

SCQM Fall Fellowship Minutes – November 5, 2016 - Temescal Canyon

Plenary I

Opening Worship

Agenda Review

Roll Call: All Meetings and Worship Groups present, with the exception of the following:
Marloma Long Beach MM, Whitleaf WG, San Diego MM, Guatemala MM

Visitors: Alyssa Nelson, PYM Youth Programs Coordinator, Davis MM, Gwen McNamara, Central Coast Meeting, Alberto Hernández Arroyo, Mexico City Monthly Meeting, Marco Antonio Lopez, Executive Director, Casa de los Amigos.

Clerks Report/Opening Remarks: Sarah Rose House-Lightner reminded us to wait for the microphone, please say your name and your Meeting before speaking.

Treasurer's Report: Peter Neumann, the new Treasurer, reported. See attached report. (Attachment 1) He indicated we're in sound financial condition. As Treasurer, he put the Peters bequest into the savings account and the operating cash in the checking account. In the Spring, the assessment was raised from \$6 to \$10. There are approx. 350 members in SCQM. In looking at Fall Fellowship expenses, he explained the additional \$3,000 included support for travel for Mexico City Friends and Casa representatives; the Treasurer requested a budget augmentation of approximately \$5,000 for funds expended last year and this year for speaker travel, etc.; the clerk noted that the work of the Peters bequest ad hoc committee was transferred over to M&C and M&C united on a minute authorizing the expenditures and more information is to come;

Nominating Committee: The clerk reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee (clerk Dan Strickland is out of the country). See report attached (Attachment 2). There is a need for 2 more people on arrangements committee, 2 on M&C, additional on nominating committee and the naming committee has been appointed. There have been some interim appointments. The clerk was appointed in August, Gail Thomas and Sue Scott to M&C. The new Naming Committee is Lawrence Alderson, Kate Watkins-Shaw and Winnie Sunshine.

The Registrar mentioned that a star on name tags indicated first-timers to Fall Fellowship and to please be extra loving to them.

The meeting closed with worship.

Plenary II

Opening Worship

Agenda Review

Welcoming Guests – Hannah Lewbell, Santa Cruz and San Jose Meeting

Minute 11-16-01: SCQM approved the minutes of Plenary Session I.

Ministry and Counsel:

- **Threshing Session on Hiring an Administrative Assistant:** Gail Thomas, co-clerk reported. She indicated the afternoon threshing session about whether the Quarter should hire an administrative assistant was lively and there was clear movement to do *something*. Further discernment will now be taken up by Ministry and Counsel. They were reminded that Meetings need to be well-informed of any action SCQM might take.
- **PYM:** Lawrence Alderson, co-clerk, reported on the PYM Annual Session. See report attached. (Attachment 3). PYM, in reducing its budget deficits, is reducing the number of people appointed as delegates to outside organizations, and fully-funded for travel. In addition, they're increasing the individual Meeting assessment as well as Annual session fees. They're also considering travel subsidies for those traveling over 200 (\$25) and 400 miles (\$50) to Annual Session. There has been a slight increase in PYM membership. In addition, the Faith and Practice revision committee has begun its work. M&O is addressing several issues during the upcoming year and there is a Clerks' coordinating conference call between the PYM and Quarterly Meeting presiding clerks, as well as the M&O/M&C clerks of the Yearly and Quarterly Meeting.

It was noted that Kate Watkins-Shaw and Anne Fuller are members of PYM Nominating committee and will be calling clerks within SCQM to discuss possible service in Yearly Meeting.

Alyssa Nelson, PYM Youth Programs Coordinator, noted that Quaker Oaks Farm Spring Service Learning Camp will happen April 10-14, 2017 hosted by the Wukchumni People as an opportunity to bring together Quaker Youth and Native people. This coming week, there is a Quakers and Native American Peoples conference in Philadelphia that Jim Summers, Dia Farrukh and Charlie Shaw will be traveling to, along Wukchumni Youth.

