7:05 p.m. Twenty-seven were present during the course of the evening. During the worship, a Friend responded to the queries on meetings for business, reminding us that meetings for business are meetings for worship, where the possibility of speaking to that of God in each other exists.

The proposed agenda was approved.

Correspondence: The Clerk read various letters received. The first, a request for membership from Ritva Kaje, was referred to Overseers. Materials from Pacific Yearly Meeting's Nominating Committee, the Berkeley Friends Food Pantry, Ben Lomond Quaker Center, and the Chico Quaker Fellowship were circulated and will be posted. Information from PYM about the upcoming Representative Meeting will be passed on to our Representative.

Minutes: The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

Overseers: Marc Lambert reported. The Meeting joyfully accepted Amy Block into membership by convincement.

The proposed marriage of Chris Emmons and Leslie Wilfong under the care of the Meeting was gladly approved.

The following minute on emergency assistance was presented and approved:

Oversight Committee may request of the Treasurer that an amount of Meeting general funds be granted or loaned to an individual in Meeting needing or requesting emergency help. Oversight Committee will handle the funds discreetly, yet involve others as appropriate in assistance both financial and spiritual of the individual. The Meeting for Business shall be advised of the amount of the disbursement; the arrangement of loaned funds will be between Overseers and the individual.

In response to a question, it was noted that the amount of \$150 suggested last month as a "ceiling" on any emergency assistance is a figure suggested for Oversight's guidance, and not a concrete amount.

Worship and Ministry: Tom Head reported on the results of a survey taken last month on our site. A great majority of the responses indicated no problems with continuing at GTU, although suggestions were made for possible improvements. Tom Head, Mary Mische and Michael Hartman are working on improving the lighting arrangements. The Meeting approved continuing at GTU through June 1984. We were told that contact has been made with the Berkeley Friends Church about possible cooperative use of their facility, and it was hoped that this contact would not be lost.

Appreciation was expressed for the way in which the children join meeting for worship during the last fifteen minutes, and for the brief abstracts of the day's lessons presented by the First Day School teachers.

Nominating: Dick Emmons reported that the Committee recommends that Barbara Perry serve as our Representative to Pacific Yearly Meeting and Kate Buckner as our Observer, both for a period of one year. Each is willing, ready and interested in serving. These appointments were approved by the Meeting.

Retreat: Mary Mikesell reported that the Spring Retreat will be held March 4 - 6 at Alpine Lodge, beginning with dinner on March 4 and ending at 9:00 a.m. on the 6th, so that participants can return to Berkeley for meeting for worship. The theme will center around the future of Quakerism, particularly in Strawberry Creek Meeting. A special mailing will be prepared on the Retreat. The Committee will consult with Finance Committee and the Treasurer about the possibility of using Meeting funds to underwrite a portion of the costs of the Retreat, particularly so that larger families can attend and participate without excessive registration costs.

Peace and Social Order: Carl Anderson reported on upcoming events on war tax resistance and Central America, and then read the following:

At our January 17 meeting, the Ad Hoc Peace and Social Order Committee approved the following minute to the Business Meeting of Strawberry Creek Meeting:

1. We would like to be established by the Business Meeting as a regular standing committee instead of ad hoc.
2. We would like to be an open committee and select our own convenor.

3. Functions:

- A. The committee may arrange programs such as panel discussions, slide shows, or threshing meetings that arise from individuals who want to talk about their activities that arise from concerns about the outward state of the world. Additional topics may include religious or philosophical discoveries that lead toward activism (or, sometimes, away from activism). Audiences may include our committee, the meeting, or the public.
- B. Our committee may facilitate opportunities for various people in the Meeting to work together. Examples include the recent food drive and Livermore Laboratory worship.
- C. Occasionally an individual in our Meeting will wish to act on a social concern and need support. Our Committee can sometimes provide such support or arrange for support from others. We may be useful as an endorsing body.
- D. Our committee can receive letters from other meetings, individuals, and organizations who write to our Meeting, asking for help or cooperation. We can consider our action on them as we are led, knowing that we often won't respond to such requests, even though the requests are for worthy projects.

During discussion of this proposal, concern was expressed about two areas: first, the nature of standing committees, and, second, the restraints placed on a Meeting committee to act on behalf of the Meeting. Standing committees exist to meet ongoing needs of the Meeting. The members of such committees are proposed by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Meeting. Meetings of such committees may be open to visitors, but membership is understood to go through the normal nominations process. The Meeting was unclear from the proposal as to which route the Peace and Social Order Committee wished to pursue -- either a working group or a formally constituted standing committee.

Concern was also expressed that the actions and activities of a standing committee, as well as of an ad hoc group, are subject to review and approval by the Monthly Meeting. The Committee's mandate will need to be developed after it has been determined whether or not it is to be a standing committee.

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Deep appreciation was expressed for the enthusiasm and work of the ad-hoc group. Carl Anderson was asked to carry back to it our concerns, with the expectation that a revised proposal will be forthcoming from the group next month.

January 23 Gathering: Barbara Graves reported that the meeting on January 23 was well attended and seemed to meet a real need for attenders of the Meeting.

Religious Education: Barbara Voorhees Emmons reported that the presentations on religious education sponsored by the Committee on January 20 were well attended. Another classroom at the University Christian Church will become available this summer. More adult help is needed in the infant care program.

New Business/Concerns: The Clerk read a letter from Mary Miche, who has been invited to speak at the Young Friends of North America conference this summer, asking for financial assistance with her travel and conference fees. This letter, and the possibility of a travel minute for Mary, was referred to Overseers.

A Friend asked if we wished now to make a contribution to the Ben Lomond Quaker Center, in lieu of holding our Retreat there, as had been suggested last fall. This was referred to Finance.

We were informed that the Temescal Worship Group meets the first and fourth Sundays at 11:00 a.m. for worship. Larry Perry is the contact for the group.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting for business will be held Sunday, March 6, 1983 at 7:00 p.m. at Oak Glen, 1236 Bonita in Berkeley.

With appreciation to our hosts for their gracious hospitality, the meeting closed in worship at 8:57 p.m.

Sam Cox
Recording Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
Meeting for Business
Sunday, March 6, 1983
"Oak Glen," 1236 Bonita, Berkeley
Barbara Graves, Clerk, Presiding

The meeting opened at 7:09 p.m. with a period of worship. Twenty-six were present during the course of the evening. The proposed agenda was approved with a few additions and deletions.

Minutes: The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence: The Clerk read two letters received. The first, a request for junior membership for Vanessa Nemir, was referred to Overseers. The second was an invitation from San Francisco Meeting to join them on Sunday, March 20 at 1:30 p.m. to hear Jim Lenhart, former editor of Friends Journal and now Information Director for the American Friends Service Committee.

Overseers: Marc Lambert reported. The Committee recommends that Betty Hall, Michael Hartman, and Jane Rubin be accepted into membership by convincement. Brief biographical sketches of all three were presented. As is our custom, these recommendations will be held over for final action next month. Two other membership committees are currently at work.

Worship and Ministry: Tom Head reported, announcing the spring discussion series after meeting for worship and informing us of recent contacts with the GTU. Initial negotiations have been fruitful. GTU is interested in having us stay on for one more year. They have specifically stated that they are not interested in increasing our rent.

Michael Hartman has been working with the GTU electrician on the possibility of improving the lighting in the room we use for worship. The Committee has heard a report from Michael, offering his labor gratis to install a number of ceiling lights similar to the ones currently in use. He estimates material costs will be approximately \$150 - \$200.

In discussion of this, some hesitation was expressed over installing more lights. Some felt that the present lighting was fine. Others were concerned that we not invest our funds in a building which we do not own, and which we may be leaving at the end of another year. One Friend questioned the wisdom of making lighting a priority when there are so many human needs around the world. We were reminded that lighting was considered a priority by those who answered the site questionnaire distributed in January. Because of the hesitation, the item was held over for the April business meeting. In the meantime, Friends who feel so moved may contribute funds for additional lights.

Finance: Bob Maynard reported. In response to the suggestion last month that we contribute to the Ben Lomond Quaker Center, the Committee recommends that Quaker Center be added to the list of organizations receiving contributions, and that the contribution be at the same level as the others -- \$71.50. Such a contribution would be reviewed annually when the budget is prepared. This was approved.

Treasurer: Susan Burr reported on our financial picture for the months of December, 1982 through February, 1983:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Peace Pedalers</u>	<u>Sharing Fund</u>
Opening Balance	\$ 312.64	\$ 649.44	\$ -0-
Income	965.50	60.00	125.00
Expenditures	<u>(183.88)</u>	<u>(401.60)</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Closing Balance	<u>\$ 1,094.26</u>	<u>\$ 307.84</u>	<u>\$ 125.00</u>

Nominating: Andrea Semons reported. The Committee recommends that Amy Block and Tom Head be asked to write the annual State of the Meeting report, with Betty Hall (Recorder) providing the statistical information. The Meeting approved these nominations, and approved having the report circulated in draft prior to the next business meeting, so that it may be approved in time to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting's Ministry and Oversight Committee in late April.

