

SAYMA Representative Meeting Berea, Kentucky, 21 March 2015

134-01 Meeting for Worship

Larry Ingle, Clerk of SAYMA, welcomed Friends to the Representatives Meeting and opened with a reading by Alex Wildwood from *The Spirit of the Quakers*, selected and introduced by Geoffrey Durham.

Truth is then neither a philosophical notion nor a matter of ethical principles – even ones as worthy as the Quaker testimonies. Such codifying of behavior is actually the very opposite of the experience to which Quakerism points us, which is obedience to something alive and dependable within, a source of revelation available to all beyond any system of religious belief. This is surely what Penn meant by the ‘one religion’ of the humble, just and meek – this was not prescriptive, how we should live, but descriptive, how we will live when we are ‘dwelling in the light.’

Friends moved into silent worship and expectant waiting.

134-02 Introductions [Attachment A: Attendance]

Friends introduced themselves by name, role and meeting affiliation.

134- 03 Announcements

Bob Welch announced that Tony Bing passed away Friday, 20 March 2015, at 4:00 a.m. in the arms of his daughter. His passing is a great loss for Swannanoa Valley Meeting.

Larry Ingle noted the passing of Liz Perch’s mother, Kathryn Nix Norwood Koehler, on 13 March 2015. Carol Nickle, Chuck Jones and Sharon Annis met to make a recommendation to SAYMA for a charitable contribution in Kay’s memory. A donation will be made to the Roanoke Library from SAYMA Representatives.

Liz Perch is marrying next weekend, and her surname is changing to Dykes.

The book, Nixon’s First Cover –up, The Religious Life of a Quaker President by Larry Ingle will be released soon. Preorder through Amazon or University of Missouri Press. Books will also be available at Yearly Meeting from the SAYMA Bookstore.

Steve Livingston, Asheville Friends Meeting, expressed a concern with achieving racial justice in the Society of Friends and especially to our own FGC Friends, of whom Sharon Smith is one among several Friends of Color who have experienced racism in the Society that has resulted in ostracism and alienation for these Friends. He referenced an article written by Sharon in the October 2014 issue of Friends Journal about her experiences. Steve said Friends in Asheville have become much more keenly aware of racism among Quakers as a result of Sharon's presence, and a great energy has arisen in the Meeting to identify and address racism in its midst. The Asheville Friends Meeting had a couple of worship sharing sessions, from which arose the leading to form a committee of the Meeting - the Racial Justice Committee - whose purpose is to address individual, cultural, and institutional White Supremacy/racism in the Monthly Meeting, the Asheville community, and the Yearly Meeting. Several Asheville Friends are also involved with the community organization Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ).

Lydia Wexler announced that Bob Barrus, Celo Meeting, is now 97. Friends who want to learn more about Bob’s experiences and years of service are invited to contact Lydia

(lydvwex@gmail.com) and Gib Barrus (gibbarrus@gmail.com).

134-04 Clerk's Remarks (Larry Ingle)

The Clerk reminded Friends that in Meeting for Business we worship and speak out of our needs, desires and wishes. The meeting is not a place for solemnity, and the Clerk hopes Friends enjoy themselves as we speak our business. We will include the names of the people who spoke and the sense of what they said. The minutes of last fall have not had the final edit yet, and Friends are invited to contact Susan Phelan, Recording Clerk, for corrections.

134-05 Treasurer's Report (Charles Schade) [Attachment B]

Charles Schade, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. The report is not entirely good news. SAYMA's finances are highly cyclical with most revenues coming in winter or late spring. In the fall, our expenses are higher than our revenues. The current deficit is a little higher than in previous years, but it is not unusual to run this cyclical deficit. One hundred percent of all transfers and donations have been made, and revenues are expected. Revenues are behind at this time. Nine out of 21 monthly meetings have made at least one assessment payment during this fiscal year, two fewer than last year. A list of the meetings that have not paid assessments to date are listed in the attached Treasurer's Report. David Ciscel, Clerk of the Finance Committee, reminded Friends that quarterly assessment payments are extremely helpful to SAYMA's financial processes.

The special fund for the Young Adult Friends Scholarship has been poorly documented in the past, and responsibility and authority is undocumented. The Treasurer has worked with the Clerk of Young Adult Friends, and YAF has requested responsibility for the funds.

MINUTE: 134-05-01 Friends approved the following two recommendations for administration and responsibility of the Young Adult Friends' Scholarship:

1. That the YAFs assume responsibility for authorizing expenditures from this fund through the YAF Clerk, and
2. that authorized expenditures will include need-based scholarships to SAYMA YAF activities and to national and international wider Quaker activities that are appropriate for YAFs.

Sharon Annis, West Knoxville Friends Meeting, noted that the charge and operation of this fund needs clear documentation and inclusion in the Handbook. Friends discussed whether the monthly meetings should be involved in YAF requests for funds, and eventually agreed that the requests would be communicated between the clerk of YAF and the Treasurer. As with all reimbursements, receipts will be provided for all requests.

134-06 Ad Hoc Committee on WQO Report (Sharon Annis) [Attachment C]

An Ad Hoc Committee was appointed at the Fall 2014 Representatives Meeting to investigate the Wider Quaker Organization Yearly Meeting Rotation List and report back. Sharon Annis, convener, Bill Holland (Atlanta Friends Meeting), Carol Ciscel (Memphis Friends Meeting), and Carol Nickle (West Knoxville Friends Meeting) gathered information on the history of the WQO Yearly Meeting from historical minutes and personal notes. The attached report details the history of the process, questions used to consider the issue, and the current practice.

The Ad Hoc Committee's work resulted in a determination that there is no relationship, and need be none, between the list of WQOs on the rotation list for Yearly Meeting and the list of WQOs to which SAYMA makes contributions. The committee made seven recommendations which were discussed and approved separately. Some of the recommendations listed in the attached report

were modified before approval, so the minute below is an update to the recommendations contained in Attachment C.

MINUTE: 134-06-01 Friends approved the following recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee:

Recommendation 1. That the rotations of WQOs continue as it is currently established, except that the organization will not be automatically invited to make a presentation during the business session of Yearly Meeting. If an organization cannot attend that year the rotation will not be changed. An organization can come at any time but will not be part of our sponsorship and its resultant paid expenses. (That is FGC plus three (3) others.)

Approved.

Recommendation 2. Any new WQO that someone wishes to be added to the list be brought to Representatives Meeting by a Monthly Meeting for discernment about whether to add them or not. **Approved.**

Recommendation 3. That all WQOs on the current rotation list receive the announcement and registration forms for our Yearly Meeting. **Approved as modified.**

Recommendation 4. That all SAYMA Representatives to WQOs be reminded by the Nominating Committee and the Clerk of their responsibility to bring to the attention of SAYMA areas that we may need to consider or are requested to consider as well as make an annual report. **Approved.** (The approved recommendation does not include the clarification provided in the original recommendation. This is also information contained in the Handbook, which is available on SAYMA's website.)

Recommendation 5. The current cost to sponsor these Representatives is not significant enough to discontinue the practice. It is a built-in expense in the Yearly Meeting Planning Committee budget. **Approved.**

Recommendation 6. The invitation is for the WQO Representative to come, be introduced, offer a workshop if desired, reserve a table at a meal for conversation, and have a display table. **Approved.**

Recommendation 7. New change: The Representative will not be included in the business meeting agenda unless the Clerk of SAYMA determines that it is to the benefit of SAYMA. **Approved.**

MINUTE: 134-06-02 Friends approved laying down the Ad Hoc Committee.

MINUTE: 134-06-03 Friends approved adding this information into the Handbook.

The WQOs proposed for invitation to Yearly Meeting this year are: FCNL, Friends Peace Teams, Quaker House, and FGC.

Larry Ingle stated that we will follow the rotation we've been following, but the clerk must now approve inclusion of Representatives who are placed on the business meeting agenda.

