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Minutes
of the
Ninth Annual Meeting
of the
Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association
1979



Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association

of the Religious Society of Friends

Address reply to:

Epistle
of the

Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association

MEETING ROSTER

ASHEVILLE
North Carolina

ATLANTA
Georgia

BEREA
Kentucky

BIRMINGHAM
Alabama

CELO (Burnsville)
North Carolina

CHARLESTON
West Virginia

CHATTANOOGA
Tennessee

COLUMBIA
South Carolina

JUMPOFF (Sewanee)
Tennessee

NASHVILLE
Tennessee

PINE MOUNTAIN
Kentucky

WEST KNOXVILLE
(Knoxville)
Tennessee

The Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association met from fifth month 17-20, 1979 at Lutheridge, Arden, North Carolina, for our annual "family" reunion. "That of God in Every Child, Woman, and Man" was the basic theme for Meeting, and Creative Listening was our method. We explored and discussed our own families, our Monthly Meetings as families, and, finally, our Yearly Meeting as a reunion of families.

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In the end we carried away from Yearly Meeting a reaffirmation of our roots and spiritual heritage, our family ties, and our love for one another.

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Brian Yaffe
Clerk

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Minutes of Representative Meeting

Held: 5/17/79

Present: Beth Stafford, Bo Hoff, Burton Rogers, George Oldham,
Corine P. Adams, Tim Lamm, Brian Yaffe, Joan Thompson

The Meeting began with a moment of silence.

Brian presented what he had in the way of an agenda. There were no additions.

RM #34-A There was a request from Celo Meeting for a matching grant of \$100. for one of its young people (Ellie Jordan) to participate in a program called "Crossroads Africa." This was referred to the Yearly Meeting.

Minutes of the Ninth Annual Meeting
of the
Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association
17-20 Fifth Month, 1979
Lutheridge Conference Center
Arden, North Carolina

First Meeting for Business 5/18 3:00 p.m.

The Meeting opened with a period of silence. The Clerk read Greetings of London Yearly Meeting. Monette Redslob gave several brief reviews of books that are available in the SAYMA book store. She also mentioned the 5/15, 1979 issue of Friends Journal which has articles on the subject of nuclear power written by Vic Vaughen and Chip Poston.

The Clerk introduced the following visitors from Quaker organizations: Herbert Hadley of FWCC, Don Reeves of FCNL, Mel Zuck of AFSC, and Dwight Wilson of FGC.

The Clerk read an invitation from North Carolina Yearly Meeting--Conservative to attend its YM. It was decided to encourage attendance by at least one SAYMA representative.

Rachel Osborn announced the YFNA Conference with the theme "Voices of the Spirit" to be held June 17-23, 1979. She invited SAYMA Friends age 18-30 to attend.

Larry Ingle announced that execution warrants have been signed in Florida for John Spenkelink and Willie Darden.

A note and minutes were received from Nirmal Kaul (a visitor to our meeting last year) concerning a Quaker Center in Agra, India.
(See addendum #1)

1. Pendle Hill--Marian Fuson spoke about the uniqueness of Pendle Hill in the Quaker Family and its role in our Meeting. It has the ability to develop leaders of the future for our Yearly Meeting through providing terms and entire years for Friends "in whom we want to make an investment."
2. Singing--Phil Neal spoke of the appreciation for singing that SAYMA demonstrated by singing choruses in parts. He offered to be a clearing house for the dissemination of music for Yearly Meeting.
3. Recorder/Archivist--Monette Redslob presented the SAYMA Annual Statistical Report for 1978-79. (See addendum #2)

Meeting for Business ended at 4:00 p.m.

Second Session Meeting for Business 5/19 1:45 p.m.

4. Treasurer--Jack Kaiser presented the SAYMA Total Financial Report dated 12/31, 1978 and the SAYMA Financial Report 1/1 - 4/30, 1979. (See addenda #3 and #4)
5. SAYMA Budget - It was suggested that Yearly Meeting approve in fifth month our budget for the next calendar year. This year we are changing from a budget based on a fiscal year of 6/1 to 5/31, to one based on the calendar year.
It was asked that the Yearly Meeting have an anticipated expenditure and tentative expenses for Newsletter, Conference, Scholarship and Book Sales. Approval for the budget, remainder of '79 and all of 1980 was delayed pending a report by a budget committee. The committee consisted of Jack Kaiser, Gail Eisensey, Dick Houghton and Carol Lamm. They will report back to Yearly Meeting during Meeting for Business 5/20.
6. Advancement Committee - Marian Fuson reported that there are three Worship Groups under the care of Celo Monthly Meeting. They are Boone, Tri-cities and Mars Hill. West Knoxville Monthly Meeting may take Tri-cities under their care. Marian asked Monthly Meetings to support Worship Groups and to inform the Advancement Committee when they need help.
Richard Ramsey was at YM representing the Memphis Worship Group. He reported on their growth and their activities in the areas of the war tax issue and prison visitation.
7. SAYMA Financial Report 1/1, 1979 to 4/30, 1979 was reread with the anticipated expenses for the remainder of 1979 added.
8. The delegate expense for FWCC Triennial Meeting 1979 will be \$1100. for 1979 only in order to help cover expenses for the Triennial.
9. Guide to Our Practice - Elizabeth Briggs presented the Guide to Our Practice Contents. (See addendum #5) She reported on the progress in writing and reviewing the first draft of Guide to Our Practice. Elizabeth asked interested Friends to help in writing first drafts for the various sections of SAYMA Guide to Our Practice.
Monthly Meetings are asked to have a specific person active in working on the Guide and in reporting back to the Guide to Our Practice Committee from their Meeting.
10. Colin Bell - AFSC Colin expressed a concern about our Quaker peace witness. He urged that we encourage other churches to see themselves as peace churches, along with Friends, Brethren, and Mennonites.

