

New Mexico Regional Meeting of Friends  
**Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**  
**Fourth month 14<sup>th</sup> day, 2018**

**Held at Besse-Forward Global Resource Center, WNMU Campus, Silver City, NM**  
**Hosted by Gila Friends Meeting**

The meeting for worship with attention to business of the 2018 New Mexico Regional Meeting of Friends spring gathering began after worship at 1:30 p.m. on fourth month, fourteenth day, 2018. Fifty-seven registered for the meeting, 55 attended, and 39 attended the meeting for business.

**Present:**

Vickie Aldrich – Las Cruces

Ann Birch – El Paso

Sophia Brugman - Gila

Connie Crawford – El Paso

Tracy Davis - Durango

Mark Elliott - Gallup

Sandy Feutz – Gila

Jane Foraker-Thompson - Gila

Sharon Gross - Albuquerque

David Henkel – Santa Fe

Debbie Humphries – Hartford, CT

Jan-Willem Jansens – Santa Fe

Sandy King – Santa Fe

Richard Knottenbelt - Albuquerque

Pushpa Knottenbelt – Albuquerque

John Kretzmann – Santa Fe

Pelican Lee – Santa Fe

Roxie Leitner - Gila

Diane LeResche – Santa Fe

Wyn Lewis – Santa Fe

Jamie Newton – Gila

Marion Newton - Gila

Alison Nylund – Albuquerque

Richard Nylund – Albuquerque

Tim Reed – Las Cruces

Nancy Rice – Albuquerque

Mary Risely - Gila

John Russell – El Paso

Ruthe Schoder-Ehri – McNeal, AZ

Cheryl Speir-Phillips -Gila

Gail Taylor – Albuquerque

Nan Uhl - Durango

Vona Van Cleef – El Paso

Richard Van Cleef – El Paso

Tom Vaughn - Gila

Tylka Vetula - Albuquerque

Susan Warren - Gallup

Allen Winchester – Santa Fe

Katherine Youngmeister – Albuquerque

## **Welcome:**

**David Henkel**, clerk of New Mexico Regional Meeting, welcomed all to the Spring meeting in Silver City and thanked the Gila Meeting for their hospitality and care. He noted that even in this time of uncertainty, he was proud to announce that **Jan-Willem Jansens**, Santa Fe Meeting, would become a United States citizen within a few days.

## **NMRM 2018-04.01:**

The first order of business was the presentation of the State of the Meeting reports. Copies of these reports will be available on the website later in May [Attachment NMRM-2018-04.01]. **Richard Knottenbelt** read the Albuquerque report; **Vickie Aldrich** and **Tim Reed**, Las Cruces; **Tracy Davis**, Durango; **Ann Birch**, El Paso; **Susan Warren**, Gallup; **Marilyn Gendron**, Gila; **John Kretzmann**, Quaker House (SF); and **Katherine Youngmeister**, Santa Fe.

## **Quaker Organization Reports:**

**Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)** – Report prepared **Rob Pierson**, Albuquerque, and presented by **Cheryl Speir-Phillips**, Gila. Rob and Cheryl are active volunteers within the FWCC organization. Our speaker and program leader this year was Debbie Humphreys, a Friend in the FWCC Traveling Ministry Corps. The purpose of this program is intervisitation, getting Friends to meet and get to know one another in worship and service. A Latin American corps has been trained in LaPaz, Bolivia, and will be visiting and speaking with those willing to host them, this time in Spanish. The FWCC website is: <http://fwccamericas.org/>. FWCC also sponsors World Quaker Day, which will be October 7 this year. For ideas, see <http://ww.worldquakerday.org/>. Intermountain Yearly Meeting (IMYM) supports some for representatives and an occasional donation to help representatives from countries with fewer resources. Otherwise donations to FWCC are at the Meeting and individual level. **We were asked to find out whether our Meeting budget supports FWCC.**