Sharon Annis said SAYMA is one of the few yearly meetings that provide full assistance for WQO representatives to attend.

Tim Lamm, Berea, asked about the distinction between invited WQOs and visiting WQOs. Invited WQOs are introduced, offered a workshop if desired, reserve a table at a meal for conversation, and have a display table. The costs for invited WQOs are covered. Invitations to WQOs come from the clerk.

Visiting WQOs are encouraged to do the same activities as invited WQOs but their costs are not covered.

Roger Wise, Charleston Friends Meeting, noted space limitations restrict the number of “tables” that are available for Representative presentations and meetings. The Yearly Meeting Planning Committee will address that concern.

Friends determined that there was not a need to send this minute to invited WQOs but that the information about expectations and placement on the agenda for a brief period of time if appropriate will be contained in the letter of invitation from the Clerk to each WQO.

134-07 Ministry and Nurture Committee Report (Sharon Annis) [Attachment D]

Sharon Annis, Clerk of Ministry and Nurture (M&N), noted that the State of the Meeting Reports are due on April 6.

M&N deals with two SAYMA funds, the Spiritual Development Fund and the Released Friend Fund. The Spiritual Development Fund can also be used for Friends who have been invited to do work for SAYMA to attend beneficial workshops that would assist or educate them in doing that work for SAYMA. Individuals requesting these funds are requested to go through their monthly meetings for seasoning first.

The Released Friend Fund is to help support an individual to carry a ministry into SAYMA and the world. Seasoned concerns and requests that have gone through the monthly meetings first are then brought to M&N. As an example, John Calvi has been a released Friend through the Putney Meeting and his care committee.

A list of additional reminders from M&N is included in the attached report.

134-08 Administrative Assistant Report (Liz Perch) [Attachment E]

Liz Perch, Administrative Assistant, in absentia, calls attention to the following concerns via the attached report.

Input to the Draft Census has not been received yet from Boone, Columbia, Foxfire and Greenville. The Census form is available from the Administrative Assistant.

Directory data must be returned to Liz by May 22 to be included in the draft directory for proofing at Yearly Meeting.

The SAYMA post office box has been closed. SAYMA’s current mailing address is 106 Wax Myrtle Court, Savannah, GA 31419. Continue to send assessment checks and donations to the new office address. Requests for reimbursement go to the Treasurer, Charles Schade.

The report contains additional information about conference calls and email distributions.

134-09 Delegates to FWCC World Plenary Meeting (Tim Lamm) [Attachment F]

Tim Lamm, Berea Friends Meeting, is a past SAYMA FWCC Representative, and is currently serving FWCC.

FWCC is world-wide organization; SAYMA belongs to the Section of the Americas. FWCC promotes communication and cooperation among all the different branches of Quakerism (unprogrammed, programmed, evangelical and others), through visitations, website, and translation into different languages. The structure has recently changed from a 3-year world meeting to a 4-year gathering or international representatives gathering.

The Section of Americas now meets every 2 years, with off-year consultations. Friends met in Mexico City 12-15 March for the Section Meeting 2015. The theme was *"Friends Woven Together in God's Love"* (Colossians 2:2).

The next quadrennial FWCC World Plenary Meeting is 19-27 January 2016, in Pisac, near Cusco, Peru. The theme is "Living the Transformation: Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of God's children" (Romans 8:19).

SAYMA is invited to send 3 representatives, and there are open places for 300-350 Friends. Applications are available online.

FWCC asks for the number of representatives to be sent to FWCC by April 21 to determine open spaces for others. FWCC suggested a mix of representatives for the gathering that includes: one-half women, and one-fourth Young Friends involved in leadership.

It is recommended by FWCC and our FWCC Representatives that SAYMA send 3 representatives. The 3 representatives would fundraise to achieve funding above the \$4800 that is available now. The cost is estimated now at approximately \$1300-1500 per person.

Charles Schade raised a question of representation and noted that SAYMA has funded the Representatives needed to represent us. FWCC policy history is not clear whether the fund is for one Representative, or one or more Representatives. In what sense do Representatives represent SAYMA at the gathering?

Tim Lamm explained that SAYMA Representatives serve as examples of typical SAYMA members, and bring language, practices, experiences and the spiritual heritage of our meeting to share with world-wide friends. The work of FWCC is done by Representatives. It is the gathered people who do the work of communication. Tim clarified that while programmed and evangelical meetings outnumber liberal meetings, liberal Friends are most active in promoting this work.

Steve Livingston, Asheville, reminded Friends that the role of our Representatives includes what they bring back to SAYMA of their experiences. This is more nourishing to him than what ways we might influence the gathering. He used the example of the Kabarak Call, and how the wealth of that document was shared with our members. The work of the Representatives is how they connect us to the rest of the world.

The current 3 FWCC Representatives are from the Celo and Swannanoa Valley meetings.

Carol Nickle, West Knoxville, said she is in favor of sending 2 or 3 delegates. Chuck Jones, Chattanooga, said the more representatives that attend provide us with more people to talk to about these issues.

Bill Holland, Atlanta, said that FWCC is the one place that people try to figure out spiritually, not organizationally, how to represent our experience. Traveling ministers need to be accompanied to be faithful to movements of the Spirit. To be able to represent SAYMA faithfully, SAYMA needs to send people they believe are infused with Spirit and are able to speak to the Spirit of others.

MINUTE: 134-09-01 Friends approved the recommendation that SAYMA will notify FWCC that it expects to send 3 representatives to the FWCC Gathering in Pisac, near Cusco, Peru, in 19-27 January 2016, and will cover their expenses.

MINUTE: 134-09-02 Friends approved that the Nominating Committee consider the FWCC and SAYMA FWCC Representatives' recommendations that a young woman be appointed as one of the SAYMA FWCC Representatives.

134-10 Faith and Practice Revision Committee Report [Attachment G]

Larry Ingle read the attached committee report on behalf of Free Polazzo, Clerk of the Faith and Practice Revision Committee. No revisions will be presented to Yearly Meeting in 2015.

134-11 Peace and Social Concerns Committee (Bob Welch) [Attachments XX and XX]

Bob Welch, Clerk of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, opened tenderly with a brief recalling of the life and legacy of Tony Bing followed by a period of silence.

1. Bob opened the committee report with the charge of the committee, which is to work with minutes coming from the monthly meetings, not to establish the minutes. That said, the committee received a letter from New York Yearly Meeting with a minute calling for the release of Leonard Peltier, a Native American leader. The full minute is attached [Attachment H], and can also be found at: <http://www.nnym.org/sites/default/files/LeonardPeltier-MinuteforRelease-2014-11.pdf>

New York Yearly Meeting is asking SAYMA to unite with this minute. Steve Livingston said that there is imminence in this request, and that our process does not allow us to unite with this minute in a sufficiently timely process.

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee is willing to disseminate the minute to the monthly meetings and see if it rises to a level of more action at Yearly Meeting. It was the sense of the meeting that it would be an appropriate action.

2. Bob presented a draft minute (Attachment I) calling for active steps to end the ongoing suffering of the people of Israel and Palestine that emerged from a workshop collaboration facilitated by Friend Deborah First on 28 February 2015. Swannanoa Valley Meeting will act on this minute at their next meeting. Celo is considering this minute as well, and West Knoxville is considering a minute which also related to the workshop.

Bob commends the draft minute to monthly meetings for consideration. No action was identified to bring this minute to Yearly Meeting at this time.

3. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee will recommend to the Finance Committee that two SAYMA-connected agencies be added to the list of organizations that SAYMA supports. The Quaker Voluntary Service (QVS) began in Atlanta, Georgia, in August 2012 and is under the spiritual care of the Atlanta Friends Meeting. The Samburu Kenya Education Project is overseen

by the Celo Friends Meeting. Further discussion on this matter is contained in the Finance Committee Report, section 134-13 of these minutes.