He reported that the Blacksburg and Roanoke, Virginia Meetings have opened a storefront center called Plowshare. Plowshare will serve as a resource center for peace and non-violence. Colin asked Friends to read the report of New Call to Peacemaking and support its goals and findings. This report will be given to each Monthly Meeting.

11. FCNL - Dwight Ferguson

a) Dwight requested that YM approve funding two special gatherings of FCNL Meeting contacts between now and fifth month, 1980. After discussing this proposal, YM decided to continue having the FCNL Contacts gathering at the same time that SAYMA Representatives meet, fall and spring.

b) Dwight requested funds of \$500. for a three day workshop at William Penn House for SAYMA Young Friends to be held in the fall of 1979. This would include high school and college age Young Friends up to age 25.

They would learn about FCNL and visit their Congress-people. Yearly Meeting asked Dwight to get an idea of how many SAYMA Young Friends would be interested in attending this workshop and report back to Meeting for Business 5/20.

Meeting for Business adjourned at 4:00 p.m. to be re-assembled at 5:00 p.m., 5/19.

Third Session Meeting for Business 5/19 5:20 p.m.

12. YM approved Steve Meredith as the SAYMA delegate to FWCC Triennial in Switzerland, eighth month, 1979. He will be reimbursed up to \$700. of his expenses as approved by YM for the SAYMA FWCC delegate. Jack and Peg Kaiser are appointed as official representatives to the Switzerland FWCC Triennial, but will not be reimbursed by SAYMA for their expenses.
13. Nominating Committee - Nelson Fuson presented the proposed list of officers, representatives and delegates for SAYMA 1979-80. (See addendum #6) YM approved the nominations as presented.
14. FCNL - Bob Oldham requested that SAYMA invite FCNL to hold their regional meeting for Spring 1980 in our southeastern area. YM approved the request.
15. The following minute concerning the draft was presented by Bob Oldham and approved as read.
"The religious Society of Friends has expressed its opposition to military conscription many times and Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association regrets that

the proposed legislation providing for mass registration for compulsory national service or selective military service compels us to again state our historic religious position against war and preparation for war.

We fully hope that such legislation will never be approved. However, we hereby state, as Friends have throughout history, that if the need arises, we shall support those who express, for reasons of conscience, their opposition by non-registration and non-cooperation.

As Baltimore Yearly Meeting stated in 1948 and 1968 and again in 1978, we also '...warmly approve civil disobedience under divine compulsion as an honorable testimony fully in keeping with the history and practices of Friends.'

We further ask the monthly meetings of SAYMA to explore methods for the education of both youth and adult members of meetings on these issues. We suggest particularly that:

- 1) those members of meetings who, themselves, have life experience on issues of conscience, be encouraged to share such experiences with youth.
- 2) members of meetings, individually and through Friends' corporate bodies, express their opposition to any form of mass registration, compulsory service, or reinstatement of Selective Service and the draft.
- 3) the youth groups within the yearly meeting be given an opportunity to meet together for purposes of exploring their personal feelings and attitudes well ahead of possible governmental action on mass registration or compulsory service.
- 4) individual young people be informed of the desirability of recording their beliefs in writing so that, in the event of passage of such legislation, it will be immediately available."

16. SALT II - A proposed minute concerning SALT II treaty was read by Bob Oldham. After discussion about whether it reflected Friends' peace testimony, YM asked that interested Friends try to rewrite the minute and read it during Sunday Meeting for Business, 5/20.

After a moment of silence, Meeting for Business adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Fourth Session Meeting for Business, Sunday 5/20, 1979 8:45 a.m.

17. YM approved having a workshop at SAYMA 1980 for Young Friends ages 15-18. This workshop would help Young Friends consider their personal position on conscientious objection, the draft, compulsory registration for military and national service and other related aspects of military conscription. They would discuss these issues with adult Friends who have gone through this experience in their lives.

18. FCNL - William Penn House Workshop Dwight spoke with Young Friends and their parents about the proposed workshop at William Penn House. (See Minute #11) He found that at least 10 Young Friends were interested in such a trip.

YM encourages MM's to help finance the trip for their Young Friends as much as possible, with the understanding that, if necessary, they can draw on the \$500, approved by YM for financing the trip to Penn House.

19. SALT II proposed minute - After hearing the second draft of the SALT II Minute, there was discussion about support of the SALT II treaty. Some Friends felt that such support would compromise our peace testimony in the interest of political expediency.

The Clerk suggested that those Friends with strong feelings about the SALT II treaty meet in another room and work on a new minute to be presented before the close of this Fourth Session of Meeting for Business.

20. Kenyan Young Friends Christmas Reunion - Courtney Siceloff presented information about this Christmas Reunion which is organized by Jeanette Hadley. In RM #33 Minute #412, the SAYMA Reps approved reimbursing Atlanta MM for the \$75. it had contributed to the Christmas reunion. At RM #33 it was agreed that this request for funds would come before YM '79.

YM approved \$100. for the Kenyan Young Friends Christmas reunion. These funds will be used only if requested by Jeanette Hadley. We will inform her of this decision. YM encouraged MM's to be in contact with Kenyan students and invite them to Meeting and to SAYMA Yearly Meeting.

21. Quaker House, Fayetteville, N.C. -

The Clerk read a letter from Lyle Snider who is on the board of Quaker House. The letter requested a contribution from SAYMA and indicated that Quaker House, Fayetteville was already partially funded by Piedmont Friends Fellowship. The yearly budget for Quaker House, Fayetteville, is \$12,000.