Peace and Social Concerns: Anthony Manousos reported. See the report attached. (Attachment 4). He reminded us to acknowledge the First Nations' People on whose land we meet. For us, it's the Tongva People. There is a monthly conference call the PYM Peace and Social Order committee holds which all are welcomed to be a part of. He then shared concerns that have come up in their calls, including police accountability. Black Lives Matter. Several committee members are involved in FCNL and will be traveling to Washington after Election day to focus on mass incarceration, as well as other issues. He then mentioned the issue of Standing Rock in North Dakota. Shelly Tanenbaum from Strawberry Creek Meeting, as well as others, are traveling to Standing Rock to stand in unity with the native peoples there. Anthony then read a quote from New England Yearly Meeting. In addition, PYM reps from FWCC, Peace and Social Action and Unity With Nature united around the minute of sustainability that came out of the FWCC gathering in Peru in 2015.

Another Friend mentioned FCNL was in Los Angeles recently and was asked to make the announcement that next November 2017 will be the 75th anniversary of FCNL. Friends are encouraged to think about visiting FCNL for the celebration.

Finance Committee: Sharon Gates reported. She shed light on the SCQM process regarding the Peters Legacy Fund and expenditures that have come from it. She gave history and context to the process for approving expenditures, including reading past minutes. There is \$4,000 to be approved annually to be administered by SCQM Ministry and Counsel committee to support

travel to Quarterly gatherings, among other things, that hasn't been a part of the annual budget but will going forward. Thus the funding for Quarterly gathering speaker travel, including representatives of the Casa for this year (and including the \$5,000 referred to in the morning plenary session) has come from this process. For this gathering, M&C mistakenly did not fill out the paperwork required by the Treasurer and thus may have caused some confusion regarding its approval. However, the approval was in good order and the paperwork will be corrected after Fall Fellowship gathering.

A Friend wanted to insure the money from the Peters Bequest was invested in a fund, such as Friends Fiduciary.

Registrar's Report: David Mackenzie and Sharon Gates, co-registrars, reported. Registration information did not appear on the SCQM website. As a result, all late fees were waived. They then gave some statistics. There were 88 total registrants for Fall Fellowship, including 40 adults and 13 kids. There were 43 adults day attenders and 17 first-time attenders. This year there were several variations of dorm accommodations based on gender and family needs.

Nominating Report: The presiding clerk reported that no names were brought forward from this morning and suggested we sit in worship on the openings that are needed. The current needs include Arrangements, Finance, Directory, Website, Ministry and Counsel, Peace and Social Order, Youth Planning Committee and Nominating Committees. It was clarified that Friends were focused on self-identifying only. Friends self-identified to get calls and to be considered for Nominating/Website/ Arrangements/Youth Planning committees.

Minute 11-16-02: SCQM approved the minutes from Plenary II with minor corrections.

Plenary II closed with worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Rose House-Lightner, Presiding Clerk

Shayne Lightner, Recording Clerk

**Southern California Quarterly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends
Treasurer's Report**

5-Nov-16

	11/3/2015	11/3/2015 Adjusted	11/3/2016
Bank Balances	<u>93,779</u>	<u>14,864</u>	<u>10,229</u>
Checking	93,779	14,864	10,229
Savings	4,485	84,400	84,200

SCQM Proforma 2016 Income/Expenses

Income

Assessment Income @\$10	3,500
Fall Fellowship Income	<u>4,600</u>
Total Income	8,100

Expenses

Temescal Rental	5,500
Food & related stipend	2,000
Entertainment	<u>1,200</u>
	8,700
Net	-600
Stipend Mexico /Casa est.	<u>3,000</u>
Deficit	3,000-4,000

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA QUARTERLY MEETING
APPROVED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES 11/5/16

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>MEETING</u>
Sarah Rose House-Lightner, Presiding Clerk	8/16 to 5/19	Orange Grove
Shayne Lightner, Recording Clerk	6/13 to 5/19	Santa Monica
Peter Neumann, Treasurer	6/15 to 5/18	Santa Barbara
Kerwin Flowers, Web Clerk & Listserve Clerk	11/14 to 5/17	La Jolla

