

Minutes and Meeting Summary
IMYM Continuing Committee
January 20 and 21, 2006
Mountain View Meeting, Denver
preliminary—to be approved in June 2006

In attendance: **Eric Wright** (Mountain View), Continuing Committee Clerk; **Rebecca Henderson** (Santa Fe), IMYM Co-clerk; **Cynthia Smith** (Moab), IMYM Co-clerk; **Phyllis Hoge** (Albuquerque), Registrar; **Bez Booth McCauley** (Albuquerque) CC Representative; **Marilyn Hayes** (Boulder), Bookstore and Ministry and Counsel; **Leslie Stephens** (Boulder) CC Representative; **Constance Sawyer** (Boulder) CC Representative; **DeAnne Butterfield** (Boulder) CC Recording Clerk; **Nina Forbes** (Boulder), Junior Young Friends Co-clerk; **Genie Durland** (Colorado Springs), CC Representative alternate; **Deborah Stucklen** (Ft. Collins), Liaison for kitchen and different abilities; **Charlotte Miller** (Ft. Collins) CC Representative; **Shannon Harker** (Ft. Collins) CC Representative; **Mary Burton Riseley** (Gila), Early Days and Interest Groups Coordinator; **Claire Leonard** (Gila), Faith and Practice; **Glen Trostle** (Logan), Joint Service Project; **Jerry Peterson** (Mountain View), Worship Sharing Coordinator; **Gusten Lutter** (Mountain View), Senior Young Friends FAP; **Penny Thron Weber** (Mountain View), Senior Young Friends assistant FAP; **Annette Kowal** (Mountain View), Nominating; **Tom Kowal** (Mountain View), Operations, Ghost Ranch Liaison; **Risa Thron-Weber** (Mountain View), Senior Young Friend Co-clerk; **Mark Holdaway** (Pima), Junior Young Friends Committee; **Taylor Holdaway** (Pima), Junior Young Friends Co-clerk; **Deb Driskill** (Pima) CC Representative; **Meredith Little** (Pima), Ministry and Counsel; **Jane Kroesen** (Pima) CC Representative; **David Wampler** (Pima), Senior Young Friends Co-clerk; **Phil Brewster** (Salt Lake City) CC Representative; **Wyn Lewis** (Santa Fe) CC Representative; **John Kretzmann** (Santa Fe), Treasurer; **Susan Wiley** and **Eric Dillon** (Socorro WG), Childrens' Yearly Meeting; **Becky Schroeder** (Tempe), CC Representative; **Bob Schroeder** (Tempe), Finance Committee

Continuing Committee Clerk Eric Wright opened the meeting with a reading from North Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice about discernment followed by a period of silent worship. Friends in attendance introduced themselves. The clerk reviewed the agenda for the evening. He reminded Friends that the main purpose of this Continuing Committee meeting is to plan the annual gathering, and also to raise and frame issues that may come before the IMYM business meeting.

Report on Speaker for annual gathering. Rebecca Henderson, co-clerk, reported that the speaker will be Joe Volk, executive secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation. He responded to questions from the Speaker Selection Committee about how one can come from a place of love rather than a place of fear when so much seems to be going wrong in the world. His responses prompted a suggested theme of *The Force of Truth and the Power of Love* for the 2006 annual gathering.

Volk will not focus on FCNL in the plenary talk but will conduct an interest group about FCNL's work. He will arrive Sunday and spend the entire week and will also meet with young friends. The Call to Yearly Meeting drafted by the co-clerks will introduce Joe and describe his talk.

Friends approved the recommendation from the Committee to Select the Guest Speaker to invite Joe Volk to give the opening keynote talk at the 2006 annual gathering and to establish the theme of “The Force of Truth and the Power of Love.” (2006-01)

Early Days seminars and Interest Groups. Mary Burton Riseley reported that IMYM will co-sponsor two Early Days seminars jointly with Ghost Ranch. They will take place Monday through Wednesday mornings, June 12-14, 2006. The Rev. John Fife from Tucson will conduct a workshop on the history and current issues of US-Mexico border concerns. Kathleen Ansheles of the New Mexico Coalition Against the Death Penalty will organize a panel on issues surrounding the death penalty and its abolition.