YM approved a line item in the SAYMA budget of \$450. for Quaker House, Fayetteville. YM also approved of SAYMA

Friends attending board meetings of Quaker House. Lyle Snider will be asked to represent SAYMA at Quaker House board meetings. YM approved \$50. to cover delegate expenses of the SAYMA representative to Quaker House, Fayetteville.

22. SAYMA Budget - YM approved the 1979 and 1980 budgets, with the understanding that the 1980 budget will be reviewed at YM 1980. (See Addenda #7 and #8)
23. YM approved sending a telegram to Florida Governor Robert Graham protesting the scheduled executions of John Spenklink and Willie Darden on Wednesday, 5/23. We ask that Governor Graham commute these sentences of execution. Courtney Siceloff and Bill Ramsey will write and send this telegram.
24. YM approved a travel minute for Ruth Szitty to attend North Carolina Conservative Yearly Meeting, at Chowan College in Murfreesboro, N.C. from 7/11 to 7/15, 1979.
25. SALT II proposed minute was read by Chip Poston. After a period of worship and discussion, the YM approved the following minute:

On the occasion of the SALT II debate, the Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends reaffirms Friends' traditional peace testimony.

"We utterly deny all outward wars and strife and fightings with outward weapons, for any end or under any pretence whatsoever; this is our testimony to the whole world."

Because of Friends religious commitment to general and total disarmament, some Friends cannot in good conscience support the SALT II treaty, though others support it as a small step toward disarmament. However, all Friends unite in the hope that the SALT II treaty opens possibilities for vigorous negotiations toward elimination of all weapons of war.

We call upon the United States Government and all governments to undertake immediate unilateral initiatives toward this goal; and we call upon Friends everywhere to renew their commitment to live in the virtue of that life and power which removes the occasion of all wars.

26. The SAYMA Epistle was read by Rob Callard. The following Epistle was approved:

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27. YM thanked Brian Yaffe and Sue Williams for serving as Clerk and Recording Clerk.

28. Young Friends Report (See Addendum #9)

After presentation of the Children's Report, Meeting for Business closed at 12 noon. Meeting for Worship began a few minutes after 12 noon.

Addendum #1

March 1979

The Clerk and Friends of the
Southern Appalachian YM and Association

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the General Conference of Friends in India and in my own behalf I send to you our warm greetings and pray that your coming together in May may be a rich time of sharing, caring and doing things together. I recall with deep gratitude my privilege to be among you last year. You helped me in my pilgrimage and flooded with light many little dark corners in my path. May you be richly blest.

Enclosed is a copy of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the General Conference of Friends in India. God brought us together in a very special way. Please note the bottom of page no. 2.

With loving greetings,

Yours in the bonds of the Eternal

Nirmal (N.N.) Kaul
Clerk, GCFI
c/o D.K. Chetsingh
107 Rajpur Road
Dehra-dun (U.P.) India

Minute 18.2 1979

The Meeting began with a Meeting for Worship.

After detailed consideration of the proposal to establish a Friends' (Quaker) Centre in India, the Members were united in their enthusiastic support for the Concern.

We are thankful to Friends United Meeting and other Quaker groups all over the world for offering their support to help us give a practical shape to this concern and pray that this adventure in faith may bring glory to God and enrichment to the Religious Society of Friends.

The place chosen for the Centre was Agra, Uttar Pradesh.

Addendum #2

TO: SAYMA Yearly Meeting Business Session
FROM: Monette E. Redslob, Recorder/Archivist

My report is as follows:

1. Annual Statistical Report on Members and Attenders

This is attached. It is complete except for Memphis. Maybe I will get a response before May 15 and add it.

A Xerox copy of each meeting's statistics has been returned to each for filing.

2. Friends General Conference Quarterly Newsletter mailing list.

Three members lists have been received: Ashville, Columbia & Nashville. Letters asking for members lists have been sent.

3. SAYMA files

The SAYMA files are stored at Lucretia Evans' home in Crossville for storage since I do not have the room for them. I collect all the material, classify it and send it (or give it) to Lu. She will continue as Historian.



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Addendum #2 continued

SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN YEARLY MEETING AND ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT
FOR YEAR 1978-79

Meeting Category and Location	Members of				Total Members	Total Active Attenders of the Mtg.		Total Members & Attenders		Date of Info.
	This Meeting Local	This Meeting Distant	Other SAYMA MMs	Other YMs		A & Y	A & Y	A & Y		
Monthly Meetings										
Asheville	A 36	4	-	-	40		13		53	
	Y 10	1			11				11	64 -79
Atlanta	A 43	11	-		54		42		96	
	Y 13								96	3-79
Berea	A 18	9		2	29		7		36	
	Y 1	2			3		5		8	44 -79
Birmingham	A 16				16		10		26	
	Y 5				5		4		9	35 3-79
Celo	A 25	5	1	7	38		26		64	
	Y 12				19		15		34	98 3-79
Charleston	A 11	7			18		13		5	
	Y 8	2			10		8		2	28 3-79
Chattanooga	A 4			3			6		13	
	Y								13	4-79
Columbia	A 14				14		4		18	
	Y 2				2				2	20 4-79
Nashville	A 14	17	2	7	40		22		62	
	Y 4	2			6		14		20	82 3-79
West Knoxville	A 29	32			61		15		76	
	Y 4				4		13		17	93 4-79
Memphis	A									
	Y									
	A									
	Y									
Sub-Totals	269	92	3	19					573	
Preparative Meeting, Worship Groups, and Other										
Boone	A		2	2	5		3		8	
	Y						3			11 4-79
Jump off	A		3		3		10			
	Y									10 4-79
Pine Mountain	A		1		1					1 4-79
Tri-Cities	A		2		2		6			
	Y						1			7 3-79
	A									
	Y									
	A									
	Y									
	A									
	Y									
	A									
	Y									
Grand Totals	269	92	11	21					602	

