

**CHESTNUT HILL FRIENDS MEETING  
MEETING FOR WORSHIP TO CONDUCT BUSINESS  
MAY 15, 1994  
MINUTES**

19 people gathered for the reading of query fourteen on simplicity. Several reflections were shared.

Tom read a lengthy letter from the PYM Personnel Committee and Ed Staudt summarizing the circumstances of Ed Staudt's severance of employment with PYM. Tom urged that the meeting comply with PYM's request that we now let the matter lie.

**April Minutes.** On page 2, add the names of Gwyneth MacArthur's children: Kira and Kelsey. On page 3, the last phrase in the third paragraph should read "with the following modifications". On page 4 the second event at the Chestnut Hill Library will take place on June 15, rather than 18. With these changes, and with great appreciation to Karen Cromley for taking them, the minutes were approved.

**Announcements.** Tom read a letter from Arlene Kelly thanking CH Meeting for its minute of appreciation for her service.

Everyone is invited to a celebration honoring Rev. Paul Washington and the publication of his autobiography. The celebration is June 5, 2 to 5, at the Church of the Advocate.

Roger Walmsley, on behalf of the Property Committee, displayed one of two signs welcoming people to CH Meeting. One will be placed at Mermaid and Germantown, the other at Mermaid and Stenton. Tricia Walmsley will meet with the CHCA representative who reviews such signs. These seem appropriate as increasing numbers of new people at meeting are from the neighborhood. Signs will help them find us.

**Finance Committee** Tom welcomed comments on the proposed Grantmaking Committee, which was discussed in April. Noting a lack of unity on the proposal and the fact that several PSC members were unable to be present tonight, Tom suggested that a thorough discussion be held in June, picking up strands that might emerge tonight. Comments included the following:

Last month's minutes were clear in summarizing the proposal.

Finance Committee made the suggestion because it was felt that the meeting would like grantmaking to be handled more simply. Constructive suggestions about other approaches are welcome.

The proposal did not originate with PSC. Indeed, some members of PSC would like to retain decision-making power on grants for peace and social issues. The proposal did attempt to address the need for responding to requests for funding (such as the Arch St. roof) that are not within the guidelines

of PSC or the Scholarship Committee. A grantmaking committee might be a more efficient way of dealing with such requests.

It was noted that we have not been following our own policy of reinvesting some of the Yarnall income, using it rather for special requests.

A proposal was made that we fund the operating budget from Yarnall Fund and use members' contributions to make grants. This needs further reflection and discussion.

There was no discussion of whether the Grantmaking Committee, if approved, should bring decisions to the meeting for prior approval. It was noted that the Scholarship Committee is entrusted to make grants without consulting the meeting.

People were urged to discuss the proposal among themselves and in committees before the June business meeting.

**Peace and Social Concerns Committee** CH meeting has been asked to approve a minute prepared for it endorsing to Philadelphia Quarter our support of the CPMM Bridges Project directed by Jo Anne Schneider. Support of the Quarter is necessary for the project to request money from the PYM Initiatives Fund. Our support is requested before the Quarter meets on June 5. Two project participants - Norris Square and Friends Neighborhood Guild - are not enthusiastic about the program, one because it was felt that the project increases white middle-class domination over non-white poor people and the other because the youth don't continue to participate.

A lengthy discussion followed, including the question of what support of this project means for the meeting. There is uncertainty about the effectiveness of the means being used to achieve the laudable goal of building bridges among different communities. We are already involved in a similar project at the Newton Friends Center which brings together youth from Camden Schools and Moorestown Friends School. There was reluctance to approve the minute without knowing more about the project and its difficulties. Perhaps we should explore other ways to give support.

**\*\*The meeting supports the goal of the project but was not able to unite with the minute presented to it.\*\*** The meeting asked PSC to 1) invite Jo Anne Schneider and a member of her oversight committee to report to PSC & 2) to assess the work and bring the issue back to the meeting if it seems warranted.

Tom noted that in the future requests such as this should work their way through the meeting's committee structure before being presented to business meeting.