Ghost Ranch has already begun advertising for participants who are not part of IMYM. Friends can register for these directly with Ghost Ranch but also through IMYM. In the spirit of the IMYM policy of not charging a registration fee for Early Days seminars, there will be no charge for any participant. However, Ghost Ranch seeks to pay honoraria to these presenters and suggested charging \$5 to each participant for this purpose. This may be a change from IMYM policies to neither charge for workshops nor pay honoraria for presenters.

Quaker Earth Care Witness and Joe Volk/FCNL have requested to conduct interest groups. Continuing Committee members were asked to solicit proposals for interest groups and Early Days seminars from their Monthly Meetings; Friends should get in touch with Mary with additional ideas. She needs to have the proposals by February 15 to get information into the registration packet. There was some concern expressed that certain Early Days workshops are not suited to Friends who don't register and receive materials in advance or who don't participate the whole time. Maybe workshop presenters can specify whether drop-ins are appropriate.

The committee suggested that the IMYM co-clerks work with the clerk and recording clerk of the Continuing Committee to send information to Monthly Meetings about yearly meeting early in the spring to allow sufficient notice and time for consideration of issues.

Friends accepted the report on Early Days seminars and interest groups, deferring a decision about honoraria until later in the meeting. (2006-02)

Worship sharing groups. Jerry Peterson reported. He will provide the Registrar with categories of worship sharing so Friends may sign up for the formats they prefer. He will recruit leaders and develop queries; there was a suggestion to gather the questions sent to Joe Volk. The 2005 schedule with more time to get to worship sharing groups was useful, although still difficult for parents. A Spanish-speaking worship sharing group will be held if requested.

Friends accepted the report on worship sharing groups. (2006-03)

Bookstore. Marilyn Hayes reported that the bookstore at annual gathering has evolved from one person who ran it alone from the AFSC bookstore. Books on consignment necessitated a cumbersome process. Now there is good volunteer support and consignment items just use separate envelopes for each. Marilyn would like to promote space for Quaker authors and craftspeople. AFSC is fine with an expanded store concept. \$4,000 or above is the revenue benchmark. She would like to pursue using the space for coffee/tea, poetry readings and music in the evenings on Early Days. These ideas were received with enthusiasm.

Friends accepted the report on the IMYM Bookstore. (2006-04)

Doll Project. Linda Smoke plans to coordinate the making of dolls this year, but was not able to attend this weekend. The committee suggested sending patterns to Meetings in advance.

Nominating Committee. Annette Kowal presented a written report. The Nominating Committee is still seeking the following for the current year: recording clerk-in-training to prepare for 2007 and assist Judy Ray in 2006, registrars-in-training to prepare for 2007, nominating committee clerk-in-training to prepare for 2007, operations coordinator-in-training to prepare for 2007. The Nominating Committee has begun seeking called, willing Friends to fill 2007 IMYM positions beginning at rise of the 2006 annual gathering, and expects to have a full slate by June. Continuing Committee members can help explain to those within each Meeting the need for volunteers and help identify a Friend to become recording clerk. The Nominating Committee discussed how to assure geographic representation within the committee itself. This has been resolved, and the recommendation for a new structure in the written report is no longer needed. New Mexico Regional Meeting was highlighted as being reliable in forwarding names.

Friends accepted the report of the Nominating Committee. (2006-05)

Eric Wright discussed some housekeeping items. Saturday morning the Mountain View Meetinghouse will be occupied by regularly scheduled events. Continuing Committee will meet at a neighboring church at 8:30 am , with lunch back at Mountain View. There are many offers of housing if any Friend needs hospitality. He reported that the SYF and JYF will meet with interested adults at rise of tonight's meeting to discuss how to better transition ninth graders from JYF into SYF the following year. How does this affect JYF leadership if 9th graders don't want to stay with JYF? Some JYF do some activities with SYF and this is ambiguous.