Submitted by [Signature] Recorder/Historian/Archivist [Signature] date 10/10/79

Addendum #3

SAYMA Total Financial Report
December 31, 1978

BUDGET

RECEIPTS

Assessments	\$ 2,845.00	\$ 4,000.00
Newsletter	260.00	-
Conference	4,781.23	-
Donations	481.99	500.00
Scholarship	200.00	-
Book Sales	300.70	-
Interest	118.62	100.00
Other	-	100.00
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	8,987.54	4,700.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Newsletter	302.16	-
Conference	4,853.86	1,000.00
Delegate Expense		
Rep. Meeting	114.83	500.00
FGC	100.00	100.00
FWCC	103.00	400.00
FCNL	188.24	350.00
AFSC	118.26	150.00
Other	458.25	500.00
Scholarship	350.00	-
Contributions		
AFSC	400.00	500.00
FCNL	400.00	500.00
FWCC	400.00	500.00
FCCP	-	50.00
Other	450.00	-
Book Cost	47.93	-
Misc.	228.49	250.00
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	\$ 8,525.02	\$ 4,800.00

NET \$ 462.52 \$ (100.00)

Checking	1,174.27
Savings	
General	3,673.22
Scholarship	350.00
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	\$ 5,197.49

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Addendum #4

SAYMA Financial Report
January 1 thru April 30, 1979

BUDGET

RECEIPTS

Assessments	\$ 953.00	\$ 4,000.00
Newsletter	102.00	-
Conference	-	-
Donations	171.08	500.00
Scholarship	-	-
Book Sales	-	-
Interest	20.44	100.00
Other	-	100.00
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	1,256.52	4,700.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Newsletter	351.82	-
Conference	416.12	1,000.00
Delegate Expense		
Rep. Meeting	306.66	500.00
FGC	-	100.00
FWCC	205.00	400.00
FCNL	169.15	350.00
AFSC	58.76	150.00
Other	-	500.00
Scholarship	-	-
Contributions		
AFSC	-	500.00
FCNL	-	500.00
FWCC	-	500.00
FCCP	-	50.00
Other	175.00	-
Misc	60.45	250.00
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	1,743.96	4,800.00

On Hand January 1, 1979

5,197.49

Checking 666.39
Savings

Receipts

1,256.52

General 3,693.66
Scholarship 350.00

Disbursements

6,454.01

1,743.96

On Hand April 30, 1979

\$ 4,710.05

\$ 4,701.05

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- B. Meeting for Worship drafted
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Addendum #6

SAYMA OFFICERS, DELEGATES & REPRESENTATIVES . . 1979-80

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<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>MM Affiliation</u>
Clerk	George Oldham	Asheville
Assistant Clerk	Nancy Whitt	Birmingham
Treasurer	Jack Kaiser	Atlanta
Recording Clerk	Beth Stafford	Columbia
Editor, Southern Appalachian Friend	Doris Ferm	Columbia
Recorder, Historian & Archivist . .	Monette Redslob	Columbia
Bookstore Manager	Jim Best	Celo
Co-op Cooking Coordinator	Carol Lamm	Berea
Senior High Young Friends Clerk . .	Bruce Vaughen	West Knoxville
Junior High Young Friends Clerk . .	Ida Price	West Knoxville
Advancement Committee Chairperson .	Larry Ingle	Chattanooga
Arrangements Committee Chairperson	Ellie Hitchcock	Asheville
Guide to Our Practice Comm. Chair.	Elizabeth Briggs	West Knoxville
Nominating Committee Chairperson .	Brian Yaffe	Celo
Program Committee Chairperson . . .	Mike Mykel	Atlanta
Youth Program Coordinator	Lucy Randles	Nashville
AFSC Representative, '79-82	Chip Poston	Asheville
FWCC Representative, '78-81	Steve Meredith	Atlanta
FWCC Contact for Right Sharing of World Resources	Tim Lamm	Berea
FGC Representative, '77-80	Bo Huff, Jr.	Columbia
FGC Representative, ex-officio	George Oldham	Ashaville
FCNL Representative, '76-82	Dwight Ferguson	Atlanta
FCNL Representative, '77-80	Bob Oldham	Celo

MONTHLY MEETING CLERKS AND REPRESENTATIVES

<u>Meeting (or Worship Group)</u>	<u>Clerk (or Convener)</u>	<u>Representative on SAYMA's R.M.</u>	<u>Rep. on SAYMA's Nominating Comm.</u>
ASHEVILLE	Herb Lape	George Oldham	Francis Coyle
ATLANTA	Pat Westervelt	Steve Meredith	Steve Meredith
BEREA	Beth Crusenberry	Tim Lamm	George Parker
BIRMINGHAM	Nancy Whitt	Nancy Whitt	Nancy Whitt
(Boone)	(Virginia van der Bogart)		
CELO	Mary Dart	Jane Oldham	Bob Barrus
CHARLESTON	Steve Wellons	Pam Callard	Rob Callard
CHATTANOOGA	Larry Ingle	Larry Ingle	Larry Ingle
COLUMBIA	Bruce Pearson	Beth Stafford	Doris Ferm
(Jumpoff)	(Dorothy Hutchinson)		
MEMPHIS	Eleanor Bowman		
NASHVILLE	Nelson Fuson	John Coffin	Hibbard Thatcher
(Pine Mountain)	(Burton Rogers)		
(Tri-Cities)	(Hugh & Karen LaFollette)		
(Tryon)	(Ernest Kellogg)		
WEST KNOXVILLE	Lucretia Evans	Vic Vaughen	Salli Kimberly

Addendum #7

SAYMA 1979 BUDGET

RECEIPTS

Assessments	\$ 4,000.00
Newsletter	400.00
Conference	5,000.00
Donations	500.00
Scholarship	200.00
Book Sales	300.00
Interest	100.00