4. Membership on the Peace and Social Concerns Committee goes through the Nominating Committee. The committee currently has six members, and hopes to expand to at least nine. Membership is limited to no more than one individual from each meeting.

134-12. William Penn House

Wood Bouldin, Greenbrier Valley Worship Group, reported that the tax status of William Penn House has been challenged to exclude its religious exemption. This is being challenged legally. Friends everywhere have been asked to assist as possible to argue for the active religious nature of William Penn House and the religious role it serves.

MINUTE: 134-12-01. Friends approved that the Clerk will write a letter from SAYMA stating we financially support William Penn House because of the religious nature of William Penn House and because we believe William Penn House embodies our religious views.

A Friend raised the question of whether entities that use local government services should contribute financially in their role as a good citizen? Friends from Chattanooga, Berea and West Knoxville meetings spoke of ways their meetings contribute local taxes to receive city services.

134-13. Finance Committee Report (David Ciscel) [Attachment J]

David Ciscel, Clerk of the Finance Committee presented the Finance Committee Report

1. As a result of the discussion and minute from the earlier session **Delegates to FWCC World Plenary Meeting** (134-09), the Finance Committee agreed to instruct the Treasurer to transfer the \$3,500 funds to FWCC at the appropriate time.

The FWCC World Conference fund currently has \$4,702 available. If additional funds are required to send up to three delegates as minuted, those funds will be requested at the Fall Representatives Meeting.

2. Two Wider Quaker Organizations, the Bolivian Quaker Education Fund (BQEF) and Quaker Voluntary Service (QVS) have contacted the Finance Committee. BQEF made a formal request to increase the support it receives from SAYMA.

Members of the Atlanta Friends Meeting have sent a formal request (Attachment J) proposing that Quaker Voluntary Service be added to the list of organizations SAYMA supports and that QVS be listed in the 2016 SAYMA budget with a request of \$800. The Finance Committee is monitoring WQO expenditures. Bill Holland presented a Minute on Quaker Voluntary Service from Atlanta Friends Meeting in asking that SAYMA recognize and support QVS financially at a level similar to other wider Quaker organizations.

QVS works in several locations nationally and now works with multiple yearly meetings. A proposed minute that SAYMA supports, recognizes, and appreciates Quaker Voluntary Service as a WQO will be brought to Yearly Meeting and included as an agenda item.

Friends Sharon Annis and Carol Nickel expressed strong support for the work QVC is doing and hopes to have QVC become a part of the WQO rotation in the future.

Charles Schade, Treasurer, noted that support and communication is continually needed to discern the need and worthiness of financial support to WQOs that have been funded in the past.

134-14 Earthcare Action Retreat

Lisa Rose, Clerk, SAYMA Earthcare Action Network, reported that twelve attendees met to explore the emotional side of earth care work, including and grieving and celebration. The retreat explored where people's hearts are living with these issues, and sifted to see what lifts up into action we can do.

The SAYMA Earthcare Action Network webpage can now be found on the front page of the SAYMA website. The email address is: SAYMAearthcare@gmail.com. The committee is collecting stories, work that is being done by monthly meetings, and other related information for the website. If your meeting does not have a representative, please appoint one and send the individual's name to Lisa Rose.

Mini-grants for meeting projects (\$300-500 matching grant) are available.

134-15 Yearly Meeting Planning Report – Carol Ciscel

Carol Ciscel, Clerk, Yearly Meeting Planning Committee, reported that the committee has finalized almost everything. Plenary sessions include Michael Birkel on Thursday, and a panel of SAYMA members who have graduated from School of the Spirit on Friday. Saturday's Talent Show will also include food, and Friends hope the Earth Quakers from Memphis will be available for the contra dance Saturday night.

The Advance Program is being prepared and will come out the first week in April. It will also be posted on the SAYMA website.

The gathering theme is "What is Mine To Do?" The queries for worship sharing are all from John Woolman.

The workshop schedule is set and the schedule has been opened up to allow 15 minutes between each event. This year, Sunderland will not be available, and Friends will use Villages A and B, and the dorms on the other side of the bridge. Two golf carts will be available. College fees have increased slightly, but YMPC is not raising fees this year. YMPC will monitor the situation for the future.

134-16 Minutes of Thanks to Berea Friends Meeting

MINUTE: 134-16-01 Friends approved a Minute of Thanks to Berea Friends Meeting and are grateful from the bottom of our bellies and hearts for two great meals, a freshly painted room with tables, and more hospitality than we deserve.

Friends asked how we might thank meetings in the future with more than the "usual," and the possibility of work parties was suggested.

135-17 Closing worship

Larry Ingle, Clerk
(Archive copy signed)

Susan Phelan, Recording Clerk
(Archive copy signed)

Attachments:

A: Attendance list

B: Treasurer's Report

C: Report of the Ad Hoc WQO Committee

D: Ministry & Nurture Committee Report

E: Administrative Assistant's Report

F: FWCC Report

G: Faith & Practice Revision Committee Report

H: Peace & Social Concerns: Leonard Peltier Minute from NYYM

I: Draft Minute on Israel/Palestine from Peace & Social Concerns

J: Request to Provide Donation Support to Quaker Voluntary Service

Attachment A: Attendance [Print copies only]

Attachment B: Treasurer's Report

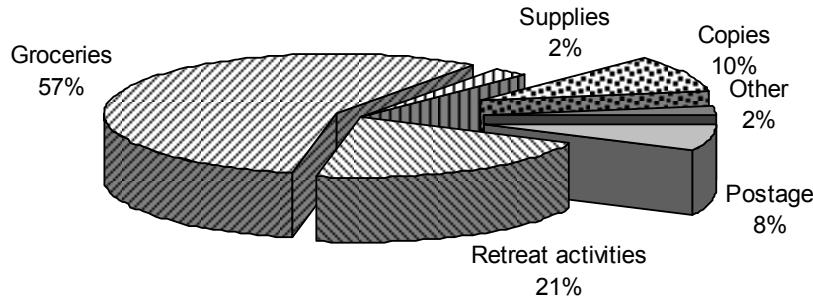
Treasurer's Report for March 12, 2015 Representative Meeting
Prepared March 12, 2015

Our 2015 fiscal year budget runs from October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2015. Attached are (1) a fund balance report; (2) a budget vs. actual expenditures to date report; and (3) a final spending report for FY 2014;. Items (1) and (2) are current as of 2/28/2015.

Issues to report include:

1. Overview. Operational income through February 28, 2015 \$13,828, compared with \$16,508 in FY 2014. Expenditures were \$28,002, nearly all of which were operational and project expenses. Last year at this time, we had spent \$25,270. We currently have an operational deficit of \$13,826, requiring withdrawals from reserves of \$9,005, compared with \$8,761 last year. SAYMA has estimated assets of \$54,322 versus \$60,438 at the same time in FY2014. Assets consist of \$12,851 in checking (about \$7,000 less than last year) and \$41,471 in savings accounts. Friends have set aside a total of \$24,894 in special funds (liabilities), including contributions made during FY 2014. See Attachment 1 for details.
2. Income. Total assessment income at this point in the fiscal year was \$13,757, approximately \$3,000 less than the same time period last year. Nine of twenty one monthly meetings have made at least one assessment payment during this fiscal year, two fewer than last year. The following monthly meetings had not made an assessment payment during the current fiscal year as of February 28, 2014: Asheville, Boone, Brevard, Celo, Charleston, Chattanooga, Cookeville, Crossville, Foxfire, Greenville, Huntsville, and Swannanoa Valley. Several meetings made payments late last year and may intend to contribute later in this year. SAYMA recorded assessments from all but two meetings last fiscal year.
3. Operational Expenses. Attachment 2 shows that SAYMA currently has an operational deficit of \$13,826, compared with \$8,761 this time last year. Most operating expenses are close to budgeted levels for less than 1/2 year. Liability insurance is an annual expense, and is now paid in full. Wider Quaker Organization representative travel will exceed budget because of unanticipated international travel costs that were not included in the budget. The deficit is mainly due to yearly meeting project expenses that are 100% paid, although less than half the year has elapsed. Also, we intentionally budgeted a deficit of \$6,800 for the year.
4. Yearly Meeting Projects in FY2014. In October, we recognized the transfers of budgeted funds to the set-aside accounts. In February, we sent SAYMA's wider Quaker organization contributions for the fiscal year in a lump sum to each organization. This resulted in a reduction in net assets since the end of last fiscal year. This will be reduced by about half if other income and expenses are as expected through the remainder of the year.
5. SAYF has submitted a financial report for the fiscal year to date showing receipts of \$4,220 and expenses of \$2,434. Income was slightly greater than this time last year, whereas expenses were \$1,200 less, probably due to timing. The SAYF administrative assistant expects to draw some or all of SAYMA's allocation later in the year to cover