**Nominating Committee.** Meg Mitchell presented the following recommendations for committee membership. Overseers - Joan

Hagner; W & M - Kate Holz; Rel Ed - Ruth Cameron; PSC - Lee Vanarsdal; and Forum - Beth Reeves and Barbara Buonocore. **\*\*The meeting approved the nominations with thanks to the Nominating Committee for its work.\*\*** The Nom Comm is unclear about the terms of W & M membership. W & M is asked to discuss this and report back to the meeting.

**Overseers** Peg Myers. Overseers have been organizing people to stay with Sharli Land weekday mornings while Stewart is at work. Volunteers are needed for the week of May 23.

Membership. Overseers recommends the following people for membership. Nell Kahill and her children Bobby, Ian and Ellen. Gwyneth MacArthur and her children Kira and Kelsey. Joe Richardson. The second reading of these membership requests will be in June. Friends are urged to become acquainted with all those who have requested membership.

There was a second reading of the membership request of Jorge Arauz. **\*\*The meeting enthusiastically accepted Jorge into membership.\*\***

Each spring Overseers nominate a new person to the nominating committee as the senior person rotates off. Charlie Philips was recommended and approved for this position.

**Worship and Ministry** Mary Lou Hurwitz noted that some of the data (eg, time of business meeting) are incorrect on the otherwise excellent flyer of introduction to worship at CH Meeting. W & M would like the meeting's approval to change erroneous information. Roberta Kramer offered to pen in the changes. The meeting approved, with great appreciation to Roberta for her offer.

**William Penn Project** Carla White thanked John Gallery for his interesting presentation on May 11 as part of the Wm Penn series. Steve Collett, Director of the Quaker UN Program, will speak on June 15 about how Penn's vision of world peace is operative at the UN today. Bill Ludlow convinced about 50 merchants along Germantown Avenue in Chestnut Hill to put up the flyer about both talks. Carla hoped that someone would be willing to make the same effort in Mt. Airy and Germantown. Carla will ask the Treasurer which committees might have funds to cover Steve Collett's travel expenses from New York and light refreshments at the meeting. People were asked to think of additional speakers in the summer and fall.

The meeting closed with a period of silence.  
Roberta Foss, Recording Clerk

**CHESTNUT HILL FRIENDS MEETING  
MEETING FOR WORSHIP TO CONDUCT BUSINESS  
JUNE 19, 1994**

19 people gathered in silence and the reading of query #15 on self-discipline. Paul Laskow clerked the meeting.

**May 15 Minutes** The meeting's directional sign will be placed at Mermaid and Stenton, not Mermaid and Crittenden. It was indicated that someone not present had corrections, but no one knew what these were; it was agreed that suggested changes be brought to the meeting as a whole. With the correction of the street name indicated above, the May minutes were approved.

**Topic for Discussion: Property and House Committee** Tricia Walmsley and Paul Laskow distributed Advices and Queries on Stewardship in Chestnut Hill Meeting, asking for a general discussion but not a decision.

In paragraph 4 under Advices, "and attender" will be added.

There was considerable discussion about care of the meeting house and grounds and whether we should continue to solicit volunteers or hire someone to help. One person expressed willingness to come regularly to do such tasks, especially as making a financial contribution is difficult. Perhaps more people would participate if tasks were scheduled at a time convenient to them rather than on a pre-set date. We might keep a calendar of regular tasks such as cleanups, with an alternate date for each. An emergency team could deal with the unexpected such as heavy snow storms.

Paul said the property committee has been exploring various options for wheelchair accessibility, such as a ramp to the office door. We need permission from UCP for things such as curb cuts outside our property, which ends at the fence.

It was noted that the Advices contain an important basic philosophy of stewardship. Perhaps this is something for Finance Committee to discuss.

Requests were made to add the time of meeting and "all are welcome" to the sign in front. It would also be helpful to have an answering machine on the meeting telephone with a message about the time of meeting.