Eric reviewed agenda for Saturday and encouraged Friends to read the materials in preparation. Eric asked Friends to consider how we plan for the evenings at annual gathering given that these activities are not in the purview of committees. Mina Johnson from New Mexico is not able to attend due to a death in the family; she has a particular concern for "isolated" Friends and how the annual gathering could minister to them. Friends were asked to speak out of the silence and not directly debate others—this interferes with the process of discernment.

Honorarium for presenters of joint IMYM and Ghost Ranch programs in Early Days.

Ghost Ranch would like us to participate in their policy of paying an honorarium to presenters. As guests of Ghost Ranch, shouldn't we honor their practices? This issue came up previously with major Early Days seminars such as AVP and marriage enrichment, for which we asked participants to pay the \$50 IMYM registration fee to sign up but did not charge a separate fee for the workshops. It turned out that all who signed up for AVP were also registered for annual gathering. Eric read a minute from 2004 about honoraria and registration fees. Friends who take Ghost Ranch classes during IMYM pay the full Ghost Ranch fee; the two classes in 2006 are the first to be jointly sponsored. The 2006 Ghost Ranch catalog has already been published in print and on line with these two joint workshops.

Friends approved paying to Ghost Ranch for purposes of honoraria for the two joint workshops, \$5 per IMYM participant from the budget of annual gathering rather than assessed to each IMYM participant. (2006-06)

The Continuing Committee meeting closed at 8:40 pm following a period of worship.

Saturday, January 21, 2006

Clerk Eric Wright opened the meeting at the University Park United Methodist Church at 8:50 am with a reading from the North Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice about its steering committee, their equivalent of Continuing Committee, and its relationship to Monthly Meetings. A period of worship followed. Eric reviewed the day's agenda.

Executive Committee report. Rebecca Hutchison reported on items from the Executive Committee meeting in August. Albuquerque Meeting suggested an annual rather than biennial census—each January 1. A census request is already scheduled be sent from the IMYM historian soliciting counts as of January 1, 2006. The suggestion that counts be included in the state of the meeting reports was favorably received by the continuing committee. The Co-clerks will solicit the state of the meeting reports.

Friends recommended that the annual census be incorporated into the State of the Meeting reports in a form suitable for use by the IMYM Treasurer for annual assessments, with details of the census reports to be determined by the IMYM Historian for the upcoming 2006 census. (2006-07)

The Executive Committee recommended “...*that the monthly meetings seek an appropriate role in assisting attenders at annual gathering with their differing abilities needs. This may include consulting with the Advocate about specific needs and how they are being addressed and identifying attenders from the local Meeting to provide assistance at the annual gathering. It has been noted that individuals from the person's own Meeting are often better able to provide unobtrusive support. There may be times when Monthly Meetings will need assistance from the wider group.*”

It was noted that not all those with special needs inform their monthly meetings of plans to attend the annual gathering. Friends welcomed the suggestion that Continuing Committee representatives receive a list from the Registrar of those from their meetings who have registered for the annual gathering. This would facilitate knowledge of those with special needs and also be helpful for recruiting, carpooling and other purposes.

The Continuing Committee approved the recommendation of Executive Committee that Monthly Meetings assist with identifying and fulfilling the needs of differently abled Friends at the annual gathering. (2006-08)

The Continuing Committee requested that the Registrar send a list of people registered for annual gathering to Continuing Committee representatives and clerks of Monthly Meetings. (2006-09)

Ghost Ranch Meals. Tom Kowal reported that soliciting food preference on the registration form had become complicated and not helpful to those planning meals. He recommended a general information statement instead about what to expect:

“Ghost Ranch will continue to offer dual selections for vegetarians and omnivores, soy milk, and a salad bar. Persons requiring special foods and supplements should be advised to bring their own supplies. If this does not meet their needs, they should speak with IMYM kitchen liaison Deb Stucklen who is the only one authorized to discuss concerns with the kitchen staff.”