planned expenses for facility rental at the April retreat and two later-in-the-year events (yearly meeting and the August nurturing retreat) which incur expenses without income. For Fiscal Year 2014, SAYF had expenses of \$9,100 and income of \$8,900, which includes SAYMA's allotment. The chart below summarizes SAYF's expenses in FY 2014, 80% of which went directly to support retreats. The remainder largely covered communication with young Friends related to retreats.



6. Final FY 2014 results. Attachment 3 shows final expenditures and revenues for FY 2014. Even though SAYMA budgeted spending \$7,500 more than revenues, the final result was a small surplus. Higher than expected assessments, and an imbalance between Yearly Meeting receipts and costs explained the differences. There were several areas of overexpenditure. The newsletter cost more than expected due to postage and printing costs, which have increased sharply. We budgeted more for this year. The website hosting bill covers three years of service, at a significant annual savings. Office expenses included travel reimbursed from the previous fiscal year as well as a new printer.

7. Treasurer contact information and financial procedures

Accounts payable

Individual Friends, meetings, and committees with requests for payment for budgeted expenses should send the request with appropriate documentation to Charles Schade (Treasurer@SAYMA.org). E-mail is preferred with documentation in electronic form. Friends may also submit expenses via postal mail to 4100 Virginia Ave. SE, Charleston, WV 25304.

Accounts receivable

Meetings should send assessment payments to SAYMA's administrative assistant Liz Perch at 106 Wax Myrtle Court, Savannah, GA 31419. Other payments to SAYMA should be sent to Liz for deposit to SAYMA's account..

SAYMA Account Balances Report - Fiscal 2015 as of February 28, 2015

	Fiscal Year As Of (date)	2010 9/30/10	2011 9/30/11	2012 9/30/12	2013 9/30/13	2014 9/30/14	2015 2/28/15
Assets - Total Available Funds		\$61,749	\$62,561	\$64,150	\$66,284	\$66,056	\$54,322
Bank Accounts							
Checking (Bank of America)		\$21,683	\$22,084	\$23,270	\$25,068	\$24,656	\$12,851
Money Market (Self Help Credit Union)		\$23,287	\$23,483	\$23,690	\$17,366	\$41,400	\$41,471
Savings (Self Help Credit Union CD)		\$16,779	\$16,994	\$17,190	\$23,850	\$0	\$0
Liabilities - Total Claims Against Available Funds		\$20,074	\$19,874	\$18,048	\$19,539	\$22,454	\$24,894
Set Aside Budget Funds		\$20,074	\$19,874	\$18,048	\$19,539	\$22,454	\$24,894
FWCC Third World Delegate		\$3,275	\$0	\$650	\$1,975	\$3,300	\$3,550
FWCC World Conference Fund		\$3,292	\$3,567	\$1,302	\$2,002	\$2,702	\$3,702
Released Friend Fund		\$7,350	\$8,850	\$9,150	\$8,700	\$9,000	\$9,600
Spiritual Development Fund		\$2,127	\$2,977	\$3,277	\$3,277	\$3,577	\$3,877
Young Adult Friends Scholarships Fund		\$1,109	\$1,309	\$1,349	\$1,389	\$1,429	\$1,469
Youth Enrichment Fund		\$2,921	\$3,171	\$2,320	\$2,196	\$2,446	\$2,696
Net Assets = Assets - Liabilities		\$41,675	\$42,687	\$46,102	\$46,745	\$43,602	\$29,428
Fund Expenses for Fiscal Year		-\$1,439	-\$6,150	-\$4,066	-\$2,915	\$0	\$0

SAYMA Budget vs. Actual Report 10/1/2014 through 3/1/2015

Budget Item	Budget FY 2015	Actual FY 2015	Percent of Budget
INCOME	\$ 89,067.50	\$ 28,002.13	31.4%
Withdrawals from reserves	\$ 8,867.50	\$ 14,174.04	159.8%
Prior year carried forward	\$ 2,065.00	\$ 5,169.00	159.8%
Reduction in reserves	\$ 6,802.50	\$ 9,005.04	250.3%
Assessments	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 13,757.50	34.4%
Bank Interest	\$ 200.00	\$ 70.59	35.3%
Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	
Publication Sales	\$ -	\$ -	
YM Total Receipts	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
YM Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	
YM Scholarship Donations	\$ -	\$ -	
YM Bookstore Sales Income	\$ -	\$ -	
EXPENSES	\$ 89,067.50	\$ 28,002.13	31.4%
SAYMA OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	\$ 79,977.50	\$ 18,912.13	23.6%
Yearly Meeting	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 347.59	0.9%
Facilities and Services	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 200.00	0.6%
Prtng/Mail/Phone/Minutes/Misc	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Junior Yearly Meeting -- JYM	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 147.59	3.7%
Coordinator	\$ -	\$ -	
Ass't Coordinator	\$ -	\$ -	
Supplies/Sitters/Misc	\$ -	\$ 147.59	
Scholarship WQO Reps	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
YM Bookstore	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
SAYF Operational Transfers	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Delegate Expenses	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 3,979.30	97.1%
Rep Mtgs	\$ 100.00	\$ -	0.0%
Del to WQOs	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,979.30	99.5%
Committees	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	0.0%
Ministry and Nurture Committee	\$ 600.00	\$ -	0.0%
SAYMA Earthcare Action Network	\$ -	\$ -	
Faith and Practice Revision Committee	\$ 600.00	\$ 90.15	15.0%
Finance Committee	\$ -	\$ -	
Nominating Committee	\$ -	\$ -	
Peace & Social Concerns Committee	\$ -	\$ -	
Outreach Committee	\$ -	\$ -	
SAYMA Liability Insurance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,412.00	94.1%
SAYMA Personnel	\$ 25,967.50	\$ 11,426.24	44.0%
SAYMA Staff Training	\$ -	\$ -	
SAYMA Office Administration	\$ 3,410.00	\$ 1,248.84	36.6%
Phone, Internet & Office Expenses	\$ 360.00	\$ 180.00	50.0%
Postage	\$ 300.00	\$ 49.00	16.3%
Duplication	\$ 250.00	\$ 14.98	6.0%
Misc. Office	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,004.86	40.2%
SAYMA Newsletter	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 408.01	34.0%
SAYMA Directory	\$ 100.00	\$ -	0.0%
SAYMA Treasurer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	0.0%
SAYMA F&P	\$ -	\$ -	
SAYMA Website Hosting Service	\$ 200.00	\$ -	0.0%
SAYMA Other Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ -	0.0%