**Nominating Committee** Paul read a memo (attached) from the Nominating Committee recommending increases in membership from 3 to 4 people and length of term from 3 to 4 years. The com-

mittee nominates officers of the meeting and more than 80 positions on committees. \*\* The meeting approved expanding both the number of members on the committee and the length of term. \*\* Overseers were asked to make an additional appointment soon and begin a process that will lead to a smooth transition to the new 4 year terms.

**Overseers** Shirley Philips circulated two sign up sheets - one for greeters, one for people to organize the monthly potlucks.

Shirley read a transfer of membership for Nancy Bibler Coppeck Gold from Plymouth Meeting. Tricia Walmsley and George Garrettson will be the welcoming committee for Nancy Gold.

Roger Walmsley reported that a welcoming party for Jorge Arauz was held at the home of Sharli and Stewart Land.

There was a second reading of names proposed for membership in May. Membership was approved for the following three adults and five children whose welcoming committees are also noted.

Nell Kahill and her children Bobby, Ian and Ellen will be welcomed by Mary Lou Hurwitz, Charlie Philips and Jim Cox.

Gwyneth MacArthur and her children Kira and Kelsey will be welcomed by Tricia Walmsley, Jorge Arauz and Carla White.

Joe Richardson will be welcomed by George Garrettson, Miles Thompson and Gwyneth MacArthur.

Welcoming committees are reminded to take with them the biodata cards so correct information can be added to the meeting records. New members will receive Friends Journal subscriptions.

Shirley reported the death of Mig Evans. The date and time of her memorial service in July will be posted.

Phil Anthony presented Bibles and copies of Faith and Practice to Hilary Nicholas-Alexander and Joe Richardson on June 12.

Shirley read a letter from Overseers commending Ed, Teresita and Louise (Taddy) Reed to Japan Yearly Meeting. Ed and Teresita are about to begin an assignment with AFSC as Korea Regional International Affairs Representatives, based in Japan. \*\* Chestnut Hill Meeting approved this action and wished Godspeed to the Reed family. \*\*

**Tuition Aid Committee** Mary Lou Hurwitz thanked the meeting for its aid in offering scholarships and noted that half the Yarnall Fund income is used for tuition aid. The committee made 14 grants to students at Plymouth Meeting and Germantown Friends Schools and Penn Charter School.

**Worship and Ministry** Mary Lou said W & M discussed the request that they clarify length of terms on the committee. Some feel that W & M is a spiritual calling and shouldn't be subject to mechanical timetables. Others feel fixed terms would provide helpful discipline. They decided to recommend three-year terms, but that members can succeed themselves without rotating off. If this system is established, a person who is considering whether or not to continue would be greatly assisted in this decision by a clearness committee.

**Announcements** George Garrettson said each person will be receiving a card asking about his/her entry in the meeting Directory. George asked that children in the meeting who have reached college age either be given a separate entry or dropped from the Directory. George is open to suggestions about changing the Directory format; some discussion was held about whether there should be one alphabetical listing of everyone with annotations indicating membership.

Jorge Arauz reported that he and some others have agreed to individually hold people in the light through prayer at a designated time in their homes each evening. If people are interested in participating, please contact Jorge.

**Continuation of Discussion of Yarnall Fund** It had been suggested in May business meeting that a thorough discussion of the proposed Grantmaking Committee be held in June. A question was raised about the appropriateness of discussing this as no members of the Finance Committee were present. At the same time, members of Peace and Social Concerns Committee had not been at the business meetings in April and May when this was discussed and were present this evening. Discussion was held and the following questions and concerns were raised.

It is hoped that FC did not have "giving PSC time for other activities" as a major motivation in suggesting the new committee as PSC does not feel overburdened. It was noted that although the discussion and decision of PSC's recommended grants this year went very smoothly, three business meetings have been spent discussing changing things.

The purpose of suggesting a Grantmaking Committee was to form a mechanism for responding to requests for grants that fall outside the guidelines of PSC. A separate committee might also be a way for the meeting to manage some of the finances without bringing the issue to the meeting as a whole. It was noted, by way of comparison, that PYM has a bequest committee that handles all large bequests.