\$ 10,500.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Newsletter	\$ 700.00
Conference	5,000.00
Delegate Expenses	
Rep. Meeting	500.00
FGC	100.00
FWCC	1,100.00
FCNL	350.00
AFSC	150.00
Other	500.00
Scholarship	200.00
Contributions	
AFSC	500.00
FCNL	500.00
FCNL (Special Young People)	500.00
FWCC	500.00
FCCP	50.00
FGC	500.00
Kenya Friends	100.00
Quaker House, Fayetteville	450.00
Travel	50.00
Other	500.00
Misc.	250.00

\$ 12,500.00

(\$ 2,000.00)

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Addendum #8

SAYMA 1980 BUDGET

RECEIPTS

Assessments	\$ 4,400.00	
Newsletter	440.00	
Conference	5,500.00	
Donations	550.00	
Scholarship	200.00	
Book Sales	300.00	
Interest	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 11,490.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Newsletter	\$ 770.00	
Conference	5,500.00	
Delegate Expense		
Rep. Meeting	550.00	
FGC	110.00	
FWCC	440.00	
FWCC Triennial Fund	350.00	
FCNL	385.00	
AFSC	165.00	
Other	550.00	
Scholarship	200.00	
Contributions		
AFSC	500.00	
FCNL	500.00	
FCNL (Special Young People)	500.00	
FWCC	500.00	
FCCP	50.00	
FGC	500.00	
Quaker House, Fayetteville	450.00	
Travel	50.00	
Other	550.00	
Misc.	275.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 12,895.00
		(\$ 1,405.00)

High School Young Friends Report

The Young Friends stayed in a Teen Dorm, with a big room where everyone could get together and talk. Special thanks are to Doug Price who tolerated all of us during the weekend. The hike up Tennant Mountain got everyone tired, and when they returned, several movies were shown. A very fulfilling discussion on Sunday morning topped off the weekend. Again thanks, this time to Colin Bell and Lyle Snider, for the discussion.

REPORT TO SAYMA OF SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL OFFICE OF AFSC
May, 1979

One of the most successful programs getting under way this year at the AFSC Office in High Point is the Nuclear Cargo Transportation Program. Chip Reynolds, who is directing the program, has presented workshops in Nashville, Oak Ridge, Brookville (Fla.); and San Diego, Seal Beach, Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, Palo Alto, San Francisco and Marin County, all in California. Interviews and background material have been provided to various news media in Miami, Baltimore, Charlotte, Greensboro, High Point, Winston Salem, Chapel Hill, St. Petersburg, and San Diego and San Francisco. Steps are now being taken by members of staff and Executive Committee and several N.C. anti-nuclear groups to determine details of anti-nuclear legislation to be suggested to members of N.C. General Assembly. Chip also cooperates with Critical Mass, Union of Concerned Scientists, and Environmental Policy Institute on nuclear issues.

Another program begun this year is that of Women in the Work Force, directed by Tobi Lippin. The decision has recently been made to concentrate this program in High Point, with limited activities in Greensboro. High Point is largely a low-income community, and the needs of women workers are greater there because of a lack of organization. This pilot program will focus on bringing working class women together to learn, share, support, and act -- on issues they find to be common concerns. It will provide educational materials developed in simple form to explain protections under the law. There will be information on the Equal Pay Act, minimum wage, occupational safety and health, age and race discrimination, maternity leave and benefits, etc. and will create support networks and gather groups of working class women that can become action groups.

These two programs operate out of the SERO office in High Point. Three programs planned, when directors can be found, are the Florida Undocumented workers Program, and two programs planned to be located in Atlanta: the Middle East Program and the Southern Africa Program.

AFSC is also cooperating in a conference to be held June 2 and 3 in Birmingham on military spending. This conference will attempt to reach out to low-income working people throughout the South with information and organizing models concerning military spending and its impact on social programs.

In line with its continuing process of self-evaluation, SERO finds that many of its programs are located in the southern part of the region, whereas the High Point office is near its northern limits, and questions the wisdom of this. Isolation of programs from the regional office causes all sorts of problems, including greater expense for communication and travel between office and program. Should we look for a more central location?

AFSC has long promoted the goal of a just and humane society, according to the beliefs and practices of the Society of Friends. It hopes to remain an instrument of the Society of Friends. It would welcome the thinking of Friends in this region on their hopes for AFSC, and how it can best serve to express in action Friends' beliefs.

Walter O. Szittya
AFSC Representative

REPORT OF AFSC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - March 17, 1979

The Executive Committee of AFSC Southeastern Region met in High Point on March 17. Tony Henry, Affirmative Action Secretary of the National AFSC Office, was with us to discuss some of the implications of the Affirmative Action Program as applied to AFSC work in SERO, and responsibilities of the Affirmative Action Committee of the region.

There was extensive discussion of the proposed reorganization of the Southeastern Regional Office, with hope expressed of clarification of goals and changes in structure by September, after consideration by all parts of the regional AFSC family and consensus on the reorganization. Feeling was expressed that since AFSC is an organization for the expression of Quaker concerns, more use should be made of knowledgeable Friends as resource persons, and a list compiled for this purpose.

Tobi Lippin reported that the program of Women in the Work Force will focus on bringing working class women workers together to learn, share, support, and act on issues that concern them. They will develop educational materials, simple to read, explaining protections currently provided under existing laws, and avenues to follow to eliminate discriminatory practices. These materials will be distributed to group meetings in working class neighborhoods.

The Nuclear Transportation Project spent January and February answering requests for information, holding workshops for national, regional, and local gatherings, providing background information for news media, meeting with state, federal, and local government officials, and presenting testimony at public hearings.