SAYMA Budget vs. Actual Report 10/1/2014 through 3/1/2015

Budget Item	Budget FY 2015	Actual FY 2015	Percent of Budget
YEARLY MEETING PROJECTS	\$ 9,090.00	\$ 9,090.00	100.0%
Transfers To Funds	\$ 2,440.00	\$ 2,440.00	100.0%
Spiritual Development Fund	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	100.0%
Released Friend Fund	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	100.0%
FWCC - 3rd Wild Del	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	100.0%
FWCC World Conference Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	100.0%
Youth Enrichment Fund	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	100.0%
Young Adult Friends Scholarships	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	100.0%
Contributions Wider Quaker Org	\$ 6,650.00	\$ 6,650.00	100.0%
AFSC	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	100.0%
FCNL	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	100.0%
FGC	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	100.0%
FWCC	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	100.0%
Right Sharing of World Resources	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	100.0%
Quaker House	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	100.0%
Friends for LGBTQ Concerns	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	100.0%
Quaker Earthcare Witness	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	100.0%
Friends Peace Teams	\$ -	\$ -	
Wm Penn House	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	100.0%
Friends Journal	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	100.0%
Guilford College Archiving	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	100.0%
Rural Southern Voice for Peace	\$ -	\$ -	
Bolivian Quaker Education Fund	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	100.0%
Other	\$ -	\$ -	
Surplus	\$ -	\$ -	
Transfer to Reserves	\$ -		
Carry Forward to Next Year	\$ -		

Income and expense except for Yearly Meeting

OPERATIONAL INCOME	\$ 13,828.09
OPERATIONAL and PROJECT EXPENSES	\$ 27,654.54
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (13,826.45)

Attachment 3

SAYMA Budget vs. Actual Report 10/1/2013 through 9/30/2014

Budget Item	Budget FY 2014	Actual FY 2014	Percent of Budget
INCOME	\$ 84,525.00	\$ 86,922.80	102.8%
Withdrawals from reserves	\$ 7,575.00	\$ 5,169.00	68.2%
Prior year carried forward	\$ 5,169.00	\$ 5,169.00	
Reduction in reserves	\$ 2,406.00	\$ -	
Assessments	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 42,527.50	106.3%
Bank Interest	\$ 250.00	\$ 187.64	75.1%
Contributions	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	100.0%
Publication Sales	\$ 200.00	\$ 146.52	73.3%
YM Total Receipts	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 38,392.14	106.6%
YM Receipts	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 35,733.63	108.3%
YM Scholarship Donations	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,675.50	167.6%
YM Bookstore Sales Income	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,425.51	71.3%
EXPENSES	\$ 84,525.13	\$ 86,922.80	102.8%
SAYMA OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	\$ 75,310.13	\$ 75,642.69	100.4%
Yearly Meeting	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 37,247.59	103.5%
Facilities and Services	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 31,753.63	127.0%
Prntng/Mail/Phone/Minutes/Misc	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,313.17	32.8%
Junior Yearly Meeting -- JYM	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,800.00	70.0%
Coordinator	\$ -	\$ 1,400.00	
Ass't Coordinator	\$ -	\$ 1,400.00	
Supplies/Sitters/Misc	\$ -	\$ -	
Scholarship WQO Reps	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
YM Bookstore	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,380.79	69.0%
SAYF Operational Transfers	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	100.0%
Delegate Expenses	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 4,186.62	116.3%
Rep Mtgs	\$ 100.00	\$ -	0.0%
Del to WQOs	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,986.62	113.9%
Committees	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 48.00	3.2%
Ministry and Nurture Committee	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0.0%
Ecological Concerns Committee	\$ -	\$ -	
Faith and Practice Revision Committee	\$ -	\$ -	
Finance Committee	\$ -	\$ -	
Nominating Committee	\$ -	\$ 48.00	
Peace & Social Concerns Committee	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0.0%
Outreach Committee	\$ -	\$ -	
SAYMA Liability Insurance	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,108.87	79.2%
SAYMA Personnel	\$ 25,590.13	\$ 25,749.05	100.6%
SAYMA Staff Training	\$ -	\$ -	
SAYMA Office Administration	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,751.91	125.1%
Phone, Internet & Office Expenses	\$ -	\$ 384.00	
Postage	\$ -	\$ 241.91	
Duplication	\$ -	\$ 191.13	
Misc. Office	\$ -	\$ 2,934.87	
SAYMA Newsletter	\$ 750.00	\$ 941.46	125.5%
SAYMA Directory	\$ 150.00	\$ 99.51	66.3%
SAYMA Treasurer	\$ 200.00	\$ -	0.0%
SAYMA F&P	\$ 200.00	\$ 67.14	33.6%
SAYMA Website Hosting Service	\$ 120.00	\$ 170.85	142.4%
SAYMA Other Expenses	\$ 800.00	\$ 271.69	34.0%

SAYMA Budget vs. Actual Report 10/1/2013 through 9/30/2014

Budget Item	Budget FY 2014	Actual FY 2014	Percent of Budget
YEARLY MEETING PROJECTS	\$ 9,215.00	\$ 9,215.00	100.0%
Transfers To Funds	\$ 2,915.00	\$ 2,915.00	100.0%
Spiritual Development Fund	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	100.0%
Released Friend Fund	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	100.0%
FWCC - 3rd Wld Del	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 1,325.00	100.0%
FWCC World Conference Fund	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	100.0%
Youth Enrichment Fund	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	100.0%
Young Adult Friends Scholarships	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	100.0%
Contributions Wider Quaker Org	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 6,300.00	100.0%
AFSC	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	100.0%
FCNL	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	100.0%
FGC	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	100.0%
FWCC	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	100.0%
Right Sharing of World Resources	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	100.0%
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Quaker Earthcare Witness	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	100.0%
Friends Peace Teams	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	100.0%
Wm Penn House	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	100.0%
Friends Journal	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	100.0%
Guilford College Archiving	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	100.0%
Rural Southern Voice for Peace	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	100.0%
Bolivian Quaker Education Fund	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	100.0%
Other		\$ -	
Surplus		\$ 2,065.11	

Income and expense except for Yearly Meeting

OPERATIONAL INCOME	\$ 43,361.66
OPERATIONAL and PROJECT EXPENSES	\$ 47,610.10
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (4,248.44)

Attachment C: Report of the Ad Hoc WQO Committee

After discussion at the September 2014, SAYMA Representatives Meeting, the Clerk appointed an ad hoc committee to investigate the Wider Quaker Organization Yearly Meeting rotation list and report back. (Minute 133-24-01). The ad hoc committee, consisting of Sharon Annis (convener), Bill Holland, Carol Ciscel, and Carol Nickle gathered information on the history of the WQO YM from historical minutes and personal notes.

Rotation of WQO's was begun in the late 1990's by the presiding clerks to reduce the number of organizations requesting time on the yearly meeting agenda to present reports. These were reports over and above the SAYMA representative's reports. This rotation included FGC, FCNL, AFSC and FWCC. Other WQO were placed on the agenda by the residing clerk, as time was available.

A formal plan for inviting WQO's to send representatives on a rotating schedule was adopted by the Yearly Meeting 2003 Planning Committee in its meeting on December 6, 2002. The committee decided to invite FGC every year and subsidize their costs, since SAYMA is a member group of FGC. Representatives from other groups would be invited on a three-year rotation. The group invited would be given some time to share about their organization in Meeting for Business and/or workshop. For the invited representatives, registration fees and room and board costs would be waived. The YMPC also affirmed that if a representative from an uninvited group attended YM, they would still be able to set up a time to meet with people if they wished, and/or have space for a display about their organization. (Tim Lamm's email to Carol Nickle 12/12/05). A factor in establishing the rotation schedule was to limit the number of WQO's that made presentations during the business meetings at YM.

We reviewed our current practice of rotation for invitations to WQO's and our offering coverage for registration, room and board for those who have been invited.

Currently, those who are invited are also given time on our business meeting agenda and an opportunity to offer a workshop. Space for a display is always available and they may reserve a table for discussion at meals.

There are currently 9 WQO's plus FGC (which is always invited).