The new committee could handle requests that have fallen between the cracks previously, with scholarships and PSC grants continuing as they are and additional amounts (which have been for reinvestment) being the new committee's responsibility.

People were reminded that there was a suggestion in May that we consider doing things radically differently - taking operating expenses from the Yarnall money and using individual contributions for making grants.

At this point there was a period of silence after which the discussion continued.

A concern was raised that the meeting look at the general trend in the use of Yarnall Fund income. Initially, all of the income was used for PSC. Then it was divided into three - PSC, scholarship fund and reinvestment. Does this indicate a trend toward keeping more money within the community rather than dispersing it outside the community? The question of stewardship is intricately involved with this.

Concern was expressed that people in the meeting could not take ownership of decisions if they were made without being brought to the meeting as a whole. Also, if the operating budget were to come from the Yarnall Funds and individuals were solicited to give to worthy causes, would there not be a decrease in the sense being a member of a community of giving?

It was noted that PSC has been educating the meeting about the groups to whom we give and some relationships have developed between the meeting and the groups.

As there has been a modest growth in the principal of the Yarnall Fund, should we increase the 5% of principal that has been allotted for grants?

As the meeting was unable to reach unity on this proposal, it is referred back to the Finance Committee with a request that the committee consider the points that have been raised. It is recommended that FC bring together appropriate people to discuss this further - perhaps a joint meeting of the Finance Committee, PSC and the Scholarship Committee.

**William Penn Celebration** Carla White reported that Steve Collett's report on Quaker UN work was very successful. The Committee would appreciate expressions of interest and assistance if the lecture series is to continue.

The meeting closed after silent worship.

Roberta Foss, Recording Clerk

**CHESTNUT HILL FRIENDS MEETING  
MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS  
SEPTEMBER 18, 1994**

Nineteen people gathered in silence for the reading of Query #1 on meeting for worship. We don't often talk about how we experience worship. Ideas on how to do this are welcomed. Worship and Ministry was asked to discuss this query.

**Minutes of June 19.** A sentence should be added to the Yarnall Fund discussion clarifying the role of the proposed Grantmaking Committee. Tuition aid and PSC grants would continue, with the new committee handling additional amounts that up to now have been designated for reinvestment. With this addition, the June minutes were approved.

**Announcements** Announcements from this meeting will be posted in the gathering room.

AFSC will have a booth at Penn's Landing at the Wm. Penn's celebration on October 22. AFSC is collecting T-shirts for its material aids program and Friends are asked to bring new or used (in good condition) T-shirts to the booth.

The meeting was reminded of the deaths of two members since last business meeting: Roberta Kramer and Sharli Powers Land. There will be a Memorial Service for Sharli on September 24.

The meeting expressed great appreciation to George Garrettson for his valuable work in compiling this year's Directory. George noted that the Directory is now a single list of people rather than being separated into members and attenders. There are some corrections. The children of Gwyneth MacArthur should be listed as members. Jim Alexander has a new address. Elizabeth Durand's address should add: Apt. P-4 (see pg 4). Please let George know when there are changes in your listing.

The Nominating Committee is asked to nominate someone for PYM's Nominating Committee. George Garrettson will serve *pro tem*. George urged us to become involved in PYM activities.

Roberta Foss reported that two of the young people who were on the AFSC delegation she accompanied to Japan this summer are in the Philadelphia area & available to speak to the meeting.

Tom noted PYM's request that Yearly Meeting discussion items come from monthly meetings. Tom asked all committees to consider (and let him know) whether they have concerns they would like forwarded to Quarterly Meeting for consideration as discussion items at YM. Friends were reminded that next year's YM is a week-long residential meeting in July.

**Forum Committee.** The Committee is actively planning for the year & will continue its efforts to draw on the ministry that



exists in our community with forums on specific themes. More information about this will be in the October Newsletter.