Vivian Rethstein announced a conference on U.S. policy in the Middle East, to be held April 27-29 at All Souls' Church, 16th and Harvard Sts., NW, Washington, D.C. AFSC believes that a national conference of concerned leadership and grassroots people can help to develop a better climate for seeking a just and lasting peace developing out of the initiatives of Sadat and Begin. Registration should be made by April 15 to: Conference AFSC Middle East Programs, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, Pa., 19102.

Patricia C. Szittya

Addendum #12

Asheville Friends Meeting: State of the Meeting

This year has been one of continued growth in the spiritual and physical strength of the Meeting. New members, changes in organization, a deepening of worship, and a loving spirit of honest seeking have all contributed to this sense of growth.

Nine new members and several very active attenders have joined us this year, taking the place of others who have moved to other towns and other Meetings. Several of these new members are transfers from other Meetings who have added new energy and ideas gained from their previous experience with Friends. Our ranks have also been swelled by the birth three babies, a boy and two girls. One was born in a truly Friendly fashion with one of our Quaker doctors in attendance. Another infant was the fruit of a wedding held under the care of the Meeting last Spring. The presence of these babies has enriched our Meeting for Worship as we have experienced that of God in the nurturing relationship between parents and child.

A Committee for Ministry and Oversight has been formed, largely from a concern that prospective members and the Meeting as a whole needed greater clarity on what should be the basis for membership. This Committee has developed a set of loose guidelines to help in this process. This Committee is also providing warmly welcomed administrative support for the clerk.

An ad hoc First Day School Committee has restructured the First Day School, changing what had too often been a babysitting session into a meaningful experience combining worship, instruction, and play. In an effort to involve young Friends more in Meeting for Worship, we are beginning worship fifteen minutes earlier with singing and vocal ministry spoken with Young Friends in mind.

Social concerns have generally been acted upon by concerned individuals with Meeting support. A Hiroshima Memorial, Tax Day leafleting, disarmament workshops, all resulted from concerns of individual Friends. Several Friends are actively involved in anti-nuclear power issues as well.

Our weekly forum discussions have been highlighted by several programs which challenged our prejudices. Vic Vaughn's sharing on nuclear power, a forum on the use of military force as restraint, and similar forums, have not only challenged our thinking but also made us aware of the difficulty of holding a speaker in the light of love when we disagree with the message.

Above all we are experiencing a real growth in the spiritual life of the Meeting, which is evident in our Meeting for Worship and midweek worship sharing group.

ATLANTA FRIENDS MEETING STATE OF THE MEETING REPORT FOR 1979
1384 Fairview Road N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30306

THE ATLANTA MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS has successfully completed another year with a sense of quiet satisfaction and accomplishment. We have enjoyed an increased opportunity to share our convictions and concerns with each other and openly discuss and acknowledge our differences. We come together for Worship and Business at Friendly Dialogues, Sunday Discussions, Woman's Discussion Group, the Work Support Group, and various committees and various workdays and projects.

We share meals and parties and outings and adventures. Through the Meeting we live in a rich matrix of love and friendship sharing our hopes and fears, our joys and disappointments.

For many of us the Meeting is our community and our family.

This year we have welcomed several newcomers into the community, including Steven Michael Morehouse who was born May 13, 1978 and Lewis Reed born December 2, 1978.

Some old friends have departed; we especially regret the death of Sam Webb in October 1978.

The Committee structure which has developed over the last several years continues to function well under able and creative leadership. There is less emphasis on formal projects and more on encouraging and facilitating individual growth and social ministry.

We are encouraged with the efforts to make the library uniquely Quaker, and by our employment of a part-time staff person for the Social Concerns Committee.

We are concerned about the deteriorating condition of the Meeting House. We do very well at minor repairs and routine maintenance, but major improvements and repairs are needed.

Our new Resident Manager is Elisabeth Lee and her daughter, Jennifer Lee.

Clerk for 1979: Courtney Siceloff

Berea Meeting 1979

We shall remember this year primatily for its successful First Day school. Last fall, when we realized we would have 9-10 young people (ages 1 to 15) in the meeting, two of us (Sandy Bolin and Beth Crusenberry) volunteered to create a First Day school program. Alternating Sundays, they used FGC Living Light materials and their own resources to lead the children through units on Quaker origins, Jesus, and living with our feelings. They found that lesson material at the first grade level and lots of activities (Games, making things) were most appealing to the group with its wide age span. At present we have five children in regular attendance, and the teaching staff has been increased to four.

Attendance in Meeting for Worship has stayed pretty constant, with 15-20 present on Sunday morning. We welcomed Earl Crusenberry into membership and had one family move away. The Meeting for Worship continues to be our center and primary reason for existance.

We have had a Meeting for Discussion most months. Topics have included AFSC, "What does Christianity mean to me?" and sexuality. Potluck suppers before our monthly business meeting have been important for getting to know each other better. Three of us participated in a hunger walk April 29. Our Ministry and Counsel committee has helped the Meeting keepsight of the fact that we have a long way to grow towards deepening our worship experience, supporting each other in our daily lives, and witnessing to our community.

We appreciate the care that carol Lamm has given the Meeting in her two years as clerk, and we look forward to having Beth Crusenberry as our new clerk.

The past year has been one of growing in several ways for the Birmingham Friends Meeting. Last Spring was characterized by a period of diminished attendance and interest among members. At that time an organizational specialist and a special friend of Birmingham Friends, Charles Hopson, met with us to help clarify our goals and interests as they relate to the meeting.

After this meeting of concern it appeared that Friends began to take a greater interest in the life of BFM, and we have made an effort to meet with each other through brown-bag suppers and informal get-togethers during the week.