Representative Meeting: Barbara Perry reported. On the "housekeeping" side, we were informed that Yearly Meeting will be held in Chico again this year, from August 1 - 6. Monthly Meetings are encouraged to help Friends by providing scholarships or financial aid to those who may need it. Other details will be forthcoming.

Barbara reported that the same kinds of concerns about the Society and society at large seem to be arising all across the Yearly Meeting. There is strong concern about the situation in Latin America. There is also a growing concern about the lack of vitality in some areas of Yearly Meeting business, and frustration over the fragmentation of interests that occurs. The question before the Yearly Meeting is how to change its process so as to solve these difficulties.

Peace and Social Order: Carl Anderson reported. The Ad Hoc Committee forwarded the following to the Monthly Meeting:

We would like to be established by the Business Meeting as a regular standing committee instead of ad hoc. We understand that our membership will be determined as follows: members and attenders will be nominated by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Business Meeting. We hope our committee will not be restricted to members, and we hope that, ordinarily, everyone who wants to be on the committee will be nominated. We foresee our functions to be as described in our minute of January 17.

During discussion of this proposal, we were reminded that no committee has a ceiling on the number of committee members. Although all committees are normally open to visitors, we must bear in mind that when we "pop in" on a committee meeting, we often miss the background work that has

gone on prior to that meeting. The Meeting approved the suggestion from the Ad Hoc Peace and Social Order Committee that a standing committee on peace and social order be established subject to the normal processes of the Meeting for nomination and appointment of committee members. We were informed that Dick Emmons or someone else from the Nominating Committee will be meeting with the Ad Hoc Committee to help refine the Committee's mandate, and that this will be brought to us next month.

The Ad Hoc Committee also requested that the Meeting set up a Guatemalan Refugee Fund, and proposed that

This fund will receive earmarked contributions for emergency relief. Chris Hogness will advise the Meeting's Treasurer as to a rapid and efficient way to get the funds to where they are needed. Chris will report to the Business Meeting on the use of these funds.

A number of questions were raised in connection with this proposal. Some Friends questioned how we could know what the most "rapid and efficient" manner of distribution would be. Other Friends were concerned about checking the reliability of organizations to which we might send funds.

On the procedural side, Friends asked whether the Fund would be open to contributions from the general public, or only from the Meeting community. We were informed that there would be no general solicitation of funds, but that interested parties would be offered the possibility of contributing to this work through the Meeting. It was felt that more individuals might contribute to a Strawberry Creek Meeting fund, as contributions to us are tax-deductible. But the question of possibly jeopardizing our tax-exempt status by receiving contributions to be passed on to other organizations, specifically those not set up as non-profit bodies, troubled Friends.

After considerable discussion, the Meeting approved the development of a Fund for Guatemalan Refugees, to receive earmarked contributions and disburse them in accordance with the proposal presented by the Ad Hoc Committee, subject to the Committee's weighing of the concerns raised at this meeting, and specifically subject to clarification of any tax and legal questions. Contributions to the Fund were encouraged once the legal questions have been resolved.

College Park Quarterly Meeting: Larry Perry reported on upcoming activities, including an open meeting to examine the structure of the Quarterly Meeting on Friday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the San Francisco Friends Meeting.

Retreat: Mary Mikesell reported on lost and found items, and offered Friends an opportunity to purchase left-over food. A complete report on the Retreat will be presented later, but we were told that it had gone well.

Announcements: We heard that Betty Hall is in Oakland's Kaiser Hospital with a fractured kneecap. The doctors do not plan to operate

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at this point, and her leg is in a cast. She welcomes visits and phone calls.

Next Meeting: The next meeting for business will be held Sunday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Miche, 2600 Hillegass in Berkeley.

With thanks to our hosts, the Meeting concluded in worship at 10:15 p.m.

Sam Cox
Recording Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
Meeting for Business
Sunday, April 3, 1983
Home of Mary Miche, Berkeley
Barbara Graves, Clerk, Presiding

The meeting opened at 7:02 p.m. with a period of worship. Twenty individuals were present during the course of the evening. The proposed agenda was accepted with a few minor changes.

Minutes: The minutes of the March meeting were approved, with the deletion of the final sentence in the last paragraph of the Worship and Ministry report, which reads, "In the meantime, Friends who feel so moved may contribute funds for additional lights." Friends felt that this statement did not reflect the sense of the Meeting.

Overseers: Marc Lambert reported. The membership requests held over from last month, for Betty Hall, Michael Hartman, and Jane Rubin, were each separately considered, and the Meeting enthusiastically welcomed these three into membership by convincement.

The Committee recommended that Ritva Kaje be accepted as a member by convincement, and a brief biographical sketch was presented. As is our custom, this matter will hold over for a month, and questions or comments may be directed to the visiting committee: Andrea Semons, Mary Mikesell, and Dick Emmons.

The Committee also recommended that Vanessa Nemir be recorded a Junior Member, and this was approved.

Worship and Ministry: Tom Head reported. The Committee has again considered the question of additional lighting for the meetingroom. Recognizing that it is perfectly correct to question our economic expenditures, they reminded us as well that improved lighting is a need for some within the Meeting. Childcare is also a need, even though not all members of the Meeting require this service. The Committee has gone through a careful process in considering this question, has cleared the matter with the GTU, and continues its recommendation that the Meeting authorize spending \$150 - \$200 for improved lighting. After a short discussion, this was approved.

Finance: Bob Maynard reported. The Committee recommends that the Meeting reimburse our Yearly Meeting Representative and Observer for their out-of-pocket costs incurred attending the Representative Meeting last month. After applying the reimbursement received from the Yearly Meeting, the net cost to the Meeting will be approximately \$60. This was approved.

Peace and Social Order: Carl Anderson reported on recent and upcoming events, including a workshop on "Parenting in the Nuclear Age" on April 10. The Committee asked that the Meeting pay childcare costs for children whose parents are at the workshop, and estimated that the cost would not exceed \$25. This was approved.

The Committee has considered its functions and mandate. However, their revised wording was not available, and the Committee will bring this to us next month.

Jonathan Harris, on behalf of the Committee, consulted with Margaret Mossman, a lawyer and member of San Francisco Meeting, regarding the tax and legal questions raised in connection with the Guatemalan Refugee Fund. There being no legal blocks, the Fund has begun receiving contributions.

Retreat: Amy Block reported on the Spring Retreat. There were 14 overnight registrants, and 14 others attended the Saturday sessions. A small financial deficit remained, but the retreat was generally felt to be successful. Problems with the weather, the site, and general arrangements have been written up in a detailed report which will be given to next year's Retreat Committee.

State of the Meeting Report: Tom Head called our attention to some changes in the revised draft of the report. The Meeting gratefully approved the report, noting our pleasure at the excellent work done in a short period by the Committee. A copy of the report is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

New Business: Kate Buckner presented information for us on the "Covenant of Sanctuary" movement in the East Bay. A number of religious organizations have joined together to support Central American refugees, who are being deported by the U. S. government. One of the ways in which the Meeting can help the efforts of these congregations is to join the East Bay Sanctuary Coalition. Joining the Coalition does not commit an individual congregation to any specific course of action. It was noted that San Francisco and Claremont Meetings have both adopted statements similar to the "Covenant of Sanctuary" used by the Coalition, and that the Berkeley (Vine Street) Meeting is a member of the Coalition. After some discussion, the Meeting approved asking Kate to represent us on the Coalition, making known to them our desire to support their efforts. The Oversight Committee was asked to explore any legal consequences of membership in the Coalition, and to report back to us next month, when we shall consider official membership in the Coalition. Kate will also keep in touch with the Peace and Social Order Committee, informing them of activities and events.

Chris Hogness reported on activities connected with the Guatemalan Refugee Fund. A full report will appear in our newsletter. He has contacted the Mexican Friends Service Committee, as well as CARGUA, an organization which has been highly recommended. Chris will continue to follow-up on this matter, and suggested we send a report to other Meetings in the Quarterly Meeting on our activities in this area.

Nominating Committee: Dick Emmons presented the Committee's slate of nominees for 1982-1983, a copy of which is attached to the file copy of these minutes. The Committee is pleased with the response it has had. Nearly everyone in the Meeting is signed up for a job. A number of individuals have been nominated to continue in their posts, which the Committee feels will provide continuity for the Meeting, and there are many new nominating to ensure fresh energy and ideas. New committees and officers will assume their responsibilities on June 1, and are encouraged to meet with old committees and officers once to ensure a smooth transition.

The slate will hold over for final approval at the May meeting. Questions or concerns about any of the nominations are to be directed to a Committee member (Dick Emmons, Andrea Semons, and Bob Maynard) well in advance of that

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time. In May the Meeting will also consider the membership of the Nominating Committee, as Andrea Semons feels that, due to increased responsibilities, she would like to withdraw from the Committee after June 1. Dick Emmons and Bob Maynard have indicated their willingness to function as a committee of two, particularly since they do not anticipate any major work for the Committee after June.

Next Meeting/Closing: The next meeting for business will be held Sunday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Rachel Ann Elder, 800 Hilldale in Berkeley.