**Overseers** Charlie Philips. Charlie noted Sharli Land's death on August 5 and the Memorial Service on September 24. Jane Robinson and Lowber Welsh have requested marriage under the care of the meeting during meeting for worship on November 27. Steve Gable and Karen Cromley served as the Clearness Committee and recommended approval. The meeting approved their marriage on that day under the care of the meeting.

A letter from Media Monthly Meeting requesting transfer of membership to CHMM for Claudia Brandenburg was received after June's business meeting. Bill Ludlow, Trude Fuchs and Roberta Foss will serve on the welcoming committee for Claudia.

David Philips requested a transfer from our meeting to Falls Meeting. The meeting agreed to send a letter to the Falls Meeting and a letter to David and Harriet wishing them well.

Linda Rosenwein has requested membership. MJ Robinson and John Gallery will serve on the clearness committee.

Overseers will host a meeting party for the Walmsleys on November 5 before their departure for Australia. Carla White will talk with others who might want to help with this.

Overseers encouraged the meeting to proceed with arrangements for improving accessibility to the meeting house. John Gallery may be asked to consult with the Property Committee which was asked to bring a proposal to the meeting when they are ready.

There is a sign-up sheet for people to coordinate monthly meeting suppers. The hospitality committee will be asked if they want to organize signing up for this responsibility.

**Opening Discussions** Tom asked whether we would like to continue half-hour discussions at the beginning of business meeting, something we have tried fairly successfully for about a year. There was generally positive feeling about the discussions, the only concern being that some of the business meetings became very long when there were other important items on the agenda. The meeting agreed to have opening discussions in October, November, January, February, April, May and June, skipping December and March (budget discussion). October will be a report from the William Penn Outreach Committee; November will be lead by the Religious Ed Committee; January: Finance Committee; April: PSC Committee. Tom will assign topics for February, May and June.

Concern was expressed about Penn Charter School's scheduling its lower school picnic for Oct. 22, the day of the Wm Penn celebrations. After discussion of how the meeting should re-

spond to this, it was agreed to ask George Garrettson to express the Meeting's hope to PYM Wm Penn Committee and, through them, to Penn Charter, that the school would promote participation in the event by the middle & upper schools.

Tom noted that the Finance Committee has been asked to continue consideration of Yarnall Fund distribution and to invite PSC and Tuition Aid Committees to be involved. Tom assumes this will happen and that the Finance Committee will bring a further recommendation for action to the meeting.

Trude recommended a new book reviewed in today's New York Times: Black, White, Other by Lise Funderberg.

There being no other business, the meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Roberta Foss, Recording Clerk

**CHESTNUT HILL FRIENDS MEETING  
MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS  
OCTOBER 16, 1994**

Twenty-four people gathered in silence for the reading of Query #2 on Ministry. Several reflections were shared.

John Gallery clerked the meeting in the absence of Tom Conrad.

**Report from the William Penn Birthday Celebration Outreach Committee** Carla White reported on the committee's work and the two forums held at the Chestnut Hill Library. The Committee had suggestions for further outreach and solicited ideas from the meeting. The ideas generated will be put in the form of a report before the Committee is laid down. The meeting thanked Carla and the Committee for its work.

**Minutes of September 18.** The budget is considered in February, not March. The Nominating Committee discussion is in March. With these corrections, the Minutes were approved.

**Overseers.** Shirley Philips noted there were changes in the Care Circles with the departure of Roger Walmsley and addition of Joan Hagner to Overseers. The party for the Walmsleys is Nov. 5 from 3 to 5:30. A Clearness Committee (John Gallery, MJ Robinson and Hertha Reinemann) met with Linda Rosenwein to consider her application for membership. The Overseers recommend membership be approved. As this was the first reading of her request, it will be raised again in November.