We agreed that there is no relationship, and need be none, between the list of Wider Quaker Organizations to which SAYMA makes contributions and the list of WQO's on the rotation list for Yearly Meeting. The two lists/issue are separate.

Our Committee considered several questions:

Does the rotation serve the best interest of SAYMA as it relates to business meeting?

We spent the majority of the time in both of our phone meetings on this question. The second meeting occurred so that we could individually season this question and come back together in a week. We discussed advantages and disadvantages of using a rotation process for inviting WQO's to YM. We recognized the practices of other yearly meetings and that all WQO's can come to SAYMA YM and participate if they want to.

Our Yearly Meeting Clerk sends the letter of invitation and follows up with the 4 organizations on the current rotation. This does require time and energy for the clerk.

Does the time given during business meeting take away from the time needed to listen and discern issues on the agenda?

There have been comments on evaluations indicating that some Friends feel that these presentations take up time needed for other work. The clerk has the option of asking SAYMA reps and visitors to speak in general about their WQO or to a specific issue.

Does the cost of these invitations and expense coverage amount to a large percentage of the over all costs for Yearly Meeting? Has this caused an increase in registration for others attending?

The Yearly Meeting Planning Committee develops their budget to include the costs for both our regularly subsidized individuals (8Fans, 2 Staff and 4 invited guests). The cost for the invited guests varies each year, as the people to not stay the whole yearly meeting or are not able to come. The costs for these 3 categories is not a large percentage of the total budget (around \$2800) and a significant amount is covered by donations, late fees and key deposits.

The college room and meal fees determine the major change in costs to yearly meeting.

Does Liz send announcements and registration forms to all of the WQO?

Currently, only the invited organizations receive the information and registration forms.

How are new organizations added to the rotation?

We discussed the possibility of adding new organizations. A couple of organizations on the original list are now defunct. We agreed that we need a written process for adding WQO's to the rotation list. As well as a policy to remove an organization from the list if that seems appropriate.

Do our representatives to the various WQO provide a report to SAYMA that provides the general information about the current work of the organization and indicate what items or issues may be of concern for SAYMA?

The SAYMA representatives to WQO's make a report to SAYMA each year. The reports are in a WQO notebook at Yearly Meeting. The SAYMA representatives are also responsible for arranging with their WQO for a display table at Yearly Meeting and, if wanted, for reserving a table for discussion at a meal.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the rotations of WQO continue as it is currently established, except that the organization will not be automatically invited to make a presentation during the business session of YM. If an organization cannot attend that year the rotation will not be changed. An organization can come any time but will not be part of our sponsorship. (That is FGC plus three (3) others.)
2. Any new WQO that is added to the list be brought to Representative Meeting by a Monthly Meeting for discernment about whether to add them or not.
3. That all WQO receive the announcement and registration forms for our Yearly Meeting
4. That all SAYMA representatives to WQO be reminded of their responsibility to bring to the attention of SAYMA areas that we may need to consider or are requested to consider as well as make an annual report.
 - a. Each organization uses representative in different capacities such that our representative becomes a member of the WQO while also maintaining their responsibility to SAYMA.
5. The current cost to sponsor these representatives is not significant enough to discontinue the practice. It is a built in expense in the YM Planning committee budget.

6. The invitation is for the representative to come, be introduced, offer a workshop if desired, reserve a table at a meal for conversation, and a display table.
7. The representative will not be included in the business meeting agenda unless the Clerk of SAYMA determines that it is to the benefit of SAYMA.

**Invited WQO quests at yearly meeting
3-year rotation**

We invite a visitor from FGC every year plus 3 others on a 3-year rotation.

Past 7 years:

2008 FWCC, AFSC/SERO, QEW, FCOR

2009 FCNL, Quaker House, FPT

2010 AFSC, RSWR, AVP

2011 FWCC, AFSC/SERO, QEW

2012 FCNL, Quaker House, FPT

2013 AFSC, RSWR, (QVS came, but was subsidized through our scholarship program)

2014 QEW (AVP and FWCC were invited but unable to come)

Proposed for next 2 years:

2015 FCNL, FPT, Quaker House

2016 AFSC, RSWR, QVS (if approved by Rep Meeting)

Notes:

RSWR	Right Sharing of World Resources
AFSC	American Friends Service Committee
AVP	Alternatives to Violence project
FCNL	Friends Committee on National Legislation
FGC	Friends General Conference
FPT	Friends Peace Teams
FWCC	Friends World Committee on Consultation
QEW	Quaker EarthCare Witness
Quaker House	Fayetteville, NC
QVS	Quaker Voluntary Service

Attachment D: Ministry & Nurture Report

Reminders:

State of the Meeting Reports are due April 6. We have received many and are looking forward to reviewing them for preparation of the Yearly Meeting Report

This is not our main function. Referring to Faith and practice the major functions of M&N

1. Support to Monthly Meeting with concerns about specific issues with regard to ministry and nurture
2. Support for Meeting with workshop groups under their care.
3. Provision of workshops to support Ministry and Nurture
4. Administration of two Yearly Meeting Funds.
Spiritual Development
Released Friend

This year at yearly meeting Brent Bill from FGC and he New Meetings program will be presenting a Workshop and be available to discuss ways to support small meetings.

The Spiritual Development fund is for use by persons serving the Yearly Meeting to attend workshops that will support their work.

One of the ways we try to do our work is by holding our committee meetings at various meeting within SAYMA . This provides us with an opportunity to worship with friends and support their work as well as the meeting having an opportunity to share with the committee.

We encourage all Monthly meeting to appoint a member of their M&N to SAYMA's M&N thus increasing the \sharing of the growth of Ministry within the yearly meeting.

Attachment E: Administrative Assistant's Report

I have been excused from attending Rep Meeting this month as I am getting married one week later, March 28, to Mike Dykes. While I will miss being with all of you, I appreciate the extra time I desperately need. I believe most of you are also aware that my mother died Friday, March 13. I had travelled to Roanoke on February 28 and spent most of the two weeks at her bedside and with my siblings, daughter, and nephews. The memorial service was Tuesday, March 17.

The initial draft of the annual SAYMA census is attached to this report. I am hoping to get data from 4 additional meetings (shaded in gray on the spreadsheet.) A final report will be presented at Yearly Meeting.

Directory spreadsheets have been sent to each meeting for corrections and updates. Directory data must be returned by May 22 to be included in the draft directory that will be available for proofing at Yearly Meeting.

Please also note that State of the Meeting reports are requested by April 6 so that the Ministry and Nurture Committee may have them for its meeting.

We have closed the SAYMA post office box. SAYMA's current mailing address is 106 Wax Myrtle Court, Savannah, GA 31419. Mail will be forwarded through July 31, 2015, subject to the whims of the US Postal Service. Please continue to send all assessment checks and donations to the office; requests for reimbursement go to the Treasurer, Charles Schade.

There has been an increased use of conference calls by SAYMA committees. I can easily assist with setting these up, or teaching clerks how to set up their own accounts. Conference calls are a good way for groups to connect when meeting in person isn't practical and to address specific agenda items. I've found it best to limit calls to not more than 90 minutes if at all possible.

In an effort to make my work as efficient as possible, I have unsubscribed the office email address from a number of Quaker email lists. I will continue to get emails specifically related to the relationship between an organization and SAYMA, and forward them to the appropriate people. However, the administrative assistant will no longer receive mass contribution solicitations or broadcast organizational updates. If individual Friends have an interest in these emails, please let me know and I will tell you how to get on the lists (no doubt easier than getting OFF the lists!)