Continuing Committee approved publishing the recommended statement about food availability in the registration form. (2006-10)

The Executive Committee noted the continuing desire for improved communication among Monthly Meetings, Continuing Committee representatives, the Continuing Committee and IMYM. Monthly Meetings may not feel heard by Yearly Meeting if there is no feedback or action taken after sending input. Yet when a monthly meeting sends a minute to Yearly Meeting, it can result in an inflexible situation that stands in the way of discernment evolving from the larger gathering. Specifically, the Executive Committee requested that IMYM clearly educate Continuing Committee members as to their responsibilities as a liaison between their Monthly Meetings and Yearly Meeting.

Continuing Committee approves advising its members more specifically on the importance of reporting both to their Monthly Meetings and to Yearly Meeting about issues coming from either entity that may require seasoning and/or action. (2006-11)

Faith and Practice. Claire Leonard distributed a written report. The committee is making progress to have a complete draft by June 2006 for distribution at the annual gathering. Polly Kmetz of Phoenix is editing. Claire noted that it has been difficult to get Friends to read the various drafts. The proposed procedure is as follows:

- 1. “Draft for Seasoning” distributed to all monthly meetings, continuing committee representatives and IMYM officers in June 2006. This will be about 500 copies of a document of 150 pages, printed on two sides.*
- 2. Monthly Meetings will be asked to use the draft as their Faith and Practice for a year, until June 2007. During this time the Faith and Practice Committee will not meet, but its members will be available (subject to budget) for visitation to Monthly Meetings who request consultation.*
- 3. Monthly Meetings will be asked to respond to the Faith and Practice Committee by June 2007 about their experiences using the draft.*
- 4. Faith and Practice Committee will compile the responses of Monthly Meetings and meet during the year from June 2007 to June 2008 to revise the draft based on the experiences of the Monthly Meetings with its use.*
- 5. Faith and Practice Committee will submit a final draft to IMYM in June 2008 for approval.*
- 6. The approved document will be published and distributed following approval.*

Continuing Committee approved the proposed procedure from the Faith and Practice Committee for distribution and consideration of the IMYM Faith and Practice. (2006-12)

Friends discussed the methods for distributing the 2006 draft. The Faith and Practice Committee anticipated that each Monthly Meeting would receive three bound copies of the draft, one each for the clerk, the library, and the clerk of ministry. In addition, both a CD and a loose copy in a three-ring binder could be available for easy distribution.

Continuing Committee approved printing 500 copies of the *Faith and Practice Draft for Seasoning* for distribution at the annual gathering, estimated to be \$1,750, to be paid from the 2006 Faith and Practice budget travel savings. (2006-13)

The Faith and Practice Committee may bring to IMYM business meeting a traveling minute for use when visiting Monthly Meetings during the seasoning year. Friends discussed various ways the *Draft for Seasoning* could be considered by Monthly Meetings. Colorado Springs will devote its adult education sessions in 2006-2007 to discussions of the chapters.

The Faith and Practice Committee clerk will write each Monthly Meeting clerk with the names and terms of F&P committee members to assure continuing representation through 2008.

Spiritual Formation Program. Wyn Lewis and Andy Bardwell presented a proposal that IMYM sponsor a Spiritual Formation Program. This is a nine-month program of readings, sharing and a daily spiritual practice. The planning committee would like to present an introductory session and training for facilitators at the annual gathering. Facilitators would introduce the program to their monthly or regional meetings and solicit additional participants. The program would begin in the fall of 2006 with day-and-a-half opening retreats in a number of places throughout IMYM, and end with a closing retreat at the 2007 annual gathering. Many IMYM Friends, including the Ft. Collins Meeting, have participated in these programs. The web site is imym.org/links/spiritformation.