**Peace and Social Concerns Committee.** Lee Vanarsdall distributed copies of a proposed Minute on Military Intrusion into Philadelphia High Schools that PSC asked the Meeting to approve and forward to Quarterly Meeting for its consideration on October 30. Questions were raised about the nature of the proposed military academies in the two schools. It was noted that for some people the military appears to be the only chance for employment. On the other hand, it was reported that an ex-Marine counsellor with CCCO does not think we would be depriving people of opportunities by opposing the military in schools. There were also questions about the extent to which this program would add something new to ROTC, which is already present in the schools. The discussion revealed a need for much more information. Either Robert Seeley, Executive Director of the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors or Harold Jordan of AFSC's Youth and Militarism Program could be resources for this. The meeting agreed to send the minute, as modified below, to Quarterly Meeting with a request that they ask Bob Seeley to speak to this issue and consider alternatives to military academies. PSC and the Quarterly Meeting Representative were asked to come back to the meeting with responses to the concerns and questions that were raised. It was noted that Bob Dockhorn would have to be

notified immediately in order to adjust the agenda for Quarterly Meeting. John Gallery agreed to do this.

**Modified Minute on Military Intrusion into Philadelphia High Schools:** "Germantown and West Philadelphia High Schools, now with ROTC units, are being targeted to have military career academies included in their course work, to be paid for by the U.S. Department of Defense. We are concerned that this expansion of the military in our schools may erode the curriculum and skew the educational atmosphere.

With the armed forces being downsized and the efficacy of overseas military action highly questionable, public opinion is running heavily against overseas military occupations. Our Quaker traditions lead us to emphasize reconciliation, restorative justice and compassion to promote peace in the world and less violence in our country.

Our Monthly Meeting for Business requests Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting to schedule a presentation of this topic at its October 30 meeting by Robert Seeley, Clerk of the PYM Working Group on Youth, Conscience and the Peace Testimony and to consider programs that could be adopted in public schools to offer alternatives."

**Worship and Ministry** Mary Lou Hurwitz read a minute of appreciation for Elizabeth Walmsley's participation in the committee, and noted that it stimulated the committee to think further about including young people in the work of committees. The Meeting joined the committee in expressing appreciation to Elizabeth. The minute follows.

Minute in appreciation of Elizabeth Walmsley's service on the Worship and Ministry Committee of Chestnut Hill Meeting. October 1994. Elizabeth attended our committee meetings faithfully. She contributed a valuable ability to listen to others; in turn she was able to speak to others with openness and clarity about her own insights. Elizabeth spoke to a meeting-wide Worship and Ministry Forum. This was of unique value to all because she freely discussed her personal experiences as a young Friend and because she was open to the questions posed to her by people of all ages. The committee shall miss her enthusiasm, her sense of humor, and her gift of helping us look at issues in a new and unifying way.

**Religious Education** Carla White reported that First Day School still has openings for teachers and other interested adults. There will be carpools to the Wm Penn celebrations, leaving the Meeting parking lot at 10 am. At the beginning of November's business meeting, Religious Ed will lead a discussion on inclusion of children in worship and the life of the meeting.

**Auditor's Report** George Hagner has audited the Treasurer's Report as submitted in February 1994 and finds it satisfactory. The meeting accepted the report with thanks to George and Stan Myers.

The Christmas breakfast will be on December 18. The meeting approved offering the meeting house for the hospitality network guests during Christmas week and is prepared to be flexible about the beginning and ending dates so long as it doesn't interfere with the nursery school.

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Roberta Foss, Recording Clerk

CHESTNUT HILL FRIENDS MEETING  
MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS  
November 20, 1994  
Minutes

25 people gathered in silence as query number 3 on business meeting was read. Several reflections were shared.

**Opening Discussion - Report from Religious Ed Committee** Carla White, Meg Mitchell and Phil Anthony reported on current activities in First Day School. Curriculum for the children (from 4 years of age through 8th grade) alternates between a year's focus on the Bible and a year's focus on Quakerism. The year is divided into five 8-week schedules. In order to provide more exposure to meeting for worship, the children are encouraged to attend meeting when there is a fifth Sunday in the month. The first "unprogrammed" FDS for teens was in 1991. This began with one person and expanded to 4, some of whom brought friends from time to time. The focus is on learning from the inner teacher. During discussion, the following topics were raised: The nature of the Christmas pageant, ways in which to teach peace and conflict resolution, and how children spend the time they are in meeting for worship. The Rel Ed Committee welcomes participation from the meeting in addressing these concerns. The Committee is grateful for the gift of children in the meeting and feels the responsibility of caring for them. The meeting expressed appreciation to the Committee for its work.