In service,

Liz Perch

SAYMA Census 2014--Reported March 2015 DRAFT

	Asheville	Athens	Atlanta	Berea	Birmingham	Boone	Brevard	Celo	Charleston	Chattanooga	Columbia	Cookeville	Crossville	Foxfire	Greenville	Huntsville	Memphis	Nashville	Oxford	Swannanoa	Knoxville	
1.a. Recorded members																						
Adults	71	0	168	39	14	0	6	49	31	31	17	5	6	7	8	3	43	67	10	40	53	
under 18	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	0	3	1	
Subtotal: Members	71	0	168	43	16	0	6	51	31	31	17	5	6	7	8	3	50	68	10	43	54	
1.b. Attenders																						
Members of another SAYMA meeting	0	1	d/c	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Members in another Yearly Meeting	1	0	d/c	4	3	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	12	0	10	4	
Not members of RSOF	23	24	116	8	12	1	0	20	8	11	29	5	4	2	6	14	25	62	4	48	14	
under 18	20	6	45	12	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	6	4	29	0	19	5	
Subtotal: Attenders	44	31	161	24	15	3	0	29	9	14	32	5	4	2	13	22	30	103	4	78	23	
TOTAL: Individuals to report to SAYMA	115	31	329	67	31	3	6	80	40	45	49	10	10	9	21	25	80	171	14	121	77	1334
Adults considered inactive	13	7	31	0	2	0	2	18	d/c	7	3	0	0	4	4	0	26	4	7	17	26	171
Report to FWCC (Includes PM/WG attenders; NOT members of other YM's)	114	30	329	63	31	1	6	75	39	42	48	10	10	9	19	23	79	159	14	110	73	1284
Reported to FWCC last year	82	46	342	85	54	1	6	75	25	48	48	10	9	9	19	17	80	110	11	50	89	1216
Change	32	-16	-13	-22	-23	0	0	0	14	-6	0	0	1	0	0	6	-1	49	3	60	-16	68
Members who																						
Attend your meeting	45	n/a	d/c	21	12		5	21	21	16	12	5	6	3	3	3	17	43	3	22	22	
Attend Worship Group under the care of your meeting	0	n/a	d/c	0	0		0	0	10	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	
Attend another SAYMA Worship Group	0	n/a	d/c	0	0		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	d/k	d/k	0	0	0	
Attend another SAYMA Meeting	1	n/a	d/c	0	0		0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	1	
Attend in another Yearly Meeting	2	n/a	d/c	10	0		0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	d/k	2	5	0	
Attend in another religious tradition	d/k	n/a	d/c	0	0		0	7	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	d/k	1	2	0	
Attend rarely/not at all/don't know	10	n/a	d/c	8	0		0	21	0	5	0	0	0	3	1	0	10	21	4	20	26	

SAYMA Census 2014--Reported March 2015 DRAFT

	Asheville	Athens	Atlanta	Berea	Birmingham	Boone	Brevard	Celo	Charleston	Chattanooga	Columbia	Cookeville	Crossville	Foxfire	Greenville	Huntsville	Memphis	Nashville	Oxford	Swannanoa	Knoxville
2. Count of Events																					
a. Marriages/commitment ceremonies of members/attenders under care of meeting	1	0	2	n/a	n/a	0	0	1	0	0	0	n/a	0	n/a		n/a	0	1	0	0	1
b. Marriage/commitment ceremonies of members/attenders NOT under care of meeting	0	1	0	n/a	n/a	0	0	1	0	0	0	n/a	0	n/a		n/a	0	2	0	0	1
c. Marriage/commitment ceremonies under care of meeting, non members/attenders	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	n/a		n/a	0	0	0	0	0
d. births/adoptions	2	1	8	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	n/a		n/a	0	0	0	1	0
e. Deaths	1	0	1	n/a	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	n/a	0	0		n/a	0	0	0	1	0
f. transfers in	11	0	1	n/a	n/a	0	2	1	2	0	0	n/a	2	0		n/a	0	1	0	2	1
g. transfers out/withdrawals	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	n/a	0	0		1	0	0	0	1	0
h. new members	1	1	2	n/a	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	n/a	0	0		n/a	0	4	0	1	1
i. new attenders	d/c	6	d/c	5	4	0	2	16	7	7	6	1	2	4		2	3	26	2	9	d/k
j stopped attending	d/c	11	d/c	1	d/c	d/k	2	9	3	1	0	n/a	0	3		0	8	20	1	0	d/k
3. Active Meeting Participation																					
Under 12 years old	14	2	20	5	2		4	0	0	6	0	0	0		5	7	26	0	9	4	
12-18 years old	6	3	25	6	0		5	0	5	2	0	0	0		0	1	7	0	2	1	
Young adults 19-35 years old	d/c	12	25	2	3		8	0	2	2	0	0	1		0	4	22	2	1	5	

*Meeting does not distinguish between members and attenders

PLEASE NOTE: light shaded meetings did not provide new data--2013 data was used. Dark shaded meetings have not provided data since 2011 or earlier

Attachment F: FWCC Report

Hello Friends,

The Friends World Committee for Consultation Section of the Americas gathered in Mexico City last weekend. Friends from all over the Americas attended to celebrate the theme of being woven together in God's love. Meetings for worship were held in programmed and unprogrammed traditions. Other activities included meetings for worship with attention to business, Home Groups (worship sharing), celebrations, and special interest groups. The gathering continued to strengthen the bond of Quakers throughout the world, and reminded us of the importance of building bridges with one another and healing differences.

Many are looking forward to the upcoming quadrennial FWCC World Plenary Meeting (formerly the Triennial/International Representatives Meeting) in Pisac, near Cusco, Peru, 19 to 27 January 2016. The theme is "Living the Transformation: Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of God's children" (Romans 8:19). SAYMA is invited to send three representatives, and there are also open places for 300-350 additional Friends. Applications for the open spaces are available on line.

The current three representatives to FWCC wish to recommend that three representatives from SAYMA attend the world gathering in Peru (January 2016). There is much work to be done in FWCC, and although the work of committees and program groups is often done via emails and conference phone calls, the face-to-face meetings are essential to the processes of effective task-completion and relationship-building.

In an attempt to balance the representation of our yearly meeting, we recommend that the nominations committee seek a young female Friend to replace Geeta at the end of her term December 2015. The three representatives would take on fund-raising to gather the necessary funds in excess of the available budgeted funds of \$4,700.

In the event that a friend cannot be found by the end of the annual gathering in June to serve as the third representative, Geeta McGahey is willing and interested in serving a second term as representative to FWCC.

---Geeta McGahey, Michael Galovic, Matt Riley

Attachment G: Faith and Practice Revision Committee Report

The committee has met twice since SAYMA's 2015 YM.

1. Beth Myers is recording clerk for the committee .
2. The committee agreed to revise the entire Queries section before sending any of our work to the Monthly and Preparative Meetings for their review. This is mostly due to the recognition of the inter-relationship of many of the queries. This will also allow the revision committee to review our earlier changes in the light of all the changes that followed.
3. This means there will be no revisions presented by the committee to YM in 2015.
4. The committee's next working meeting will be on May 1st and 2nd at the West Knoxville Meetinghouse. We appreciate the hospitality we have received from the West Knoxville meeting.

Free Polazzo, Clerk
Faith & Practice Revision Committee

Attachment H: Peace & Social Concerns: Leonard Peltier Minute from NYYM

Indian Affairs Committee NYYM

Minute calling for release of Leonard Peltier from prison
as amended 11/15/14

Friends have a long-standing concern for prisons and those who have been unjustly imprisoned. We are called by God to act with integrity, and out of this grows a concern for justice. We have historic ties with Native American Nations and hold a concern that Native American individuals and Nations receive justice within our governmental systems. We feel led by the Spirit to call for the release of Leonard Peltier because we are led to speak truth to power. If we remain silent, we fail to take action when we feel called to do so. Our conscience requires it of us and our Spirit moves us to act. We join the international community in calling for his release.

In Leonard Peltier's own words:

The Message

Silence, they say, is the voice of complicity.
But silence is impossible.
Silence screams.
Silence is a message,
just as doing nothing is an act.