Continuing Committee encouraged the Spiritual Formation Program to offer facilitator training and an introductory seminar during Early Days at the 2006 annual gathering; to request from IMYM business meeting the estimated \$1,000 for facilitator travel costs for the Fall retreats from the 2007 budget and that the program become an IMYM program; and to recommend to Monthly Meetings that they consider participating in the program. (2006-14)

Continuing Committee members divided into three groups to consider the monthly meeting responses to the fall queries: decision making, intervisitation, and finance.

The Committee recessed for lunch provided by Mountain View Meeting. During lunch Tom Kowal reported on the IMYM/AFSC Joint Service Project to Louisiana January 3-19, 2006.

The Committee gathered at 1:40 pm.

Childrens' Yearly Meeting.

Eric Dillon and Susan Wiley reported that plans for the children are underway. They will include activities that express the theme of the annual gathering, *The Force of Truth and the Power of Love*. Audrey Graham of Moab will care for infants again.

The general schedule will be to gather after breakfast in time for parents to go to worship sharing, then turn the children over to the Ghost Ranch activity staff for the morning. IMYM will conduct two sequential sessions after lunch so children can take part in one or both if parents want to hike or swim with their children.

Continuing Committee accepted the report from Childrens' Yearly Meeting. (2006-15)

Ghost Ranch Operations. Tom Kowal presented a written report summarizing the committee's meeting with Ghost Ranch staff November 30 and December 1, 2005. Tom noted with appreciation the work of Ted Church who was not able to attend the Continuing Committee meeting. Tom reviewed pertinent staff responsibilities and stressed the need to communicate through the appropriate IMYM liaisons for issues related to food, meeting rooms, and Ranch activities.

This year occupant names will be posted on the doors of the rooms. Ghost Ranch insurance requires that drivers of golf carts present photocopies of driver's licenses; they would appreciate having these in advance of the annual gathering. Breakfast times have been slightly modified, with hot breakfast available from 7:30 to 8 am and cold breakfast makings from 7 to 8:30. On Sunday there will not be a hot meal served at noon, but sack lunch makings will be available in the morning.

During Early Days, Ghost Ranch will provide activities for children (except infants) four to five hours a day. During the annual gathering, both Registration and Operations will be located at the Staff House due to construction adjacent to the Ghost House. Faith and Practice Committee meetings will be moved to Ghost House. New housing on the Mesa is under construction and may be completed by June; Willow housing will not be available. The Executive Director Rob Craig has once again invited IMYM participants to a reception at his home; the time will be included on the agenda.

Continuing Committee accepted the report of the Operations Committee with gratitude. (2006-16)

Intervisitation. Meredith Little reported on the responses from Monthly Meetings to the fall query on intervisitation. There is great enthusiasm for intervisitation, especially among smaller meetings and worship groups. However there is not unity about whether this should be conducted under the auspices of the Brinton Visitors Program with Pacific and North Pacific Yearly Meetings. There were questions raised about whether a particular visitor would be selected and announced, with Meetings then scheduling a visit, or if Meetings would initiate the process with a request for a particular topic and a Friend identified to address the topic with a visit. Friends wondered if the IMYM web site could include a list of Friends willing to travel and the topics they are led to discuss. If special events of Monthly Meetings and the regional meeting schedules could also be on the website, traveling Friends could make contact to explore intervisitation in conjunction with these events. Meredith noted that IMYM may receive a Brinton Visitor in 2006, scheduled to be sent by the other two Yearly Meetings.

Continuing Committee requests the Committee on Ministry and Counsel to continue to discuss possibilities for intervisitation. No new funding beyond the \$535 in reserve for the Brinton Visitor Program is recommended until IMYM reaches unity on the nature of a formal intervisitation program. (2006-17)

IMYM/AFSC Joint Service Project. Glen Trostle reported on the responses from Monthly Meetings to the fall query on the JSP. Friends viewed the Project as relevant and appropriate. The JSP Oversight Committee is upgrading the project's three-year plan, marketing materials and procedures.