The Minutes of October 16 were approved as read.

Tom made several announcements which will be posted. A petition expressing outrage at racially motivated vandalism in Chestnut Hill was circulated.

**Overseers** Shirley Philips raised the question of December's business meeting. **The meeting agreed to have business meeting on December 11 at 6:30 preceded by a potluck at 5:00.** The meeting approved Linda Rosenwein's application for membership. Stewart Land and Carolyn Schodt will serve on the welcoming committee. Shirley read Ben Newlin's application for membership. George Garrettson and Joe Richardson will serve on the clearness committee.

**Worship and Ministry Committee** Phil Anthony reported with regret that Warren Witte has resigned from the committee.

**Peace and Social Concerns Committee** The hospitality network guests will stay at the meeting house December 26 through Monday January 2. There will be a discussion led by Bob Seely on the military in the schools on December 3, 9 to 12:30 at 4th and Arch St. Meeting House. The cost is \$15. It is hoped this discussion will provide the information the meeting requested in October.

**Finance Committee** 1. John Gallery referred to Treasurer Stan Myers' appeal letter and urged those who are able to contribute to do so as soon as possible. 2. John recalled discussions last May and June about the possibility of changing some of the procedures of how the Yarnall Fund income is distributed and how the meeting can address requests for funds that do not fall within the PSC guidelines. In June, the meeting referred this back to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee could discern no clear sense of the meeting on this issue and recommended that for now the meeting set the issue aside until there are special requests before the meeting. There followed an extensive discussion on the issues involved in this matter, including the pros and cons of having special requests considered by a committee before being brought to the meeting as a whole and the wisdom of waiting for a special request before addressing the process of dealing with it. It was suggested that several special requests may come to the meeting and that a request from the Quaker Information Center is still pending. After considerable deliberation, the meeting agreed to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation that we defer further discussion of the process until a special request comes to the meeting.

**Representative Meeting** George Garrettson reported on the progress of discussions on the reorganization and financing of PYM. The first called meeting to discuss this with representatives from monthly meetings is on December 10 from 10:00 to 1:00. Carla White, Johanna Barbati, Steve Gable, George Garrettson and Jorge Arauz agreed to represent Chestnut Hill meeting at these discussions. It is hoped that the clerk will participate actively.

**Rel Ed, continued.** Gifts for Children at Wordsworth Agency. Betty Hartzell asked whether the meeting would be willing to again provide gifts for a group of children at this agency. The meeting agreed to provide gifts for 24 children in the 9 to 12 age range. Also, the proceeds from the Christmas breakfast, after expenses, will be given to Wordsworth to fund their holiday party.

Phil Anthony and Ruth Cameron are under the weight of a concern for teens and will be requesting from Worship and Ministry a traveling minute for carrying this concern to other meetings in the area. The Religious Ed Committee expressed great appreciation to Jane Robinson for her work on behalf of FDS.

The meeting closed after a period of silent worship.

Roberta Foss, Recording Clerk

CHESTNUT HILL FRIENDS MEETING  
MEETING FOR WORSHIP TO CONDUCT BUSINESS  
December 11, 1994  
MINUTES

Fifteen people gathered in silence to hear the reading of Query #4 on care for one another.

Stan Myers clerked the meeting in the absence of the presiding clerk.

**Minutes of November 11.** When there is a fifth Sunday in the month, the First Day School children have a separate meeting for worship. They do not join the regular meeting as the Minutes indicated. Wordsworth Academy is a school, not an agency. With these changes the Minutes were approved.