Early 1979 has found Birmingham Friends enriched by several groups of new attenders, an ongoing discussion group that has met with general satisfaction and interest, and we are looking forward to the return of a family of valuable members from a year in North Carolina. We have accepted a new member. For the first time we have a telephone listed under our meeting name in the telephone directory and in the yellow pages.

The adult education discussions have been on a variety of topics such as "The Meeting as a Caring Community," Taking Charge, Howard Brinton's The Religious Philosophy of Quakerism, and the state of the meeting. Paul Franklin's leadership in the discussions of Brinton's book has been superb; he has given us an excellent review of the content and such background information from his own knowledge. We are currently having representatives of various groups (Jefferson County-Birmingham Women's Center; Greater Birmingham Ministries) tell us about their involvement in the community. We plan to spend some time on Rufus Jones and John Woolman later in the year.

The Children's First Day School has been unstructured due to sporadic attendance of children. Recently we have used material from the Living Light series and this has lent more continuity to the program as well as assisted the teacher in planning activities. The children have studied the customs and ideas of various groups such as the Eskimos, American Indians, and Africans, and will write letters to children at the Kickapoo Friends Center in Oklahoma. Discussion on the questions from Taking Charge was enjoyed a great deal, with the children coming up with several ways to simplify their own living. Activities have included a beginning acquaintance with Transactional Analysis and the making of "Vava Fuzzies" to share with others.

One area in which our meeting has not come together is in social action. We have met with Americans for Salt and helped get publicity and access to the media for its representatives. For the most part Friends pursue their social concerns individually rather than as a group, and we have neglected such issues as the near-electrocution of Evans among others.

Our major drive this spring has been toward a meeting house. Members have committed themselves to giving generously to a meeting house fund, and members of the meeting house committee are seeking other sources of help.

Prepared by:

Paul Franklin
 Connie LaMonte
 Nancy Whitt

Boone Preparative Meeting

Boone Meeting was recently recognized as a preparative meeting ^{by} ~~to~~ Celo Monthly Meeting. Meeting for worship has continued for the third year to be held every Sunday in Boone at the Wesley Foundation. We now meet at 10:30 a.m. for a half-hour discussion preceding worship. Topics range from Quaker Faith and Practice to personal concerns. On the third Sunday of the month, a pot luck is held, at which time several members of Celo Meeting visit Boone. On the first Sunday of the month, Boone Meeting goes to Celo for worship and pot luck.

The meeting now has 9 regular attenders and one summer visitor. Between 3 and 7 will attend on any given Sunday. Celo Meeting recently accepted one attender of Boone Meeting as a member of the monthly meeting.

Celo Friends Meeting Report--1978/79

Early in his essay on Holy Obedience Thomas Kelly wrote:

"It is to one strand in this inner drama, one scene, where the Shepherd has found His sheep, that I would direct you. It is the life of absolute and complete and Holy obedience to the voice of the Shepherd. But ever throughout the account the accent will be laid upon God, God the initiator, God the aggressor, God the seeker, God the stirrer into life, God the ground of our obedience, God the giver of the power to become children of God."

Often during the past year we in Celo Friends Meeting have felt separated from the Presence of the Shepherd as we have strived to accept growth and to facilitate change, to meet varied needs and expectations, to deepen and extend our sense of community, to be channels for positive, constructive and lasting change in the world around us, and to provide a place where the spiritual wellsprings of individuals could be revitalized for the refreshing nourishment of us all.

Thus, each one of us, as we ponder our ~~individual and~~ collective lives since our last report, must frankly admit that our own voices have been at least equal to the voice of the Shepherd. Therefore, the following summary of the past year in the life of Celo Friends Meeting is presented with a clear sense that "the life of absolute and holy obedience" continues to elude us.

But if joy is one of the fruits of such a life, we have joyfully celebrated two marriages and have rejoiced over several births within the Meeting community. We also have joyfully felt the growing presence of children among us who enrich and challenge us. One of the challenges has been to provide enough space for adequate First-day School facilities, a challenge we are meeting by erecting a new building near (but not too near) the meeting house. And we have enjoyed increased fellowship with the Boone Worship Group which is now a preparative meeting under our care.

Our numbers have grown rapidly and we have consequently felt a strong need to get to know one another better. A series of small group meetings was held as the beginning of what we hope will be an ongoing process of personal outreach and communication. One of the groups has continued to meet. Other groups have met during the year to meditate and to share the important place the Bible holds in some lives.

"Holding one another in the Light" has been a regularly recurring need among us during the year. We continue to be

challenged to be channels of healing, helping, supportive energy for those among and beyond us.

Our energy has also been put into concerns for A New Call to Peacemaking, the use of environmentally sound methods for meeting the nation's energy needs and the resulting opposition to nuclear development, and the proposed reinstitution of the draft.

Music continues to hold a special and important place in the life of the Meeting, and we have felt the Presence and heard the Voice of the Shepherd through the ministry of music.

But in our meetings for business, our ministry and counsel activities, and generally in our ongoing lives, we have all too often tried to do things our way, rather than to humbly but expectantly, even confidently, turn to God as "the giver of the power to become children of God." And so we recognize the relevancy to us of Meister Eckhart's words: "There are plenty to follow our Lord half-way but not the other half. They will give up possessions, friends and honors, but it touches them too closely to disown themselves."

Addendum #18

CHATTANOOGA

This has been an interesting year for the Chattanooga Meeting,-- not that the pattern has changed appreciably in size or activities, but in the variety of visitors to the Meeting. We have had a surprising number of "walk-ins" come from as far away as Dalton and Tullahoma, some seeking the peace of Friendly worship, some bringing problems for which they are seeking solutions. It has been a humbly rewarding experience for us, and compensates to some extent for the loss to geography of several of our members; Mary Jane Cobble to Nashville; Asa and Marianne Janney to Washington D.C. (taking our only two First Day School attenders); and the upcoming move of Caroline and Sam Morris to Ann Arbor, Michigan. We have also enjoyed visiting Friends, including Paul and Esther Goulding.