The JSP met its 2005 budget goals, with two-thirds of the \$28,000 income from IMYM allocations (\$18,900), \$3,000 from extra donations by Monthly Meetings, and \$6,000 from individuals. Participant fees paid for food and transportation. There were 16 weeks of projects in Pine Ridge, two Native villages in Mexico, and in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Louisiana. Ninety six people participated, from within IMYM as well as Friends from elsewhere and non-Friends. Mike Gray, JSP director, appreciates visiting Meetings to talk about the project.

The Continuing Committee discussed Monthly Meeting responses about the JSP assessment. There was strong support to sustain the JSP through regularized funding. Several Meetings raised concerns about communication that the Oversight Committee and staff will continue to address. Logan Monthly Meeting, one of 17 that responded, has reservations and requested more detail from the Oversight Committee about goals, activities, budget, costs and revenues, and participant numbers prior to increasing the assessment. Glen reported that the Oversight Committee plans to respond to these specific concerns and if the Logan Meeting finds the response insufficient, the Oversight Committee will send a visitor to Logan for further discussion.

In review of Monthly Meeting responses to the fall query, Continuing Committee finds strong support for the IMYM/AFSC Joint Service Project (JSP) and a desire to sustain the program for the long term. The Continuing Committee acknowledges reservations by Logan Monthly Meeting pending its review of additional information that will be provided by the JSP Oversight Committee prior to the 2006 annual gathering. The Continuing Committee recommends that IMYM increase the assessment to provide support for JSP. (2006-18)

Friends discussed whether to ask JSP to provide a service project during Early Days with special attention to Junior Young Friends. In 2005 the project had between five and nine participants, with fewer JYF and more adults than projected. They visited the Los Alamos Atomic Museum, met with local activists, and went to Bandolier Monument. In 2004 the project helped local organic farmers. Few participants accompanied the program all three days so logistics were difficult to plan in advance. JSP estimates that an Early Days program would incur about \$1,000 IN direct costs, depending on the need to rent a van. Friends noted that these projects offer opportunities to confer with Friends in northern New Mexico and with AFSC projects. It may be that there are too many goals—activities for JYF, service opportunities, field trips, workshop alternatives for adults and that IMYM should be more clear with JSP about the purpose of the Early Days program.

Continuing Committee requests JSP to arrange a project during Early Days in 2006 with a service learning component and opportunities for JYF and others to be introduced to Quaker service, with costs covered through the budget of the annual gathering. (2006-19)

Junior Young Friends. Taylor Holdaway and Nina Forbes presented the proposed program for Junior Young Friends (JYF) grades 6-9.

- Wednesday evening they will gather with parents, adult JSP committee members, and Ghost Ranch staff to go over groundrules and general information.

- Thursday's agenda will include getting acquainted, low ropes, picnic lunch, AVP, swimming in the pool, and games with SYF. After dinner the younger JYF will play games with the children and the 9th graders will join SYF for worship sharing.
- Friday morning will be the trip to the waterfront followed by AVP. After lunch will be henna skin painting, a guided visualization, discussion with SYF, then leaving for the overnight campout where they will prepare a skit for Creativity Night.
- Saturday they will pack up, return home and shower. The morning includes AVP, presenting the JYF Epistle to the business meeting, and meeting with Joe Volk. Ninth graders will have lunch with SYF. The afternoon includes the high ropes course and working on the skit. Following Creativity Night there may be time for hanging out in the Cantina.
- Sunday morning will be worship sharing and AVP followed by horseback riding.

In response to a question, the JYF representatives said the Campfire is not that popular with JYF and not to schedule it around them.

Continuing Committee accepted the report of the JYF, noting that discussions with Joe Volk and guided visualizations may need to be adjusted based on coordinating schedules. (2006-20)

Senior Young Friends. David Wampler and Risa Thron-Weber presented the proposed schedule for the Senior Young Friends (SYF).