**Overseers.** Peg Myers. Ben Newlin has applied for membership. George Garrettson and Joe Richardson met with him and enthusiastically recommend him for membership. The meeting approved this first reading of his application. A decision will be made in January.

Janet Boys has written to the clerk requesting transfer of membership from Bethesda Meeting to Chestnut Hill Meeting. The meeting will act on this request when it has received a letter from Bethesda Meeting requesting the transfer.

Overseers and Worship and Ministry will meet jointly on January 31 to discuss business meeting.

On December 18, Christmas breakfast will be at 9:00, some carol singing at 10:00, meeting for worship at 10:30, and the children's pageant and more carols at 11:30. A conscious decision was made to simplify the breakfast this year.

The meeting, following up action of some years ago, officially released Jane Dugan from membership.

It was strongly recommended that whoever breaks meeting for worship urge newcomers and guests to introduce themselves.

**Structure, Governance and Purpose of PYM.** George Garrettson reported that he, Johanna Barbati and Steve Gable participated in a meeting on December 10 for monthly and quarterly meeting clerks to continue the review of the structure, governance and purpose of PYM. The group agreed that the Mission Statement is in order and appointed a naming committee that will choose a person to clerk this group. the next meeting will be January 28 at Plymouth Meeting.



The words "Philadelphia Yearly Meeting" seem to convey three different meanings or perceptions. One is that PYM is the individual Friends who are its members. Another is that PYM is its various committees. A third perception, common among some outlying meetings, is that PYM is its employees, a bureaucracy of paid staff. In order to accurately represent CHMM at meetings of the group, George, Steve and Johanna would like CHMM to discuss its perceptions of PYM and how it might function better.

A caution was raised that this not be cast in terms of our complaints but rather be a process of reflecting together on how we can function as a Yearly Meeting. In response, it was noted that the spirit of the group has been positive.

A suggestion for consideration is whether Friends feel they need "professionals" in the form of central staff to represent them in the world or whether people and meetings should do this on their own.

It was agreed that we need more information about the history and current situation of PYM. The meeting asked George Garrettson, Johanna Barbati and Steve Gable to set up a called meeting in January to discuss this. Nancy Middleton will be invited as a resource person. There was a request for inclusion in the discussion of a point of view from outlying meetings. The written report of the special committee that reviewed PYM might also be made available. It was noted that this process will continue for a year.

**Nominating Committee Report.** Stan Myers, Clerk of the Nominating Committee, reminded the meeting that the Nominating Committee had expanded to four members: Stan, Meg Mitchell, Stuart Land and Charlie Philips. It makes two reports a year -- one in December where officers are nominated. Stan reported that the following people have asked to be relieved of their positions. Tom Conrad, Clerk; Paul Laskow, Assistant Clerk; Roberta Foss, Recording Clerk and Stan Myers, Treasurer. The Nominating Committee recommends the following people to fill these posts. Clerk -- not yet decided; Assistant Clerk, Warren Witte; Recording Clerk, Georgia Peters; Treasurer, John Gallery. Alois Gnielka has agreed to continue as Recorder. The meeting enthusiastically accepted the recommended slate of officers, which will take effect in January. Tom Conrad will clerk the January monthly meeting if a new clerk has not been named by then.

The meeting expressed appreciation to Tom Conrad, Paul Laskow, Roberta Foss and Stan Myers for their service.

**Military in high schools.** Johanna Barbati reported on a meeting held December 3 that discussed military curriculum in high schools. The material is presented as education about employment opportunities; people opposing its use cannot speak in the schools unless they, too, are offering something that will make the students employable. It was noted that this is expanding in the schools and that there has been no decrease in the recruitment part of the military budget. Johanna will work with two other people about addressing this issue in the Germantown schools.

**Lock the doors!** People who use the meeting house were reminded to make sure the doors are locked when they leave. The doors have been found open on days when no one is here. If people don't have keys, they can go out the front door, pulling it tightly shut and trying it to make sure it has locked.

The meeting ended with a period of silent worship.

Roberta Foss, Recording Clerk