**Friends Committee on National Committee on Legislation (FCNL)** – NMRM's representatives to FWCC are **Tom Vaughn**, Gila, and **Connie Crawford**, El Paso. Current FCNL concerns are immigration; native communities (for the first time, so this is significant); and the nuclear weapons ban. FCNL just opened the new Quaker Welcome Center across the street from the Hart Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C., which is already hosting small bipartisan gathers on topics of concern. Young adults are being brought into the work of FCNL through the Youth Advocacy Corps, Young Fellows, summer internships and a Spring Lobby Weekend. FCNL's focus for the next five years will be on 1) Changing Public Policy; 2) Strengthening FCNL's Strategic Advocacy **Network**; 3) **Expanding Media, Marketing and Communications**; 4) **Building Relationships between FCNL and** the Religious Society of Friends; and 5) Ensuring Organizational Sustainability. More information at <https://fcnl.org/updates>.

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Representative **Anna Darrah** prepared that report, delivered by David Henkel. AFSC is currently involved in the Sanctuary Everywhere campaign and the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and is working to create a new strategic plan for AFSC, which is 100 years old now and has a new General Secretary, Joyce Ajlouny. Websites of interest include <https://www.afsc.org/sanctuaryeverywhere> and <https://www.afsc.org/story/afsc-among-human-rights-orgs-barred-Israel> (because of their support of the BDS movement (Palestinian-led boycott, divestment and sanctions)).

### **Clerks' Comments:**

NMRM Clerk David Henkel spoke about concerns facing New Mexico Regional Meeting, Intermountain Yearly Meeting, and the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in general. These concerns include:

1. Migrant concerns (the Sanctuary Everywhere campaign spearheaded by AFSC, and within NMRM as Albuquerque Meeting continues to shelter one woman in danger of being deported and the Durango Meeting is helping support another at the Methodist church in Mancos). **Nancy Rice**, Albuquerque Meeting, in on a Sanctuary Task Force Committee. **How do Friends support this project?** Donations can be sent as unrestricted donations, but should specify that they be used for sanctuary expenses. There are "trained accompaniers" at Albuquerque Monthly Meeting. Other concerns along this line are migrant rights and oppression of migrant communities (we need to look at and study the impact of whiteness, etc.) Las Cruces Meeting is involved in this through Project Oak Tree, where people can check in and their relatives in the United States are contacted.
2. Providing for young Friends, who can help us see things we cannot. Is meeting attendance hampered by meeting schedules?
3. Communication within NMRM. Brainstorming session brought forth the following ideas –
  - a. Facetime.
  - b. Hard copy posters.
  - c. Music and creative posters.
  - d. Web page within the IMYM website.
  - e. Ask people how they can be involved.
  - f. Potlucks every Sunday.
  - g. Call clerk and ask how members can be contacted.
  - h. Need to hear back from people and, if we don't, find out why.
  - i. Young people can do a web page.
  - j. Use extensive email lists.
4. 2019 venue – Santa Fe.
5. Gila Meeting book needs – The church in which the Gila Friends have been meeting suffered a fire and they lost many books and other records.
6. Minutes from NMRM were approved.
7. Nominations Committee –

**NMRM Clerk (2019-2020) – Nominated Nan Uhl (Durango).**

**Recording Clerk** – Incumbent **Kathleen Shadell** (Durango) was unable to attend this year, so **Vona Van Cleef** (El Paso) filled in for her this year and will serve through 2019. Kathleen will be asked to begin another 2-year term in 2020, if she is willing.

**Treasurer – Sara Keeney** (Albuquerque) will serve through 2018 and was nominated to serve again through 2021.

**Clerk Support Committee** – Incumbent **Sara Keeney** (Albuquerque) and **Jan-Willem Jansens** (Santa Fe), terms to expire in 2019; Nominated **David Henkel** (Santa Fe) to serve until 2019; and **Kathleen Shadell** (Durango) 2019-2020.