Friends expressed their appreciation to the many individuals and committees who continue to carefully prepare matters for the Meeting's consideration. Items such as the Guatemalan Refugee Fund, the East Bay Sanctuary Coalition, and the State of the Meeting report were all handled and prepared for us by one or two members of the Meeting, often on short notice, and represent care and attention to detail on their part.

A Friend remarked that this meeting was held in accord with the queries for the month, on love and unity within the Meeting, prompting another Friend to express appreciation for our ability to be joyous before the Lord as well as to apply ourselves seriously to business.

With appreciation to our hostess, the Meeting closed in worship at 8:20 p.m.

Sam Cox
Recording Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
Meeting for Business
Sunday, May 1, 1983
At the home of Rachel Ann Elder, 800 Hilldale, Berkeley
Barbara Graves, Clerk, Presiding

The meeting opened at 7:07 p.m. with a period of worship. Sixteen were present during the course of the meeting. A few changes were made to the printed agenda.

Minutes: The minutes of the April meeting were approved as circulated, with the following change: it was noted that our new junior member's complete name is Vanessa Jane McAlpine Nemir.

Correspondence: The Clerk noted three items. The first, a letter from Mary Louise Lambert, asked that her sojourning minute be returned to Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, Richmond, Indiana. The Meeting reluctantly agreed, noting Mary Louise's concern for the distance, both physical and spiritual, which has grown between herself and the Meeting this past year. Overseers were asked to contact Mary Louise and set up a visiting committee to meet with her, if she is willing. We were all encouraged to express to Mary Louise our care for and confidence in her.

The other two items were circulated. One was a statement requesting our prayers from those who were sentenced for trespassing after taking part in worship at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory on the day called Good Friday. The other was a petition to the Supervisors of Alameda County concerning the reclassification of a portion of land in the southern part of the County. Joyce Samati will be circulating the petition among Friends.

Overseers: Marc Lambert reported. The Meeting joyfully welcomed Ritva Kaje into membership by convincement.

Overseers recommended that Chris Emmons be accepted into membership. He has been a junior member for some time. During the course of the ensuing discussion, some Friends were concerned to have the Meeting respond to Chris' application (which has been with us since last fall) prior to his wedding to Leslie Ann Wilfong, scheduled for Saturday, June 4 under the care of the Meeting. After careful consideration, it was agreed that the Clerk will write Chris a letter expressing our joy on the occasion of his and Leslie's wedding, and telling him that his request for membership is proceeding in our normal fashion. We will consider his membership request at business meeting in June.

It was noted that Ralph Elder is also getting married, and the Clerk was asked to write him a note expressing our best wishes.

In considering Chris' application for membership, both the visiting committee and Overseers addressed a number of difficult questions. If we believe that membership is a matter for individual consideration regardless of age, what should our response be to those amongst us who have grown up in Friends' families and Meetings in which the transition from junior to full membership is considered automatic? Were we, in this instance, expecting too much in applying the same searching test of readiness for Strawberry Creek membership as we do for adults seeking membership?

These questions are part of a whole range of questions on membership, the use of and processes for visiting committees, and preparation for membership for both adults and younger people, which Overseers recognize the Meeting should consider. The Meeting asked Overseers to pursue ways of involving the whole Meeting in these explorations, perhaps in a series of after-Meeting discussions in the fall. A consideration of our traditions and history of discussions in this area might be a useful starting point. There was considerable expressed appreciation for this pursuit toward our education as a Meeting.

Overseers will be working with the Meeting Recorder on preparation and preservation of our records.

Worship and Ministry: Rachel Ann Elder reported. The spring discussion series continues with good attendance and interesting dialogue. The committee continues to work on improving the lighting in the meetingroom.

Treasurer: Susan Burr reported on the state of our finances, both for the two months just ended, and in the form of a "progress report" on the first six months of our fiscal year (November - April).

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Peace Pedalers</u>	<u>Refugee Fund</u>
Opening Balance	\$ 1,094.26	\$ 307.84	\$ 0
Income	1,566.50	200.00	115.00
Expenses	<u>(1,318.82)</u>	<u>(36.00)</u>	<u>0</u>
Closing Balance	<u>\$ 1,341.94</u>	<u>\$ 471.84</u>	<u>\$ 115.00</u>

The six month report showed no major discrepancies between budgeted expenses and actual expenses. We still, of course, need to raise funds to meet our expenses for the rest of this fiscal year, and Friends were reminded of the suggested contribution of \$118 per contributing unit (individual/couple/family). The Treasurer is willing and able to respond to requests about our personal contributions.

Peace and Social Order: Carl Anderson reported. The committee's job description, as originally proposed in February, was presented with additional wording (section "E"), as follows:

- A. The committee may arrange programs such as panel discussions, slide shows, or threshing meetings that arise from individuals who want to talk about their activities that arise from concerns about the outward state of the world. Additional topics may include religious or philosophical discoveries that lead toward activism (or, sometimes, away from activism). Audiences may include our committee, the meeting, or the public.

- B. Our committee may facilitate opportunities for various people in the Meeting to work together. Examples include the recent food drive and Livermore Laboratory worship.
- C. Occasionally an individual in our Meeting will wish to act on a social concern and need support. Our Committee can sometimes provide such support or arrange for support from others. We may be useful as an endorsing body.
- D. Our committee can receive letters from other meetings, individuals, and organizations who write to our Meeting asking for help or cooperation. We can consider our action on them as we are led, knowing that we often won't respond to such requests, even though the requests are for worthy projects.
- E. The committee will report regularly to Business Meeting on the activities it has planned or undertaken. Occasionally the committee may wish the Business Meeting as a whole to take some action. For example, the meeting has established a special relief fund and has sponsored the Peace Pedalers for their trip. The committee may propose such measures to the Business Meeting.

While clearly desiring to encourage and support the committee's current work, certain procedural questions raised previously and the question of committee "endorsement" were of concern. Thinking that a re-wording of the job description might resolve these matters, Andrea Semons and Dick Emmons were asked to suggest editorial changes, meet with the committee, and bring back a job description next month.

Chris Hogness reported on behalf of the Refugee Relief Fund. He will be corresponding with the Mexican Friends Service Committee, has corresponded with two organizations active in the field, and hopes to return to the area this summer.

Kate Buckner presented the committee's recommendation on the East Bay Sanctuary Coalition:

We recommend that Meeting join the East Bay Sanctuary Coalition, in accord with the following Covenant:

We, the undersigned churches, join in covenant to provide sanctuary - support, protection, and advocacy - to El Salvadoran refugees who request safe haven out of fear of persecution upon return to their homeland. We do this out of concern for the welfare of these refugees, regardless of their official immigrant status. We acknowledge that sanctuary is a serious responsibility for all persons involved. We recognize that legal consequences may result from our action. We enter this covenant as an act of Christian discipleship, and we pray for the continued guidance of our God.

In undertaking this responsibility, the Meeting would:

1. Sign the above covenant.
2. Send two representatives to the EBSC monthly meetings.
3. Seek out ways in which we as a Meeting can help Central American refugees.

Though no one has been prosecuted to date, everyone involved with the sanctuary project is subject to possible prosecution on the following charges:

1. Harboring of Undocumented Aliens: Section 274 (a), 8 U. S. C. (a). Felony, \$2,000.00 and 5 years.
2. Conspiracy to Harbor: \$10,000 and/or 5 years.
3. Smuggling: \$2,000.00 and/or 5 years.

During the course of considerable discussion, it was pointed out that there has been no call for actual "sanctuary" in the East Bay yet. Although some of the actions involved in providing sanctuary may be construed as illegal by agencies of the federal government, it was noted that the United States is in violation of two international agreements in its refusal to define Central American refugees as political refugees. We were told that it is not possible for Friends to sign the covenant as individuals, only as a corporate body. Finally, we were reminded that all members of the Meeting are held responsible for actions of the Meeting.

In light of this discussion, Kate Buckner and Bob Maynard were asked to expand on the statement presented to the Meeting, after contacting the Friend within San Francisco Meeting who has done legal research on the issues involved. More detail on the background issues will be added to the statement, and it will be made available after Meeting for Worship at least two weeks prior to our next meeting for business, so that Friends may prayerfully and carefully consider the recommendation.

Nominating: Dick Emmons presented the final report of the committee, noting a few minor changes to the slate presented last month. A copy is attached to the file copy of these minutes. The Meeting approved the proposed slate of officers and committees.

A concern was raised that no junior members were nominated for positions within the Meeting. The Clerk of Nominating noted that careful consideration to the function and composition of committees, as related to their service to the Meeting, must be given proper weight in considering any member's participation. A number of suggestions were made in consideration of these concerns. First, all adult Meeting members should get to know our junior members, so that their names may be suggested as appropriate for positions within the Meeting. Committees which function as "open" committees were encouraged to involve junior members, again as appropriate, in their work this coming year. It was felt that the Religious Education Committee might wish to examine the ways in which we prepare our young people for active service in the Meeting.

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And it was felt that the whole broad question of junior membership should be a priority in the after-Meeting discussion series that Overseers will be coordinating.