- Wednesday evening will include moving in, a welcome and games with 9th graders.
- Thursday will begin with a SYF business meeting followed by lunch and intergenerational Worship Sharing. In the afternoon there will be games with JYF followed by SYF conversation.
- Friday morning is open, with lunch and intergenerational Worship Sharing followed by discussions with JYF and a meeting with Joe Volk. After dinner they will leave for a camp out.
- Saturday morning they will return from the camp out and clean up for a SYF business meeting, followed by lunch and intergenerational Worship Sharing. They will hear a report on the World Gathering of Young Friends and present the SYF Epistle to business meeting. The afternoon will be time to plan skits for Creativity Night. Following Creativity Night will be midnight Worship Sharing.
- Sunday morning they will pack up and move out, with optional attendance at the IMYM Meeting for Worship.

SYF reported they had discussed the policy of having 9th graders be part of JYF and it was agreed to keep this policy, but to have specific activities where 9th graders can get introduced to SYF in preparation for the coming year.

Continuing Committee accepted the report of the SYF, noting that meeting with Joe Volk may need to be adjusted based on coordinating schedules. (2006-21)

Schedule for Annual Gathering. Cynthia Smith presented the co-clerk recommendation for the schedule which they proposed to be very similar to last year. Continuing Committee discussed various aspects of the schedule. Creativity Night needs an adult MC to help end at a reasonable

hour; Nominating Committee will recruit a coordinator for both Creativity Night and Folk Dancing.

Continuing Committee approved the schedule for the 2006 annual gathering with the following changes from last year:

- **Business meetings will be scheduled to end at 5:00 rather than 5:15.**
- **A Ministry and Counsel meeting should be included on the schedule from 6 to 7 pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.**
- **The Memorial Minutes will be read on Thursday after dinner from 7 to 8 pm with the campfire/singing from 7 to 9 pm. Children will be encouraged to attend the reading of Memorial Minutes.**
- **We will ask the Ghost Ranch executive director if the reception at his home can be changed to Friday evening from 7:15 to 8. Folk dancing will be scheduled Friday evening starting at 7:30 pm.**
- **Creativity Night on Saturday at 7 pm.**

(2006-22)

Continuing Committee discussed expectations for parent/adult supervision of children and JYF's. The policy will be the same as last year.

It is important for the safety of the young people and the good order of the annual gathering that all children either be engaged in JYF or CYM activities or under the responsibility of parents or designated adults. Parents and young people will be informed of this policy. Young people who are persistently unsupervised may be asked to leave the gathering along with their parents. (2006-23)

Registrar's Report. Phyllis Hoge reported that the deadline will be February 21 for the Registrar to receive all information that is to be included in the registration packet. The Materials in Advance will be available on the IMYM.ORG web site rather than being mailed. Registration will take place at the Staff House this year. Becky Schroeder will assemble an adjoining area where extra towels, toilet paper and other supplies will be available.

The registration packet will include a page with volunteer opportunities (i.e. child care, golf cart drivers, newsletter, registration assistance, worship sharing convenors). Friends can indicate their willingness to volunteer for particular activities and these pages will be sent to Annette Kowal for distribution to the appropriate committee convenors.

Continuing Committee accepted the report from the Registrar, with gratitude. (2006-24)

Treasurer's Report. John Kretzmann presented a written report. The 2005 calendar year ended with a surplus of \$1,272 that will be applied to the reserve for episodic and unexpected expenses, putting its balance at \$23,500. Revenue exceeded the budget due to donations to JSP, and expenditures were lower than budgeted, especially for administrative costs and committee support. The annual gathering fulfilled the goal of being self supporting through registration, housing and meals fees, with a minor loss of \$359. About \$3,500 in IMYM scholarships were awarded for the 2005 annual gathering: \$1,700 from reserves and \$1,800 from additional donations solicited as part of registration.

Cathy Turner is the new IMYM bookkeeper and has started to enter data into the computer. A final 2005 financial report will be presented in June after all the files have been transferred from the former Treasurer and the paper records are computerized.