**New Mexico Regional Meeting Appointments to IMYM Positions not needing IMYM approval** (but IMYM Nominating Committee Clerk will be informed –

**Committee on Ministry and Counsel** [ministry and oversight for meetings] – Incumbent **Wyn Lewis** (Santa Fe) 2019 and **Nan Uhl** (Durango) 2017-2020.

**Program Working Committee of Arrangements Committee** – Incumbent **Cheryl Speir-Phillips** (Gila) 2019.

**Watching Committee** – **Susan Wiley** (Socorro Worship Group) 2019.

**Finance Committee** – Nominated **Sara Keeney** (Albuquerque) 2018-2021.

**Committee on Sufferings** – Incumbent **Mary Burton Riseley** (Gila) 2018.

**Committee on Faith and Practice** – Incumbent **Gail Taylor** (Albuquerque) agreed to serve another 3 years.

**Committee on Procedures** – Incumbent **Pelican Lee** (Santa Fe) 2018 and was nominated to serve 2 more years.

**NMRM Representative to Representatives Committee** – Incumbent **Jan-Willem Jansens** (Santa Fe) 2018-2019 and will serve another year.

**NMRM Representative to Peace and Service Committee** – Incumbent **Vickie Aldrich** (Las Cruces) 2019.

**New Mexico Regional Meeting Appointments to IMYM Positions needing IMYM approval** –

**FWCC Representative** – Incumbent **Rob Pierson** (Albuquerque) served 01/15-01/18 and was nominated, along with **Cheryl Speir-Phillips** (Gila) to serve from 1/1/2018-1/3/2021.

**AFSC Representative** – Incumbent is **Anna Darrah** (Santa Fe) 2017-2019.

**FCNL Representative** – Incumbents **Tom Vaughan** (Gila) and **Connie Crawford** (El Paso) nominated to serve again 10 /2018-10/2021.

**Procedures Committee** – Incumbent is **Pelican Lee** (Santa Fé) 2018-2020.

Nominations were approved.

Question to be resolved – Should preparative meetings have a representative on the nominating committee?

8. **Treasurer's Report** – Unless we hear otherwise from Sara, Clerk **David Henkel** suggested that we continue to waive regional dues.

**Treasurer's Report, New Mexico Regional Meeting, April, 2018, Gila Meeting,  
Silver City, NM** Submitted by Sara Keeney

**Income**

Balance from March 31, 2017, Previous report	\$3981.41
Contributions from Meetings after Mar 31, 2017	0
Income from April 2017 Regional Gathering in Durango	60.00
<b>TOTAL Income</b>	<b>\$ 4041.41</b>

**Expense**

Travel costs for Regional Representatives	\$52.50
<b>TOTAL Expense</b>	<b>\$52.50</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$3988.91</b>

**Bank balance as of Feb 28, 2018: \$3988.91**

**Potential Annual Operating Budget for year (Spring 2018-19) with 1 session:**

**Income**

Starting bank balance, March 1, 2018	3988
No meeting contributions—waived for 2018	0
Excess registration fees	0
<b>Total Cash on hand</b>	<b>\$3988</b>

**Possible Expense for 2018-9**

Speaker Travel Expense, if we have speaker in Spring, 2019	1000
Child Care, copying, rent, other expense for Spring Regional 2018 (extra costs not covered by registration fees)	500
Cost for travel to IMYM Committees (4 trips @300.00)*	1200
<b>TOTAL Expense for Spring session in 2019 + rep travel 2018-19</b>	<b>\$2700</b>
<b>Potential BALANCE in beginning 2019—without 2018 contributions. If balance is this low by Feb 2019, we will need to collect volunteer meeting contributions of \$5.00 per member.</b>	<b>\$1288</b>

\*Regional covers expenses for nominees we send to these annual meetings.

- o 1 Sr Young Friends Rep and 1 Jr Young Friends Rep to Arrangements Comm, Jan 2019
- o 1 Adult Regional Rep, 1 Sr Young Friends Rep to Representatives Committee, Feb 2019

A small expense was incurred for this travel in 2018.