As a final item of business from the committee, the Meeting approved asking Dick Emmons and Bob Maynard to function as a committee of two, with Andrea Semons' resignation from the Nominating Committee.

Other Items/Closing: Rachel Ann Elder reported on the Quaker Heritage Day scheduled for Saturday, July 9 at the Sacramento Street Meeting in Berkeley. The title is "The Legacy of Joseph John Gurney and its Application to a Peculiar People", and it promises to be an interesting day. She will continue to supply us with details.

A number of announcements were made of upcoming events dealing with peace and social order issues.

Susie McAlpine thanked the Meeting for its support during her year of service as Alternate Clerk. She also reiterated her concern that the time of meeting for business causes some not to attend, and this was forwarded to Worship and Ministry for consideration.

Our next meeting will be held Sunday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bijan and Joyce Samati, 316 Athol Avenue in Oakland.

With appreciation to our hostess, the meeting closed in worship at 10:00 p.m.



Sam Cox
Recording Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting for Business

Sunday, June 5, 1983

At the home of Bijan and Joyce Samati, 316 Athol, Oakland
Barbara Graves, Clerk, Presiding

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. with a period of worship. Eighteen were present. The prepared agenda was approved with a few emendations.

Minutes: The minutes of the May meeting were approved as circulated.

Correspondence: The Clerk read a letter from Chris Hogness, telling us of his plans to travel in Mexico this summer, and asking for a letter of introduction. The Meeting asked that such a letter be prepared.

The Clerk noted that we have just completed a year of activity, and that a number of individuals who have been serving the Meeting in various capacities are turning over their responsibilities to others. Mindful of the fact that we are all called to service within the Meeting, the Clerk expressed our gratitude to those who have worked for us in the past year.

Membership of Chris Emmons: This was approved. A Friend remarked that the long, and sometimes arduous, process we have engaged in on this matter has taught us a lot about ourselves. We look forward to learning more about Chris personally in the near future.

East Bay Sanctuary Coalition: A memo prepared by Kate Buckner, Chris Hogness and Bob Maynard on the question of joining the East Bay Sanctuary Coalition was circulated prior to the meeting, and reviewed at this time. It was again recommended that the Meeting approve the Sanctuary Covenant and join the East Bay Sanctuary Coalition.

During the ensuing discussion, the major points of concern centered around (1) the legality of the proposed action and the legal consequences; (2) our process for endorsing a concern and acting as a corporate body; and (3) other possible avenues of service.

Friends recognized that we must take seriously the potential legal consequences involved, even though there has as yet been no prosecution of any group which has endorsed sanctuary for Central American refugees. We were reminded of the existence of a "higher law," a moral commitment demanded of us as Christians and Friends. Sometimes obedience to this moral imperative may require breaking the laws of our country. It was noted that, ironically, helping refugees already in this country is illegal, although it is perfectly legal to assist those who are in other countries.

The Clerk read a letter from Dick Emmons to the Meeting, expressing his desire to be of assistance to the refugees, but stating an inability, in conscience, to approve the Covenant and face possible legal consequences. He asked whether there was a way in which as a Meeting we could make it possible for those who are uncomfortable with the Covenant to remain associated with the Meeting while not agreeing with it, should the Meeting approve the Covenant. It was noted that the process of "standing aside" from a decision, in this situation, would not disassociate an individual from the corporate action

of the Meeting. It would merely state an individual's discomfort with the proposal, and a willingness to let the Meeting proceed. It was pointed out that we are the first congregation to raise questions about the legal consequences and their effect on the unity of a congregation in approving the Covenant.

It was suggested that perhaps we could find other avenues of service among the Central American refugee community in the Bay Area. Clothing, housing, legal assistance. . . all are necessary, although also illegal. We could issue a public statement opposing the current U. S. policy on these refugees, and send it to appropriate government officials. We can also continue our officially informal liaison with the East Bay Sanctuary Coalition, and we can conduct workshops within the Meeting so as to better understand the issues involved.

A Friend remarked that our difficulties in dealing with this issue may relate to our distance from it. Few of us have actually worked with Central American refugees. Were we to work on concrete projects, a clearer sense of what we should be doing corporately could emerge. It is important for us to support each other as we work for justice. Some Friends felt strongly that adoption of the Covenant would be more than a merely symbolic step and would unite us in a significant way.

Kate Buckner, Jonathan Harris, Bob Maynard and Jane Rubin expressed a willingness to visit with Dick Emmons and discuss his concerns. They will report back to us. Recognizing that the issues raised are matters of concern for us all, the Meeting asked the Peace and Social Order Committee to take under advisement the various ways suggested for assisting Central American refugees and for expressing our concerns over U. S. policies.

Overseers: Andrea Semons reported. Two Friends visited with Mary Louise Lambert. During the course of their visit the Friends were impressed with the importance of our taking individual responsibility for contacting absent or distant members and attenders. We should not assume that we know why they haven't been at Meeting. Mary Louise will be writing Clear Creek Monthly Meeting about her current situation, and her sojourning minute will then be returned as she has requested.

Peace and Social Order: Carl Anderson reported. A proposed "job description" for the Committee, prepared by Dick Emmons and Andrea Semons in consultation with the Committee, was read and approved. The Committee will ask to be included in the Meeting's next budget. In the meantime, they asked for approval of the expenditure of \$15 to continue our subscription to the Disarmament Resource Calendar. This was approved.

Carl also reported on activities sponsored by the Committee recently on South Africa and disarmament activities. Arising out of the latter is a desire of some to set up an affinity group. This would be a group of individuals, not all performing the same actions or playing the same roles, but gathered out of a common orientation and relating to the struggle against nuclear weapons. Persons interested may contact Jonathan Harris.

Religious Education: Jean McCandless reported on activities during the past year. There were six different age groups/classes, and 35 different teachers. The Living Light curriculum series was felt to be profitable and useful for those facing a First Day School teaching assignment for the first time.

Summer programs will be informal. In the fall the Committee hopes to begin more social action programs and institute Children's Meetings. The latter involve physical details such as shorter chairs and music in an effort to help our youngsters get a sense of the Meeting for Worship.

Finance: Bob Maynard presented the Treasurer's Report for Susan Burr.

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Peace Pedalers</u>	<u>Refugee Fund</u>
Opening Balance, 5/1/83	\$ 1,341.94	\$ 471.84	\$ 115.00
Contributions	250.00	Ø	Ø
Expenses	<u>(1,061.26)</u>	<u>Ø</u>	<u>Ø</u>
Closing Balance, 5/31/83	<u>\$ 530.68</u>	<u>\$ 471.84</u>	<u>\$ 115.00</u>

We were reminded that several significant expenditures will fall due in the next few months, and contributions to the general fund are always needed. During Susan's "maternity leave," contributions may be given to Bob.

In response to a question, we were told that Chris Hogness will be taking the funds in the Refugee account with him to Mexico at the end of June.

Worship and Ministry: Tom Head reported. The Committee is looking for source material for after-Meeting discussion groups. At a cost of approximately \$90 for materials, the installation of additional lights in the meetingroom has occurred, and Michael Hartman was thanked for his labor. A leaflet entitled "Welcome to Strawberry Creek Friends Meeting" was read. It has been prepared by the Committee and explains our pattern of worship as well as giving general information about the Meeting. The Committee continues to consider the time of Meeting for Business.

Announcements/Concerns: A number of announcements were made. The Meeting accepted Larry Perry's offer to coordinate the Meeting's group subscription to Friends Bulletin. Those who wish to be added to or deleted from the list of subscribers should contact Larry.

A Friend thanked the Meeting for its support during times of emotional need. We were reminded yet again that one of our functions is to support each other, "bearing one another's burdens and so fulfilling the law of Christ."

Upcoming Meetings: To avoid conflict with long holiday weekends, our next regularly scheduled Meetings for Business will occur on

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Sunday, July 10 and Sunday, September ~~10~~¹¹. The July meeting will be held at the home of Andrea Semons, 432 Moraga Way in Orinda, and the September meeting at the home of Bob and Gerry Maynard, 1049 Mandana Boulevard in Oakland.

With appreciation to our hostess, the meeting closed in worship at 9:10 p.m.

Sam Cox
Recording Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
Meeting for Business
Sunday, July 10, 1983
At the home of Andrea Semons, 432 Moraga Way, Orinda
Barbara Graves, Clerk, Presiding

The meeting opened at 7:03 p.m. with a period of worship. A number of additions were then made to the printed agenda.

Minutes: The minutes of the June meeting were approved as circulated.

Clerk's Report: The Meeting heard with joy that Liz and Tom Head are the proud parents of Winthrop Thomas Head, born at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, July 9. Both baby and parents are doing fine.

The Clerk read a letter from Betsy Dearborn, giving us some information on the direction her life has taken over the past year, and requesting a transfer of her membership to Redwood Forest Monthly Meeting. Betsy reminded us that "If you are careful to protect when frost threatens, you're more likely to see an abundant crop of strawberries." The Meeting approved the transfer of membership, and asked the Clerk to write a letter to Betsy, with a copy to the Clerk of Redwood Forest Monthly Meeting, informing her of our action and expressing our best wishes for her future and our happiness at past association.