IMYM assessments in 2005 paid for \$10,000 to the JSP and the budget projected an additional \$2,000 in donations, but \$6,000 was received which was passed through to JSP. The proposed increased assessment would go into effect in 2007, so the JSP will still require earmarked donations from individuals and Meetings in 2006. The JSP Oversight Committee plans to send a solicitation.

Continuing Committee accepted the Treasurer's report with gratitude for a clear report and the Treasurer's service. (2006-25)

Finance Committee Report. Bob Schroeder presented a written report that included a detailed spread sheet of Ghost Ranch costs. The rates for room and board at the 2006 annual gathering need to increase by 11% over last year to cover Ghost Ranch charges. Charges for 2007 will increase by an additional 5%. Our charges differ from what Ghost Ranch charges IMYM because we subsidize the SYF Casita, Mesa housing and 13-16 year olds. The proposed rates are \$19 per night per campsite, \$40 per person per night for the Casita, \$50 per person per night for Mesa housing, \$61 per person per night for Lower Level, \$78 for semi-private rooms and \$86 for private rooms per person per night. These charges will result in breaking even based on 2005 attendance levels. Even with the Ghost Ranch rate increases, they are still giving IMYM special rates. The \$50 registration fee for Friends over the age of 21 will stay the same; in 2005 there were 234 adults registered. Meals will be \$11 per day for children and \$22 per day for adults.

Continuing Committee accepted the report of the Finance Committee and adopted the proposed rate structure for the 2006 annual gathering. (2006-26)

Bob discussed the 2006 IMYM budget. The increased assessment from \$35 per member to \$45 is recommended to begin in 2007, when the Joint Service Project portion increases to \$23,000. For 2006 the assessment yields \$10,000 for the JSP, and \$7,000 is projected from donations from individuals and from a voluntary \$5 per member donation from Meetings. The budget includes \$7,650 for travel of IMYM representatives to Quaker organizations. Friends noted that IMYM plays a role in influencing these organizations when we send representatives. The travel line item in 2007 will include \$4,500 for the FWCC Triennial that has been accumulating in reserves. Travel for IMYM business such as Continuing Committee meetings is budgeted at \$6,900. Costs for the IMYM web site are unknown and not budgeted. There is nothing budgeted to add to the reserves in 2006; there should be a balance of \$23,000 at the end of 2006. IMYM scholarships are budgeted at \$1,700. Travel for the JSP Oversight Committee is currently paid by the regional meetings.

The Finance Committee will present a proposed budget of IMYM for 2007 at the 2006 business meeting.

Continuing Committee accepted the report of the Finance Committee, with gratitude for its clarity. (2006-27)

Continuing Committee expressed its gratitude to Mountain View Monthly Meeting for arranging meeting space, food and snacks, and hospitality. (2006-28)

Quaker Earthcare Witness. The Continuing Committee considered a minute from Durango Monthly Meeting asking IMYM to formally affiliate with Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW) and appoint a Yearly Meeting representative to its steering committee. Colorado Springs Meeting also sent a letter of support.

Some Monthly Meetings such as Durango, Colorado Springs and Santa Fe are already involved with QEW and others desire more information. The QEW website is www.quakerearthcare.org.

Continuing Committee requested that the question of affiliation with QEW be placed on the agenda of the business meeting at the annual gathering and that Monthly Meetings be encouraged to discuss the issue in preparation. (2006-29)

Mary Burton Riseley reported that FCNL is discussing Friends' concerns about border issues, especially from the three yearly meetings in the Southwest. Since this topic now has legislative implications, FCNL will include it in the policy survey sent to Meetings this year for consideration by the Policy Committee in the fall.

Continuing Committee noted the need for a current list of Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups, as well as IMYM committee members. **The Continuing Committee Recording Clerk will serve as the repository for both e-mail and postal addresses of IMYM lists. (2006-30)**

Continuing Committee will meet after lunch on Wednesday, June 14 at Ghost Ranch.

The Continuing Committee meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm following a period of worship.

DeAnne Butterfield
Recording Clerk