COMMITTEES

Arrangements Committee

Sharon Gates & David Mackenzie, Registrar [REDACTED]	6/15 to 5/18	Orange Grove
Marion Holzwarth	11/14 to 5/17	Orange Grove
Jan Bartholomew	8/15 to 5/18	Santa Barbara
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Directory Committee

Dan Strickland	11/15 to 5/18	Orange Grove
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Finance Committee

Oliver Ryder	6/12 to 5/18	La Jolla
Sharon Gates (Clerk)	6/12 to 5/18	Orange Grove
Peter Neumann, (ex officio)	6/15 to 5/18	Santa Barbara

Ministry and Counsel Committee

Lawrence Alderson (co-clerk)	6/11 to 5/17	Orange County
Gail Thomas (co-clerk)	8/16 to 5/19	
Sarah Rose House -Lightner (ex officio)	8/16 to 5/19	Orange Grove
Holly Anderson	4/15 to 5/18	Ojai
Sue Scott	8/16 to 5/17	Inland Valley

Newsletter Committee (publishes Quarterly Reporter prior to Quarterly Gatherings)

Sarah Rose House-Lightner	6/14 to 5/17	Orange Grove
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Pacific Ackworth Foundation Board

Kip McBane	6/11 to 5/17	La Jolla
Gary Wolff	6/12 to 5/18	Orange Grove

Peace & Social Order Committee

Anthony Manousos, Co-Clerk	6/12 to 5/17	Orange Grove
Sirgei Agalzoff, Co-Clerk	6/14 to 5/17	Orange Grove

Southern California Youth Planning Committee

Kate Watkins, Clerk

Jim Summers (PYM YPCC)

6/13 to 5/17

11/14 to 5/17

Santa Monica

La Jolla

Religious Education Committee (Children)

Winnie Sunshine, Clerk

Jennifer Carr (PYM YPCC)

Lauren Mangis

11/14 to 5/17

6/15 to 5/18

11/14 to 5/17

La Jolla

Las Vegas

Santa Barbara

Retreats Committee

Patricia Wolff

11/14 to 5/17

Orange Grove

Nominating Committee is named by the Naming Committee

Nominating Committee

Dan Strickland (Clerk)

Katrina Mason

Trudy Freidel

6/14 to 5/17

6/15 to 5/18

Orange Grove

Claremont

Inland Valley

Naming Committee is named By Clerks Committee

Naming Committee

Lawrence Alderson

Kate Watkins

Winnie Sunshine

11/16 to 5/17

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Orange County

Santa Monica

La Jolla

Ad-Hoc Subcommittees to be listed here for informational purposes:

Highlights from 2016 PYM Annual Session:

- PYM has been running a deficit for the past several years and is making some changes to bring the expenses in line with income.
 - One of the changes is to reduce travel costs for PYM delegates. The revised guidelines reduce the number of representatives who will be funded for travel to reduce the overall travel expenses. The details of can be found at: <http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Joint-Proposal5.pdf>
 - The assessment will increase to \$111 for 2016-2017, plus there is a \$5 increase in the Annual Session fees.
- A travel subsidy is planned for Annual Session attendance for people from meetings over 200 and 400 miles from Annual Session (<http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/2016/documents/pym-committee-reports/finance-committee/finance-committee-travel-subsidy/>). This will be \$25 for people traveling 200-400 miles to A.S. and \$50 for those traveling over 400 miles, available to those traveling in carpools of 3 or more or via bus or train.
- Highlights from the statistical report (<http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/01-2016-Statistical-Report-Introduction.pdf> and <http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/2016PYMStatsReportPart1.pdf>):
 - As of 5/31/2016: PYM comprised 840 College Park members (+4 over 2015), 352 Southern California members (+7 over 2015) and 1,292 members total.
 - There are 36 Monthly Meetings. Twenty-three meetings are in College Park Quarterly Meeting (65 % of PYM's membership). Nine meetings are in Southern California Quarterly Meeting (29% of the total membership), and four meetings are not affiliated with a Quarterly Meeting (Big Island, Honolulu, Guatemala, and Mexico City are 6% of the membership).
 - Within the past 10 years, Pacific Yearly Meeting membership was at its highest, 1,518 members, in 2006. The lowest was in 2015 at 1,285. Total membership was up 0.5%.
- The Faith and Practice Revision Committee has begun work on the next Faith & Practice (<http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/2016/documents/pym-committee-reports/discipline-committee/discipline-committee-note-on-faith-and-practice-revision/>).
- Ministry and Oversight is addressing several key matters, including the structure of PYM, the Monthly Meeting Representatives role and potential FGC affiliation – see full report at (http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/annual-session-minutes-reports/2016-annual-session-reports-and-minutes/#Ministry_Oversight).
- Everyone is encouraged to review 2016 AS epistle <http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/2016/epistles/pacific-yearly-meeting-epistle-2016/>

