

**Southern California Quarterly Meeting
of the
Religious Society of Friends
Eleventh Month 3, 2012**

Plenary II

Plenary II began with silent worship at 4:25.

Roll Call

Friends from the following meetings and worship groups were present:

Clairemont Monthly Meeting, Conejo Valley Worship Group, Inland Valley Friends Meeting, La Jolla Monthly Meeting, Las Vegas Worship Group, Marloma Long Beach Monthly Meeting, Orange County Friends Meeting, Orange Grove Friends Meeting, Santa Barbara Monthly Meeting, and Santa Monica Monthly Meeting.

Alyssa Nelson from Davis Meeting and Donna Smith from Redwood Forest Meeting (Santa Rosa) were also present.

Twelve teenagers are attending the quarterly gathering, along with two adult "FAPs". Augie Brinker from Santa Cruz Meeting is visiting with the teens.

Youth Program Director

Alyssa Nelson presented the report. Alyssa enjoyed working with the Youth Planning Committee as well as the Clerks' Committee in planning the youth program for this gathering.

There are four upcoming events for the youth. 1) There will be a Youth Work Camp at Quaker Oaks Farm in Visalia from March 25-31, 2013. 2) The annual FAP (Friendly Adult Presence) workshop will take place in the Spring, probably around the date of Quarterly Spring Gathering. 3) A service learning trip to El Salvador will take place in July. The planners would like for this to be an intergenerational trip. Young adult Friends are urged to participate. 4) A Peace Action Camp for high school age Friends will take place in La Jolla, just prior to yearly meeting.

Alyssa hopes to include more intergenerational activities in the future. Friends who have ideas may contact Alyssa.

A Friend asked Alyssa to explain the decisions made at yearly meeting regarding her position as Youth Program Coordinator. PYM approved the extension of this program for another full year until September, 2013. The Program Committee will present an evaluation of the Youth Program to Representative Committee.

Representative Committee will make recommendations regarding further action to be considered at PYM in the summer.

A Friend reminded us that the Alice Way fund is available for youth who would like to participate in any Quaker activity.

Inter-Religious Council of Southern California/Southern California Ecumenical Council

Simon Simonian presented the report. Simon reviewed some of the history of the Inter-Religious Council of Southern California. There are 14 religions represented. There has been a Quaker representative as of 2011. Simon Simonian and Anthony Manousos are the current representatives. The council has formulated a new mission statement that includes the idea that the council is pluralistic and multi-disciplinary. The statement supports the need for collaboration among the member organizations. As a result, the council has taken several actions including: a Committee for Civility in Public Discourse, a project to attract and mentor more younger members and a committee for non-violence.

The Ecumenical Council consists of representatives of more than 20 Christian denominations. Simon is our representative to this organization. He reviewed some of the recent activities. He noted that young people have expressed a desire for more interfaith experiences among members of the broader religious community.

PYM Site Committee

Joe Franko presented the report. Friends have expressed a desire that the site committee consider the long term need for a PYM site. There is a problem with finding sites at universities and colleges due to the fact that many of them are no longer accepting bookings for their sites in August. The committee is considering whether it might be feasible to hold PYM at the same site during the same week every year. Next year, PYM will be held at Mt. Madonna. The committee is considering holding PYM at Walker Creek again in 2014. Lanny Jay, clerk of the Site Committee, is asking for feedback from Southern California Friends as to whether they would be willing to travel North again for PYM in 2014 and possibly every year thereafter. Meeting representatives were asked to take this issue back to their monthly meetings for consideration.

Nominating Committee

Chuck Orr (clerk) presented the report. The committee has made some progress in filling positions on the Children's Religious Education committee, clerk of the Quarter, and clerk of Ministry and Council. However, there are other positions that need to be filled.

Chuck discussed the importance of participation in the Quarterly Meeting. The Quarter nurtures our lives and our meetings. Friends are needed to serve the Quarter.

One of the major challenges we face right now is that Chuck is the only member of the Nominating Committee. Chuck proposed that there be a representative on Nominating Committee from each of the four largest monthly meetings in the Quarter.

Dan Strickland will be moving to Korea at the end of this year and will no longer be able to serve as co-clerk.

Robin Durant is nominated to complete Dan's term as co-clerk and to continue as clerk after the current term ends on May 31.

A Friend urged us to consider serving on Nominating Committee. This committee makes a vital contribution to the life of Southern California Quarterly. Friends who are interested

Retreats Committee

John Sisson reported that there will not be a retreat at Joshua Tree this year. The reservations policy has changed, and there were no reservations available. Reservations will be made for next year.

Pass to Quaker Center

A Friend urged meetings to buy an annual pass to the Quaker Center at Ben Lomond for use by members and attenders of their meeting. La Jolla Meeting has done this. Friends may contact Mary Ann Percy of La Jolla Meeting for more information.

Plenary II ended with silent worship at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Strickland
Co-Clerk

John Sisson
Co-Clerk

Elizabeth Bills
Acting Recording Clerk

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Plenary III

Plenary III began at 1:30.

11.12.1 – Friends approved that Robin Durant serve as Co-Clerk of Southern California Quarterly Meeting. She will serve as Co-Clerk for the remainder of the current term and will serve as Clerk for the three-year term that commences on June 1, 2013.

11.12.2 – Friends approved the minutes from Plenary II.

Respectfully submitted,

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