In 2017 a generous contribution allowed Regional to host a November conference in Santa Fe on immigration and sanctuary. A notebook of resource materials was provided for each meeting.

**Conclusion:** Our budget is healthy and the treasurer recommends that we waive contributions in 2018. We can determine the level of need at Spring 2019 Regional gathering. The amount will depend on how many of the projected expenses are actually disbursed.

**Meetings:** Please continue to budget for a contribution of \$5.00 per member for 2019, since we won't know if we need contributions until Regional Meeting in the spring of 2019.

## **Intermountain Yearly Meeting (IMYM):**

NMRM Representative to the Representatives **Jan-Willem Jansens** reported that the call and registration information is out to all meetings. This year's theme will be "Faith into Practice: living a full Quaker life". Three generations of members met to discuss Yearly Meeting concerns and plans in early February. IMYM will meet at Ghost Ranch in Abiqui, NM June 10-17, 2018. The keynote speaker will be Eileen Flanagan, a Philadelphia Friend.

Among the items discussed –

1. Cost. "Pay as led" has been adopted for this year because in previous years people may have been discouraged from attending because of the expense. It is hoped that making it a "pay as led" event will open IMYM up to those who have never attended before, especially young adults and those with families).
2. Venue. Arguments against continuing to meet at Ghost Ranch are that it is expensive and that the climate and terrain are not always welcoming. Others think that Ghost Ranch is a very spiritual place to be. But because being together is the overriding concern, the most favorable option is to move to Ft. Lewis in 2020 at the earliest. This decision, however, still has to be approved by Yearly Meeting.
3. Incorporation and bylaws. The Representatives Committee came to unity to complete incorporation of IMYM. Bylaws and articles of incorporation will be reviewed at the 2018 IMYM gathering.
4. IMYM Fall Queries: Twelve Monthly Meetings submitted responses to the queries, those being "How is your Meeting engaging with issues of racism and white privilege? What is the best thing you've done so far?"; "FGC has asked that IMYM consider hosting the FGC Gathering in 2019 or beyond. Does your meeting support hosting? How would people in your meeting participate?"; "Does IMYM wish to affiliate with Quaker Earthcare Witness?"
5. Projects. Projects that arise from within Monthly Meetings need to be shared with other meetings to avoid reinventing the wheel.
6. Indigenous Peoples – **Vickie Aldrich** is in charge of Support for Indigenous Peoples.
7. Other issues – women's health; opposition to the use of, and further development of, nuclear weapons; need to "walk the walk" in activating our "minutes"; climate change; environmental racism; immigrant justice; and border policies.

## **Peace and Service Committee:**

**Jamie Newton**, Clerk, IMYM Peace and Service Committee, **Marion Newton**, **Tom Vaughan** and **Sandy Feutz**, all of Gila Friends Meeting, attended the School of the Americas (SOAW) Border Convergence Nov. 10-12, 2017, in Nogales, Mexico. At the annual gathering of June 2017, IMYM became one of several hundred organizational endorsers of the 2017 convergence. (See Minute below\*) Pima Friends made arrangements for their meeting house to be used as a gathering place for Friends attending events in Tucson on Friday, Nov. 10, and also arranged a convenient gathering place in Nogales, AZ, for events on Nov. 11 there.

The Peace and Service Committee is active in protecting specific people through sanctuary efforts. One of the things that Jamie pointed out during his presentation is that the Border Patrol zone covers land 100 miles into the United States all the way around and that 80% of the U.S. population lives within this 100-mile zone.

**\*MINUTE 06172017 (4):** IMYM endorses the 2017 Border Convergence sponsored by the School of the Americas Watch as a nonviolent means of opposing the militarization of the border and the mistreatment of those who cross it.

**Closing remarks:**

Outgoing NMRM Clerk David Henkel closed the business meeting by saying, "Worship and business together create a context that let us say things with love, and talk about things that are beyond our personal experience."

Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vona Van Cleef (El Paso), recording clerk