A letter has also been received from the American Friends Service Committee, thanking us for our contribution.

The Clerk informed the Meeting that Mary Louise Lambert has written Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, and, as agreed in June, her sojourning minute will now be returned to them.

A number of Friends reported on the wedding of Chris Emmons and Leslie Wilfong on June 4. A letter was read from Arthur Little, who represented Strawberry Creek and Clear Creek Monthly Meetings at the wedding. The celebration drew a large turn-out from the two families and from Leslie's home neighborhood. The couple, who have adopted the surname Wilfong-Emmons, graduated the next day from Earlham College.

Andrea Semons, reporting for Overseers, read a letter to the Meeting from Paul Jolly. Paul had asked that a clearness committee be formed to assist him in considering his membership in Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting. In his letter he spoke of how his journey with the Peace Pedalers shook him loose from many ideas and patterns he had taken for granted. However, while he explores other possible religious homes, he does not wish to sever his connection with the Meeting. In his words, he does not want to be "set adrift without moorings." This summer he will work at Scattergood School in Iowa, exploring the ways Conservative Friends live out their faith. Paul invited Friends to write him, either at Scattergood or in care of his parents in Oakland. Overseers will write him informing him of our love and concern, and letting him know that we would be happy to write a letter of introduction for him should he so desire.

East Bay Sanctuary Coalition: We were informed that the committee named last month to meet with Dick Emmons had not done so, but planned to do so. Dick Emmons stated that he felt no need to meet separately, preferring to re-state his concern personally at this time.

In the course of a careful discussion about sanctuary, it became clear to Friends that it would be proper for the Meeting to sign the Sanctuary Covenant and join the East Bay Sanctuary Coalition, with those Friends who are unable in conscience to join in this action being recorded as standing aside. Dick Emmons and Ann Combs were so recorded, and other Friends were encouraged to seriously consider the memorandum circulated about the Coalition and the issues raised in the past several months, so that any others who wish to do so may be recorded as standing aside at our September meeting. We were reminded that this commitment is a serious step, and should not be considered in the same fashion as the signing of a petition. We should do all we can within the legal bounds laid down. The Peace and Social Order Committee was asked to continue its discussions on this matter, seeking a possible focus for the Meeting's work.

Nominating: Dick Emmons reported. The Meeting accepted the resignation of Greg Lieberknect from the Visiting Committee. Nominating also recommended that the Meeting appoint Chris Wilfong-Emmons to the Newsletter Committee. This will hold over for final action at our September meeting, although Chris will probably begin working on the newsletter in the interim.

John Woolman School has asked that we name a person within the Meeting to receive reports and other information from the School. The Meeting felt that it would be helpful to have such a correspondent, and interested parties were asked to contact the Nominating Committee. Betty Hall's name was suggested in her absence, and Nominating will explore her interest.

Peace and Social Order: Jim Barnard reported. The committee has been brainstorming on ways in which the Meeting can work for Central American refugees. The affinity group mentioned at our last monthly meeting plans to begin activities in September. A number of Meeting members and attenders have taken part in recent peace and justice activities, such as actions at Port Chicago and the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, and walking in the Tortilla Marathon.

Religious Education: Maggie Ely reported. There was an excellent return on the questionnaire distributed by the committee. Most respondents favored continuing the same kinds of programs as were held this past year, and a number of changes were suggested. A new infant care person has begun work, as announced in the June issue of the newsletter. The committee has plans to make the children's classrooms more cheerful, and will be seeking donations of materials and labor. They will also be contacting the Meeting community to find teachers for next year.

The committee asked that the Meeting approve expenditure of \$109.05 this month for purchase of curriculum materials for next year. It was noted that the original budget for the committee had included funds for this purchase, but the budget has been thrown off track by receipt of a bill for the Meeting's portion of the child care costs. The Meeting approved this request, subject to the solvency of our accounts.

Retreat: Joyce Samati reported. The committee is formulating plans for a one-day Fall retreat and a weekend Spring retreat. The Fall retreat will be held either Saturday, October 29 or Saturday, November 5 at the Hillside Swedenborgian Church, and the committee is considering inviting another Meeting or Meetings to join us. The Spring retreat will be held at Ben Lomond, probably the weekend of May 5, 1984.

Worship and Ministry: Rachel Ann Elder reported that the committee continues to focus on the need to interrelate individual witness and corporate action.

Other Concerns/Announcements: We were informed that Quaker Heritage Day was held Saturday, July 9 at the Sacramento Street Meetinghouse in Berkeley. A number of Strawberries participated in this interesting event. It is becoming an on-going tradition and, following the active participation of Rachel Ann Elder on the planning committee this year, the Friends Church plans to involve our Meeting in the planning process for future Heritage Days. Rachel Ann Elder was asked to write a letter to the Berkeley Friends Church thanking them for sponsoring this event and involving us in it.

It was pointed out that the Religious Education and Peace and Social Order Committees planned to hold their next meetings on the same date. The hope was expressed that these two committees could work out their schedules so as to make it possible for Friends to attend both meetings. The Recording Clerk apologized for his recent inaccessibility, which may have caused the conflict in meeting dates, and Friends were reminded to clear calendar items with the Recording Clerk.

Materials on Pacific Yearly Meeting are available through Barbara Perry, and Friends were encouraged to attend for at least a few of the sessions. A number of announcements were made of upcoming travel plans.

With appreciation to our hostess, the meeting closed in worship at 8:40 p.m., to meet again for business on Sunday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bob and Gerri Maynard, 1049 Mandana Boulevard, Oakland.

Sam Cox
Recording Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
Meeting for Business
Sunday, September 11, 1983
At the home of the Maynards
1049 Mandana Boulevard, Oakland
Barbara Graves, Clerk, Presiding

The meeting opened in worship at 7:05 p.m. Nineteen Friends were present during the course of the evening. A number of changes were made to the printed agenda.

Minutes: The minutes of the July meeting were approved with the following correction: Paul Jolly will be at Scattergood School during this school year, not this past summer.

Correspondence: The Clerk noted and circulated a number of recent items, most concerning peace and social order issues and upcoming events.

East Bay Sanctuary Coalition: As a follow-up to the Meeting's decision in July to join the Coalition, one other Friend, Mary Miche, has asked to be recorded as standing aside from the decision of the Meeting.

Nominating Committee: Dick Emmons reported, bringing forward the names of Barbara Perry for John Woolman School liaison and Barbara Voorhees Emmons for AFSC liaison. These names will be acted upon at our next meeting. With the departure of Liz and Tom Head, the committee is now seeking another Overseer and a Friend to serve as Alternate Clerk. They expect to bring forward names next month. The nomination reported in July of Chris Wilfong-Emmons to the Newsletter Committee was approved.

Overseers: Andrea Semons reported the joyful news of two new births in the Meeting community: Jim Barnard and Anna Graves are the parents of a baby girl, Sonya, born in early September. Susan Burr and Michael Hartman are the parents of a baby boy, Alexander, born in early August.

We heard of an upcoming consultation on membership in the Society of Friends, to be held in Richmond, Indiana. A circular has come from Friends Journal explaining two special subscription offers -- one for new subscribers and one for students. Overseers will be exploring these.

The Meeting then heard a report on membership in Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting, a copy of which is attached. This report summarizes the current thinking of Overseers on membership matters, and contains a number of guidelines and recommendations for their use. The Meeting expressed its thanks to Overseers for the care and attention they took in preparing this report.

Larry Perry reported on the evening worship services being held in connection with the Fast for Life. Various religious groups have been holding short services each evening, and it was suggested that the Meeting do so as well. A number of Friends expressed some hesitation about the Meeting's sponsoring such an event. After some discussion, it was agreed to leave this to individuals, and those interested in participating in a meeting for worship after the manner of Friends in this connection were asked to contact Larry Perry.

Peace and Social Order: Carl Anderson reported on recent and upcoming events and opportunities for service. The committee has thought about preparing a draft minute on Central American refugees, which would be distributed to government officials, the media, and other Friends groups, but has not yet done so. They asked if the Monthly Meeting would like such a draft prepared. It was clear that Friends wished to avoid writing a minute merely to have a minute on the books, but that if the committee found itself at a point where they might be ready to bring a minute to the Meeting for approval, we would be glad to hear from them. The committee is concerned with its direction -- should it be concentrating on preparing minutes on the various issues we face, or should it spend its time and energy tracking down ways for the Meeting to be of service in concrete ways?

Rachel Ann Elder reported on the meeting of the East Bay Sanctuary Coalition. The Coalition is assembling a group of lawyers to work on stopping the immediate deportation of Central American refugees.

Hospitality Committee: Mary Miche reported, noting that a baby welcoming is planned for January. A brunch for new attenders will be held in October. Friends who know of needs for visitation within the Meeting, or who wish to visit, are asked to contact either Mary or Betty Hall. The committee noted that it does not organize all social or other events within the Meeting. If a committee or group is planning a potluck or needs refreshments for a Meeting event, they should expect to organize such themselves.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Maynard reported for Susan Burr.