Let who you are ring out & resonate
in every word & deed.
Yes, become who you are.
There's no sidestepping your own being
or your own responsibility.

What you do is who you are.
You are your own comeuppance.
You become your own message.

You are the message.

In the Spirit of Crazy Horse,
Leonard Peltier

New York Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends calls for the release from prison of Leonard Peltier in accordance with the plan drawn up by the National Congress of American Indians. Leonard Peltier is elderly and in ill health. We ask that he be allowed to rejoin his family and live his last days in peace.

The clerk of NYYM is requested to forward this minute to Barack Obama while he is in office, and to our Senators and Congressional Representatives.

Additionally, the clerk is requested to write to Leonard Peltier¹ personally to inform him of our action and support, as well as the National Council of American Indians, which formulated the plan for his release; the International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, 1035 Primera Boulevard, Suite 160, Lake Mary, FL 32746; *Indian Country Today*; and other North American Yearly Meetings. Individual members of New York Yearly Meeting are also encouraged to express individual support for release of Leonard Peltier as led.

Background:²

A plan has been drafted that will call for his release to the custody of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians or to have him released on house arrest.

Leonard Peltier is now 67, and is in poor health. He suffers from diabetes, hypertension, and has shown symptoms of cancer. Many of these issues have been directly caused by lack of medical treatment and poor nutrition during his imprisonment, and thus his health is further at risk due to the prison environment in which he lives. He is a grandfather and great-grandfather who wants to return to his family and live the rest of his life in peace. National and international human rights organizations have called for his release. Amnesty International states that "AI understands that he is not eligible for consideration for parole again until 2024. Given that all available legal remedies have been exhausted and that that Leonard Peltier has now spent over 36 years in prison and is in poor health, AI believes that in the context of these ongoing concerns, the US authorities should order Leonard Peltier's release from prison on humanitarian grounds and in the interests of justice."

Leonard Peltier was convicted and sentenced to two consecutive life terms in connection with the shooting of two FBI agents at Wounded Knee in 1975.

Appellate courts have repeatedly acknowledged governmental misconduct in connection with the arrest and trial of Leonard Peltier, including false statements in court, forcing witnesses to lie, and concealing ballistic evidence. No one knows who fired the fatal shots, yet Leonard Peltier has remained in prison, and has been denied parole despite the fact that he has fulfilled his federal sentencing guideline and maintained a clean prison record for over 15 years.

While in prison, Leonard Peltier has become an accomplished writer and artist, and has received many awards:

- Human Rights Commission of Spain International Human Rights Prize 1986
- North Star Frederick Douglas Award 1993
- Federation of Labour Humanist of the Year Award (Ontario, Canada) 2003
- Silver Arrow Award for Lifetime Achievement 2004
- First Red Nation Humanitarian Award 2009
- Kwame Ture Lifetime Achievement Award 2010
- Fighters for Justice Award 2010

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² Background Information revised and Amnesty Int'l statement added on 11/15/14

Mario Benedetti Foundation First Intl Human Rights Prize (Uruguay) 2011

He was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2009 for the 6th consecutive year.

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Attachment I: Peace & Social Concerns Draft Minute on Israel/Palestine

Background: The wording of this Minute emerged from a collaboration begun in a workshop held February 28 at Asheville Friends Meeting with about a dozen Quakers from five SAYMA meetings, facilitated by visiting Friend Deborah First. A number of SVFM Friends and Celo Friends continued to revise it, both through email and meetings of the group. It will be considered, possibly revised between now and then, at the April Monthly Meetings of Swannanoa Valley and Celo.

We are Quakers, Friends who feel called to act and speak for the sacredness of each human being. In our shared humanity, we feel the suffering of the Palestinians and the Israelis, and we are led to action through a growing compassion. Our Yearly Meeting (Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association) adds its voice to those who are calling for active steps toward ending the ongoing suffering of the people of Israel and Palestine.

Since the most acute suffering is currently in war-ravaged Gaza, we call first for an end to the Israeli land and sea blockade of Gaza, where there is such desperate need for materials to make rebuilding and restoration possible. We urge Friends to seek ways to help the people of Gaza rebuild their community.

While neither party is blameless in this conflict, we believe the main cause of the ongoing suffering in the region is Israel's continued military occupation of the West Bank and East Jerusalem, which deprives Palestinians of their dignity, their security, and the most basic human rights. We call now, as we have for many years, for an end to that Occupation.

To hasten the end of the Occupation under which Palestinians must live every day, we ask individual Friends and Meetings within SAYMA to consider several nonviolent actions:

- urging elected representatives in the Senate, the House, and in the White House to end U.S. military aid to Israel until Israel has fully withdrawn from the territories occupied in 1967;
- choosing not to purchase or use products that are manufactured in Israeli settlements on Palestinian land;
- educating ourselves and our neighbors regarding which multinational corporations are actively supporting the Occupation;
- expressing to those corporations, through our words and buying choices, our deep opposition to business practices which continue to enable forty-eight years of military occupation being endured by our Palestinian brothers and sisters.

We are mindful also of our need to play an active role in protecting the safety and the rights of our Jewish brothers and sisters, whether they live in Israel or in other lands. May Friends be vigilant in defending any Jewish person or group, or any other person or group, from violence or hate speech from any source.

In calling for peace with justice, we call for substantive negotiations between the Israelis and the Palestinians based on equality, mutual respect, and trust. We hold a vision of the children of Israel and Palestine growing up in safety and security and having a future that allows their goodness, strength, and unique gifts to find full expression. Let us work to bring this vision into reality.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS to: Bob Welsh , bobwel2@charter.net, 828-669-0832; 21 Goldmont St, Black Mountain NC 28711

Attachment J: Request to Provide Support to Quaker Voluntary Service

January 28, 2015

Dear Charles Schade, SA YMA Treasurer and SAYMA Finance Committee

Greetings to you from both of us, Mary Ann Downey and Jenny Foster! We are members of Atlanta Friends Meeting who support the development of Quaker Voluntary Service (QVS). QVS is the ministry of Christina Repoley, its Executive Director, and Christina carries QVS as her active ministry, under the spiritual care of Atlanta Friends Meeting. Mary Ann served on Christina's support committee, and Jenny now serves on the QVS national board of directors. We also support QVS financially. For the last four years, we have included QVS in our meeting's budget and 40 individual members have donated more than \$40,000. We propose that SA YMA add QVS to the wider Quaker organizations that it supports with \$800 in the 2016 budget.

QVS is headquartered in Atlanta, and Atlanta is the place where QVS began. The program provides young adult Friends and seekers with a year of intentional community grounded in a Quaker meeting, and full time work in local nonprofits. In three short years, QVS now has volunteers in Atlanta, Philadelphia, Portland and will be expanding to Boston in 2015. Each group is under the care of one or more Quaker meetings and each volunteer has a meeting member who serves as their spiritual nurturer.

Christina Repoley was a plenary speaker for SA YMA a few years ago and QVS Volunteers have been present at sessions for the past two years. QVS attendance at the Yearly Meeting supports the development of future leaders in the Yearly Meeting where volunteers serve and we encourage their attendance at Yearly Meeting wherever they go in the future.

Although the agencies that have QVS volunteers as part of their programs pay a set stipend to QVS for the work of volunteers, the annual cost of running the QVS program is much higher than the funds that the non-profit agencies can provide. Therefore, QVS depends on donations from individuals, as well as on-going support from Quaker organizations. We believe QVS Volunteers embody the outreach of Quakerism in the wider community and are Quaker leaders. Atlanta Friends Meeting is their spiritual home the year they are here in Atlanta. Some volunteers stay in Atlanta and have made the Friends Meeting here their home meeting.

We are grateful for your consideration of our request.
In Peace,

Jenny Foster and Mary Ann Downey