Report of the PYM/SCQM Peace and Social Order Committee

Submitted November 5, 2016, by Anthony Manousos (interfaithquaker@aol.com)

The PYM PSO Committee convenes monthly conference calls for SCQM as well as College Park Friends who have concerns about peace and justice. You are welcome to take part and will be listened to and supported as much as we are able, spiritually as well as practically. We help bring concerns to Quarterly and Yearly Meeting, organize/sponsor interest groups, and recommend speakers. You can share your concern at our next monthly conference call on **Wednesday, Nov 30, at 7:30 pm**. Conference call number is: [712-770-4010](tel:712-770-4010). Access code: 830-785. Here are some concerns that have been discussed in recent calls.

1) **Police Accountability (Black Lives Matter)**. Several of our members are involved in this issue and are wondering: What are meetings doing to address issues of racism, militarization of the police, and police accountability? For recent AFSC action opposing police militarization, including civil disobedience and arrests, see <https://www.afsc.org/document/report-urban-shield-abandoning-hope-not-building-hope> and <https://www.afsc.org/story/promoting-security-or-fearmongering-islamophobia-and-policing>

2) **Sentencing Reform and Correction act** (S 2123). This will be the focus of this year's FCNL lobby day. For more info, and to take action, go to fcnl.org and see letter below.

3) **Standing Rock Statements by AFSC, FNCL and New England Yearly Meeting**. These Quaker bodies are calling on us to support the Standing Rock Sioux and their allies who are opposing an oil pipeline and taking a “nonviolent stand to protect the water, land and climate for future generations.” In their call for prayer and support for Standing Rock, New England Friends write: “We affirm that we see God at work in the courageous action of those in the protector camp in Cannon Ball, North Dakota, In their ongoing struggles we see the convergence of struggles for indigenous rights, climate justice and liberation from white supremacy, moving with the power of the Spirit, raising up a vision of a world renewed.” Please call the President at Comments: 202-456-1111. Switchboard: 202-456-1414. Statements by AFSC, FCNL and New England YM are available at their websites. See <http://neym.org/rsej/news/minute-support-standing-rock-committee-racial-and-economic-justice>

4) **Follow up on the FWCC Sustainability Minute**. The PSO, FWCC and Unity with Nature Committees resolved to work together on this concern. We are asking Meeting to report on what concrete actions they are taking towards sustainability? <http://fwcc.world/fwcc-news/living-sustainably-and-sustaining-life-on-earth-the-minute-from-the-plenary>

Write to our Senators and thank them for co-sponsoring the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act (S. 2123). Ask them to help bring it to the floor. Here some text to consider using:

"Disproportionately long prison sentences for certain crimes, combined with laws that prevent successful re-entry into civilian life, have created a system of mass incarceration that unfairly impacts poor communities and people of color. These bills together reduce several lengthy mandatory minimum sentences, give judges more discretion, and lower the population in federal prisons.

"This bill has strong bipartisan support. Please work with your colleagues on both sides of the aisle to help pass it into law."