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Peace Pedalers</u>	<u>Refugee Relief</u>
Balance, 6/1/83	\$ 530.68	\$ 471.84	\$ 115.00
Credits	510.00	Ø	405.00
Debits	<u>(1,019.96)</u>	<u>Ø</u>	<u>550.00</u>
Balance, 8/31/83	<u>\$ 20.72</u>	<u>\$ 471.84</u>	<u>\$ (30.00)</u>

Funds are needed to help the Meeting finish its fiscal year in the black. Some concern was expressed that we institute a system of regular reminders to Meeting members on our contributions. It was noted that the Treasurer regularly calls our attention to the state of the Meeting's finances, and the Treasurer and Finance Committee were encouraged to use whatever system they deem appropriate in keeping the Meeting informed of our financial needs.

The Peace and Social Order Committee had asked for a supplemental allocation of up to \$20, should it be needed, for the childcare costs at an evening meeting on September 24. It was not certain that there would be any costs, and the committee expressed a willingness to explore the possibility of using volunteers. Subject to the solvency of our accounts, the Meeting approved this supplemental allocation.

Finance Committee: Bob Maynard presented the proposed budget for 1983 - 1984, a copy of which is attached. Friends were asked to study the proposal, and make comments to the Finance Committee enough in advance of our next meeting to allow the committee to make any necessary changes. The

budget will be presented for approval next month, and will go into effect November 1.

A number of comments were made at the meeting. Some Friends were uncertain whether a proposal to contribute to the East Bay Sanctuary Coalition should be included in a draft budget before it had been presented for approval at a Meeting for Business. Others asked if the Meeting did not have a policy of regular annual contributions only to Friends organizations.

It was stated that it might be time for the Meeting to include some sort of "contingency fund" in the budget, primarily to cover the costs of supplemental, ad-hoc and one-time requests for funds. Although we do not desire to encourage "budget creep", contingency planning might allow us to better handle special needs.

The Finance Committee heard these concerns, and will consider them in preparing a final draft of the budget. Any major changes in the budget will be written up for Meeting consideration.

Retreat: Ritva Kaje informed us that the fall retreat is now set for Saturday, October 29.

Worship and Ministry: Rachel Ann Elder reported on events planned by this committee. The fall discussion series will include units on membership, the relationship between meeting for worship and meeting for business, and on corporate witness. Possible small group discussions are being considered on a variety of topics.

Concerns/Announcements: A discussion on the Ben Lomond Quaker Center will be held on Sunday, September 18 after meeting for worship, with John De Valcourt, the new director of Quaker Center.

Leslie Wilfong-Emmons and Rachel Ann Elder will coordinate the Meeting's contributions to Harvest Festival. The Festival has asked that three Meeting members take the responsibility for working in a refreshments booth on the day of the Festival, September 25, and volunteers should contact Leslie or Rachel Ann.

Our next meeting for business will be held Sunday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Barbara Perry, 2737 Woolsey Street, Berkeley. With appreciation to the Maynards for their hospitality, the meeting closed in worship at 9:20 p.m.

Sam Cox
Recording Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
Meeting for Business
Sunday, October 2, 1983
At the home of Barbara Perry
2737 Woolsey Street, Berkeley
Barbara Graves, Clerk, Presiding

The meeting opened in worship at 7:00 p.m. We were reminded that a meeting for business is a meeting for worship held to conduct specific items of business. Eighteen were present during the course of the evening. The prepared agenda was accepted as circulated.

Minutes: The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

Finance Committee: Bob Maynard presented the revised budget for 1983 - 1984. The Finance Committee recommended that the Meeting increase the Worship and Ministry budget by \$200 to cover costs of printing materials for our adult discussion groups, and to cover enhancement of the Meeting library. They also stated their belief that a "contingency fund" would not be an appropriate method for controlling Meeting expenditures. Instead, they feel that that Meeting should continue to use supplemental appropriations and that the need for additional contributions be stressed at the time such appropriations are made.

Friends then proceeded to a general discussion of the budget, and the following items were noted and changed. The contribution proposed to the East Bay Sanctuary Coalition was removed from the budget and returned to the Peace and Social Order Committee for further review. It was noted that the increase in the amount budgeted for rent covers not only the specific amount we pay for use of the GTU on Sunday mornings, but also covers rental costs for special events. We heard that Friends Bulletin is changing its billing period and this will cut expenditures during this next fiscal year. An appropriate amount was deleted from the budgetary item. Following comments from Friends and those who prepare our newsletter, the budget line for the newsletter was also decreased. The Religious Education expense item for this past year includes some costs that were incurred in 1981 - 1982. We heard that Overseers wish the Meeting to take a more active role in encouraging individuals to attend conferences and meetings, so this is why the Scholarship item has been left at \$200, even though the amount budgeted for this year has been underspent. Finally, in discussing the Worship and Ministry expenditure item, Friends noted that we as individuals can afford to pay for items we use in our adult discussion groups. Some felt that we might be more committed to use the materials if we purchase them individually. It was pointed out that "passing the hat" in cases like this is not a role that anyone enjoys, and we were encouraged to each assume individual responsibility for paying for items we use. The Worship and Ministry Committee was also encouraged to confer with Oversight on the question of the Meeting library. These comments have been considered, a decrease in the budget item was made.

A number of procedural questions were also addressed. We were informed that our process is to discuss the budget in an item-by-item fashion, making changes as we go, then to approve the whole budget. The budget is a guidelines: costs are not set in concrete, but may be changed as needs arise. The fact that an item appears in the budget is not an invitation to spend the funds, but rather an informed guess at what our costs will be in the coming year.

These comments and changes being considered, the Meeting approved a revised budget, a copy of which is attached. Our gratitude was expressed to the Finance Committee for all their efforts.

Nominating Committee: Dick Emmons reported. The names presented last month -- Barbara Perry for John Woolman School liaison and Barbara Voorhees Emmons for American Friends Service Committee Liaison -- were each approved. The Committee nominated Kate Buckner for Overseer, replacing Tom Head, and Lynne Bird as Alternate Clerk, replacing Liz Head. As is our custom, these nominations will hold over for one month before final action.

Overseers: Andrea Semons announced that Quaker magazines are being shared within the Meeting; persons with issues they wish to share may give them to an Overseer. A letter has been received from Paul Jolly in which he speaks of his contentment at Scattergood School. He is no longer anxious about joining a religious community, and finds himself at home in both Meetings in West Branch. We were also told of the serious illness of Marshall Paley, and Friends who know him were invited to write.

Peace and Social Order Committee: Carl Anderson reported on recent and upcoming events, including an evening meeting on Central America, nonviolence training, and a showing of a film on children and nuclear weapons. He also distributed copies of a calendar of peace and social order events.

Kate Buckner reported on the work of the East Bay Sanctuary Coalition. Oscar Flores, the refugee who was detained in El Centro, has been released, thanks in part to the \$170 raised by Strawberry Creek Friends for his bond. He is now in the Bay Area, has applied for political asylum, and is willing to discuss his experiences both in El Salvador and at the detention center. The Coalition is investigating a variety of forms of service in Central America. Increased emphasis is being placed on local services -- jail visits, finding housing and employment for refugees. Kate hopes to go as part of a delegation to Nicaragua this year.

A general question was raised on how many ways the Meeting may wish to work on Central American concerns. Two of our number, Kate Buckner and Chris Hogeness, have already been a part of direct work in Central America, and the Meeting is also involved in the work of the Coalition. The Peace and Social Order Committee may be exploring the work of Peace Brigades International, but has not done so yet.

Religious Education Committee: Leslie Leonard reported on the five First-day School classes currently operating. Another infant care person may be needed, in addition to our paid staff and the Meeting volunteer, as the number of infants increases. The Committee will be meeting with Worship and Ministry to discuss "family meetings".

Retreat Committee: Joyce Samati reported that plans are going well. This Fall's retreat will be an opportunity to share for a longer period of time than we might otherwise have. It will include opening and closing worship periods, a meal together, and queries to spark discussions.

Worship and Ministry: Rachel Ann Elder noted that the Committee has been turning its attention to the state of our meeting for worship. Friends were reminded to arrive promptly for meeting.

Concerns and Announcements: College Park Quarterly Meeting will be held October 15 - 16 at John Woolman School, and registrations are due October 9. Lynne Bird is the Assistant Registrar.

A new list of members and attenders is being prepared, and address and name changes should be given to Larry Perry.

We heard that Barbara Perry had injured her back, and expressed our hopes that she will improve quickly.

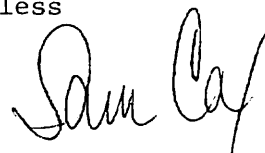
Some concern was expressed about our Meeting calendar: just how busy do we really want to be? The Recording Clerk, who keeps the Meeting calendar, noted that as the Meeting grows, the number and variety of events within our community also grows. Although we wish to avoid schedule conflicts, sometimes events may need to be scheduled on the same day, although hopefully not at the same time. The Recording Clerk was asked to help committees speak to each other when schedule conflicts arise; unresolved conflicts may need to come to the meeting for business.

Closing: Our November 6 meeting for business will be held at 1236 Bonita Street in Berkeley, and the December 4 meeting at 800 Hilldale in Berkeley.

The meeting closed in worship at 8:35 p.m. In appreciation to our absent hostess, we sang:

Now the day is over,
Night is drawing nigh;
Shadows of the evening
Steal across the sky.

When the morning wakens,
Then may I arise,
Pure and fresh and sinless
In Thy holy eyes.



Sam Cox
Recording Clerk

Approved October 2, 1983

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING

Budget
1983 - 1984

Item	1982 - 1983		1983 - 1984		Notes
	Budget	Actual-to-date	Budget	Budget	
Committees:					
Hospitality	\$ 50.00	\$ ---	\$ 50.00		
Newsletter	740.00	523.51	700.00		
Oversight	100.00	---	50.00		Decreased due to lack of use.
Peace and Social Order	---	---	200.00		Includes \$90 for film rental, \$10 for letter writing, and \$100 for projects.
Religious Education	536.00	625.00	525.00		Actual-to-date expenses include items from prior fiscal year. Budget reflects \$350 for childcare, \$175 for supplies and materials.
Retreat	---	60.00	60.00		Actual-to-date reflects excess of expenses over income on Spring retreat
Worship and Ministry	100.00	4.15	200.00		Actual-to-date is low due to unexpected income. Budget includes funds for discussion group literature and Meeting library.
General Outreach:					
Scholarships	225.00	60.00	200.00		
Sharing Fund/Oversight	---	---	150.00		
Friends Bulletin subscriptions	418.00	367.50	210.00		Budget reflects change in Bulletin accounting periods.
Donations:					
American Friends Service Committee	71.50	71.50	75.00		All donations increased 5% for inflation.
Ben Lomond Quaker Center	71.50	71.50	75.00		
Friends Association of Services to the Elderly	71.50	71.50	75.00		
Friends Committee on Legislation	71.50	71.50	75.00		
Friends World Committee for Consultation	71.50	71.50	75.00		
John Woolman School	71.50	71.50	75.00		
Administrative Expenses:					
Space Rental	880.00	560.00	1,000.00		Includes rental for special events.
Post Office Box Rental	30.00	---	35.00		
Stationary and Miscellaneous	65.00	48.59	65.00		
Dues, College Park Quarterly Meeting	37.00	37.00	76.00		38 members at \$2 each.
Dues, Pacific Yearly Meeting	495.00	495.00	684.00		38 members at \$18 each.
Pacific Yearly Meeting Travel	---	60.70	75.00		
TOTALS:	<u>\$ 4,105.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,270.45</u>	<u>\$ 4,727.00</u>		

A general note: in 1982 - 1983, the Meeting had 33 contributors with an average contribution of \$126.57.

Susan Burr, Treasurer
Barb Tittle, Bob Maynard, Finance Committee

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STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
Meeting for Business
Sunday, November 6, 1983
"Oak Glen", 1236 Bonita, Berkeley
Barbara Graves, Clerk, Presiding

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with a period of worship. Twenty-one were present during the course of the meeting. The prepared agenda was accepted as circulated.

Minutes: The minutes of the October meeting were approved as read.

Nominating Committee: The two nominations presented last month -- Kate Buckner as Overseer, replacing Tom Head; and Lynne Bird as Alternate Clerk, replacing Liz Head -- were each approved.

Overseers: Andrea Semons reported. She read a letter from Ralph Murphy in which he speaks of Strawberry Creek Meeting as "a religious community in which I can grow spiritually and perhaps make some contributions" and telling us of his request for a transfer of his membership to Strawberry Creek from Morningside Meeting in New York City. A visiting committee of Larry Perry (convenor), Sam Cox, Barbara Emmons, and Jane Rubin has been named to meet with Ralph.

Andrea also reported that the Religious Education Committee has proposed to Overseers that the Meeting join with the Vine Street Meeting in giving high school age participants a copy of the Faith and Practice of Pacific Yearly Meeting. This will be done.

Overseers have received information on a consultation on membership to be held in December in Richmond, Indiana, and are interested in finding ways to share our Meeting's concerns with the consultation. Elizabeth Perry's name had been suggested as one who might attend, and Andrea has explored this with the persons making the arrangements for the consultation. Although they do not believe there will be room for her, there is still a possibility that she may be able to attend, and the Meeting authorized disbursing monies from our Scholarship Fund to assist Elizabeth should she attend. Our concerns and comments will be transmitted to the consultation, either in the form of a letter or via Elizabeth.

It was noted that, with Kate Buckner's addition to Overseers, she will no longer be serving on the Worship and Ministry Committee. As this committee is large, they do not feel the need for additional nominations.

Peace and Social Order Committee: Carl Anderson reported. The committee recommended that the Meeting contribute \$75.00 to the East Bay Sanctuary Coalition, as part of the "Donations" section of the Meeting's general budget.

This would be a one-time contribution, although Peace and Social Order may recommend a similar contribution again next year, depending upon the circumstances. This action was approved, and the committee was commended for their careful evaluation of this concern.

A calendar of upcoming peace and social order events, some sponsored by the committee, was also distributed. It was noted that non-violence training has been held, although an affinity group has not begun to meet as yet. There is a possibility that the Meeting may soon begin to collect food for refugees.

Religious Education Committee: Jean McCandless' report was given by Sam Cox. Jean noted that the number of children and young people participating in our First Day School is quite large. Including the young people from the University Christian Church and the Vine Street Meeting, if all First Day School attenders were present at once, there would be about 40 present! Upcoming plans including a Christmas party, and the committee was encouraged to try to coordinate this with the caroling planned by the Hospitality Committee.

Retreat Committee: Joyce Samati reported on the Fall Retreat. Twenty took part in the reverent, worshipful spirit of this valuable event, exploring our individual values, our collective values, and how we address them. Several good ideas for a theme for the Spring Retreat were suggested. The committee is interested in getting more children and newcomers to participate in retreats. On the culinary side, it was noted that Amy Block's minestrone was a particularly great experience.

Friends expressed their thanks to the committee for all its labors. The retreat went so smoothly that no one felt he or she had to worry about details. A Friend commented on the feeling of being "soaked in prayer" at the retreat.

Treasurer's Report: Joyce Samati reported for Susan Burr.

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Peace Pedallers</u>	<u>Refugee Relief</u>
Balance 9/1/83	\$ 20.72	\$ 471.84	\$ (30.00)
Income	1255.00	Ø	Ø
Expenses	<u>(989.42)</u>	<u>(50.49)</u>	<u>Ø</u>
Balance 10/31/83	<u>\$ 286.30</u>	<u>\$ 421.35</u>	<u>\$ (30.00)</u>

Susan's reported noted our thanks to those who contributed so generously this past year -- we ended our fiscal year in the black!

The official name of our fund for refugee relief has been the "Guatemalan Refugee Relief Fund". Friends pointed out that the scope of the work supported has broadened to include refugees from the upheavals in all of Central America, and the name was changed to "Central American Refugee Relief Fund". The fund is still open to contributions, some of which will be sent directly to Central America with Chris Hogeness in the middle of this month.

Worship and Ministry Committee: Rachel Ann Elder reported that the committee continues to focus on ongoing concerns. There have been some small accomplishments and several noteworthy openings. Committee meetings are becoming more deeply Meetings for Worship, and the committee sees this as a way of becoming more helpful to the Meeting at large.

The Fall discussion series continues, and is currently focusing on corporate witness. A Friend has donated four boxes of books to the Meeting Library. The committee continues to be concerned about promptness at Meeting for Worship, and will explore all possible ways to decrease tardiness.

College Park Quarterly Meeting: Larry Perry reported on the Fall Quarterly Meeting, which saw increased involvement of Junior High and High School Friends. A new Quarterly Meeting directory is in the works. Two high points of the weekend gathering were the care and attention paid by Friends to Central American concerns and the reading of the epistle from the Midwinter Gathering of Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns in New York last February.

Friends Bulletin: Larry Perry volunteered to serve as the collector of subscriptions for Friends Bulletin, and his service was gratefully accepted. He was asked to write a note to Shirley Ruth, editor of the Bulletin, expressing our thanks for the good work she has done with the Bulletin.

Larry also noted that the new Meeting Directory will be out soon. A new Vine Street/Strawberry Creek joint directory appear first, which will list committee contacts and representatives from the two meetings to various Friends' bodies.

Appointment of Ad-Hoc
Committee to Nominate

the Nominating Committee: The names of Joyce Samati and Jane Wolf were suggested and approved as the members of this committee.

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Concerns and Announcements: We heard that a memorial service was held this afternoon in San Francisco for Phil Drath, a Friend of many facets.

Betty Hall noted that she had recently run into Antonio Ercig. He is doing well, and she extended an invitation for him to meet with us, should he be able to do so, expressing our ongoing concern for him.

A number of upcoming events were noted.

We heard with sadness that Gerry Maynard's mother is at death's door.

As our Meeting's Observer to Pacific Yearly Meeting moves on to become our Representative, the Nominating Committee was reminded that one of its first chores in the new year will be to recommend a Friend as Observer. Representative Committee will meet in March in Palo Alto; hence the slight push to this matter.

With thanks to our hosts, the meeting closed in worship at 8:55 p.m., to meet again Sunday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Rachel Ann Elder, 800 Hilldale, Berkeley.

Sam Cox
Recording Clerk

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
Meeting for Business
Sunday, December 4, 1983
At the home of Rachel Ann Elder,
800 Hilldale, Berkeley
Lynne Bird, Alternate Clerk, Presiding

The meeting opened with a period of worship at 7:00 p.m. Eighteen were present during the course of the evening. The prepared agenda was accepted as circulated.

Minutes: The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved with the following corrections: It was noted that Jane Wolff's last name is spelled with two "f's". The section of the Worship and Ministry Committee report dealing with the Meeting library was amended to show the name (Sam Cox) of the recent donor of books. In connection with the attendance of Elizabeth Perry at the consultation on membership, the penultimate sentence of that paragraph of the minutes was changed to read as follows:

"Although they do not believe there will be room for her, there is still a possibility that she may be able to attend. The Meeting returned the matter to Overseers for further action, and expressed its hope both that Elizabeth would be able to attend and that monies from the Scholarship Fund would be made available to assist with costs."

Correspondence: A letter has been received from Herb Foster, Clerk of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on East/West Relations, requesting funds for their work. This was referred to Peace and Social Order Committee for consideration.

A letter from Barbara Graves was read, telling us of her participation in the Religious Women's Pilgrimage for Peace, being held December 3 - 9 in Central America. A number of Friends had expressed interest in helping support Barbara in this endeavor, and the suggestion had been made that the Meeting establish a special fund to receive contributions to help defray her expenses. Such contributions would be tax-deductible. There was general approval for the creation of such a special fund. We heard also that two Maryknoll nuns, the advance wave of the Pilgrimage, have been detained at an airport in Honduras. It is possible that none of the participants will be allowed into the areas in which they hoped to vigil.

A letter from Richard Roberts of San Francisco Monthly Meeting was also noted, concerning the AIDS Interfaith Network. San Francisco Monthly Meeting has appointed Richard its representative to work with the Network in the important work it is doing, and invited other Monthly Meetings to consider similar action. This concern was also passed on to the Peace and Social Order Committee. The Clerk was asked to write San Francisco Meeting, expressing our thanks for the raising of the concern, and asking that they keep us informed of issues before the Network while we consider what action we might take. We were reminded that the Peace and

Social Order Committee, faced with a barrage of issues on which Friends feel strongly, needs the involvement of any and all concerned with specific issues. Meeting action can come only as Meeting members commit themselves to action.

Meeting Calendar: Mary Miche introduced the discussion of this matter. The Hospitality Committee has been faced with increasing conflicts over dates for Meeting events, and has wondered if the Meeting is overscheduled with activities. In looking at our calendar, Mary had discovered that there are an average of six Meeting events each month, not to mention a variety of other events which claim Friends' attention. Specifically, the Hospitality Committee noted that:

- when two activities fall on the same date, this causes an additional burden for those Friends who want to participate because of transportation, childcare and other facts of life.
- committee clerks are currently in the position of vying with each other for dates and "prime time" on Sundays.
- carefully planned events which attract only a small contingent of Friends may discourage the committee which planned the event.

In the course of a useful discussion of this matter, Friends were agreed that the problem is not overscheduling, but, perhaps, a lack of cohesiveness in our calendar. With the growth of our Meeting it would appear to be better to offer a wider variety of events. It was suggested that committees plan a time to review the events they sponsored this past year. This should help them in planning events for next year. Committees were also reminded that it is in their best interest to avoid schedule conflicts.

A number of specific actions were taken. The Meeting reiterated its current policy that committee clerks should approach the keeper of the Meeting calendar with two possible dates for an event. If the first date is not available, the second date may be, and this can avoid possible delays in scheduling events. In all cases, persons requesting dates on which there are already scheduled Meeting events will be told the date is unavailable. This will not, however, preclude two dissimilar events at different times on a particular date. In the (hopefully) rare event that there is a conflict in scheduling for two Meeting events that cannot be handled in the routine manner, the Clerk will be asked to serve as ombuds-person.

The Recording Clerk, who keeps the Meeting calendar, was asked to come up with an annual calendar for the Meeting, showing on-going and regularly planned events of interest to Friends. The Meeting also asked the Recording Clerk to look at possible conflicts on dates for business meetings, i.e., holidays such as New Year's and Labor Day weekends.

Ad-Hoc Committee to
Nominate the Nominating
Committee:

Jane Wolff reported, suggesting the names of Mary Miche (Clerk), John Bird, and Amy Block as the Meeting's Nominating Committee, to begin service in January, 1984. As is our custom, these names were laid over to next month's business meeting for final action.

Overseers: Andrea Semons reported. The committee recommends approval of the transfer of membership of Ralph Murphy from Morningside Monthly Meeting, subject to receipt of a certificate of transfer. Larry Perry, on behalf of the visiting committee, gave a brief biography of Ralph. Born in Marin County, his first experience with Friends came through a high school conference sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee. After doing alternate service with VISTA, Ralph joined Friends in New York City. An attorney, he currently works with Legal Services in Vallejo. As is our custom, this matter was held over for final action next month.

We heard that Elizabeth Perry is attending the consultation on membership. Financial support has also been provided by Vine Street Meeting. Written materials have been sent. Elizabeth will be at the next Overseers' meeting, where the first half hour will be open to those wishing to hear her report on the consultation.

Peace and Social Order Committee: Carl Anderson reported on recent and upcoming events, including a variety of collection efforts in connection with the holiday season -- food and toys for refugee families, and gifts for children in El Salvador.

Religious Education Committee: Barbara Voorhees Emmons reported that the First-day School program continues to function well. The annual Meeting Christmas potluck will be held Wednesday, December 21 at the University Christian Church. Infant care back-up persons continue to be needed.

Treasurer: Susan Burr reported on the state of our finances.

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Peace Pedallers</u>	<u>Refugee Relief</u>
Balance, 11/1/83	\$ 286.30	\$ 421.35	\$ (30.00)
Income	541.00	Ø	15.00
Expenses and Adjustments	<u>(369.44)</u>	<u>Ø</u>	<u>Ø</u>
Balance, 11/30/83	<u>\$ 457.86</u>	<u>\$ 421.35</u>	<u>\$ 15.00</u>

It was noted that, so far as we are aware, the Peace Pedallers have completed their activities. The Treasurer was asked to contact them, encouraging them to prepare a report which could be forwarded on to both the Quarterly and the Yearly Meeting, and asking them what should be done with the balance remaining in their account.

Worship and Ministry: Rachel Ann Elder reported that the committee continues to grapple with a number of items. Statements by Meeting members on corporate witness have been copied and circulated for the upcoming discussions on witness.

Concern on Prompt Attendance at Meeting for Worship: During the course of a useful discussion of this matter, the following suggestions were made. The Meeting asked the Worship and Ministry Committee to take these under advisement and implement them as seems fit.

Support was expressed for the idea of having a "greeter" at the door during Meeting for Worship. A greeter could serve several functions -- greeting and welcoming newcomers, encouraging Friends to move right in to the Meeting for Worship, closing the door to the Meetingroom, and letting in latecomers in groups at specific intervals of time.

Some concern was expressed for those Friends who may be late because they use public transportation. Friends with transportation needs, even if the need be only from downtown Berkeley up the hill to Meeting, were encouraged to contact the Transportation Coordinator, Jane Wolff.

We were reminded that we need to settle in to a state of worship promptly upon arrival. To facilitate this, early arrivals should take the seats furthest from the door, leaving seats near the door for later arrivals. Parents were encouraged not to "hang out" at the First-day School any longer than necessary. It was suggested that we might have a sign in the lobby alerting Friends to the fact that worship has begun.

It was also suggested that Worship and Ministry contact individually chronic latecomers in a helpful way to remove obstacles to prompt attendance.

Other Concerns/Announcements: We were reminded that the Recorder, Betty Hall, has forms on which we can note the arrangements to be made upon our decease. Attenders as well as members are encouraged to fill out the forms and file them with the Recorder.

We heard that the GTU has stated that we should be the only ones in the building on Sundays. Friends were encouraged to keep their eyes out for "strays", persons who should not be in the building.

Meeting for Business
December 4, 1983

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We heard that the Meeting's annual caroling will take place on Sunday, December 18 at Providence Hospital, and will be followed by a potluck and new member welcoming at Barbara Perry's.

We heard that a memorial meeting was held yesterday in Grass Valley for Charlie Swift, who died recently in the crash of his small plane.

Rachel Ann Elder noted the current location of the Meeting's library -- a corner of her living room -- where it is accessible to anyone interested.

To avoid a conflict with New Year's Day, our next meeting for business will be held Sunday, January 8, 1984, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Miche, 2600 Hillegass, Berkeley.

With thanks to our hostess, the meeting closed at 8:45 p.m. with a period of worship.

Sam Cox
Recording Clerk