Activities this year have included:

- 1) Co-sponsorship with West Knoxville Meeting of a Fall Retreat at Camp Kiwanis (29 September-1 October) with 50 participants from SAYMA, with inclusion of a few Unitarians from Chattanooga.
- 2) Co-sponsoring the Southern Conference on World Affairs, at Nashville, 30 March-1 April, with Amy Lynch attending for the Meeting.
- 3) Public expression of dismay and concern about the arson of a new home purchased by a black family in an all-white subdivision.
- 4) Registering opposition to over-emphasis on military predominance in our national life and economy, by statements to the City Commission and to city and county school boards concerning Armed Forces Week, with a vigil for peace at the site of Armed Forces Day "Prayer Breakfast"; distribution of leaflets on federal military spending and peace conversion.

Friendly Discussions, a Forum for UTC students sponsored by the Meeting, scheduled on a thrice-monthly basis, with slide presentations bi-monthly, has become dormant.

Discussions for the year have focused on deepening and broadening spiritual understandings of the Meeting, reserving one monthly Meeting for special concerns of individual members. We reviewed copy for SAYMA's Faith and Practice, and settled down to a study of Bliss Forbush's analysis of the Gospel of Mark. This we laid aside for later consideration when we became entangled in interpretations colored by divergent fundamentalist backgrounds. Currently we are profitably and interestedly endeavoring to reconcile and equate verbal symbolisms of other sects with those used by Friends, and to resolve (at least for ourselves) the divisiveness of dogmatic linguistics.

Addendum #19

COLUMBIA FRIENDS MEETING
STATE OF THE MEETING - MAY 1979

Columbia Meeting remains fairly stable in numbers at about 20 members and attenders. Although a few have moved away or stopped coming, we have about the same number of new attenders, and some are now attending more regularly than before. Members are active outside the Meeting in various ways, such as AFSC, the new chapter of Clergy and Laity Concerned, educating the public about the danger of nuclear fuel, and other social concerns. A small group continues monthly discussions at Walden Correctional Institution when possible.

Some notable events from the past year include our fall meeting and picnic at the site of the old Bush River Meeting, which was followed by an oral history presented by Bill Medlin, who outlined the story of Friends in South Carolina. This information was later related by one of our members, David Pitre, in an essay which appeared in Friends Journal. We also participated in a Jewish-Quaker wedding ceremony for Debbie Killian and David Siegel, and were stimulated both by a January visit from Paul and Esther Goulding, and by Don Luce's talk on the Iranian crisis, which was presented to a joint meeting of Columbia Friends and Unitarians. The First Day School has consisted of the three children of one family who attend about twice a month.

Although our Meeting is rather small, members have commented that the unusual closeness of the group makes it seem like an extended family. A fund for Human Concerns was started as one means of expressing concern for one family in the Meeting, and will be maintained for other needs as they arise. Other individuals likewise receive the loving support of the group in various ways; and we continue to seek the means for becoming a more meaningful community.

STATE OF THE MEETING REPORT
NASHVILLE MONTHLY MEETING
May 1979

The year's activities had many Friendly segments that say for Nashville Friends this was the 'Year of the Family.'

Friends from five Monthly Meetings gathered in Nashville for a weekend in September to attend a worthwhile Children's Education workshop led by Carolyn Terrell from Friends General Conference. The October Camp Dogwood retreat was full of family fun with the largest attendance ever. Most of us went on a 'Snipe Hunt' Saturday night and had the special treat of gathering quietly together to hear the strange call of a Barred Owl. Also in October, six couples had the experience of a Marriage Enrichment Weekend at Betty Evans Halverstadt's home in Crossville. Marion and Nelson have attended training courses and are now prepared to lead workshops in Marriage Enrichment.

The social order energy of our Meeting was expressed in the planning of the Southern Conference on World Affairs; it was in Nashville for the second time, March 30 to April 1. The theme was 'For the Sake of Our Children.' Our meeting made a representation to the Tennessee State Government against the transport of hazardous materials on our highways. We are initiating conversations with the local Army-Navy store against the sale of firearms.

In the fall we were swamped with children of all age groups. The Children's Education Committee worked hard and effectively organizing the children into four age groups. The Adult Education Committee became a close-knit group during the course of the year, and their enthusiasm and outreach enriched many of our discussions.

The Memphis Friends Preparative Meeting has received ministry through two trips to Memphis. In addition, individual Friends from there joined Nashville Friends for special occasions. Three new members from Memphis - Eleanor Bowman, Minna Thompson, and Maryann Brondi - have been approved and welcomed into our Meeting.

Looking over the year we see that our Meeting is always on the move and experimenting with ways to better serve our changing family of Friends.

Addendum #21

Tri-Cities Worship Group

State of the Worship Group Report

May 1979

Although Tri-Cities Worship Group has not grown at all numerically this year (we are still 6 adults and 1 child), we sense a new rootedness and a commitment to a caring community growing within the group. During the winter, we met irregularly due to various chronic illnesses among Friends. From this time, when actual Sunday gatherings were sparse, we learned to treasure the few times we were able to meet together and to stay in touch with one another when illness kept us apart. The warmth and beauty of spring has brought better health to us and also the solidification of our winter learnings into two new directions. First, we are now determined to hold Meeting for Worship regardless of the number of attenders. Even when only one or two Friends can be present we shall enter into the silence with the same expectations that we do when all are present. Second, we have now a new role of Meeting Co-ordinator which rotates on a monthly basis from member to member. The co-ordinator calls each person weekly with news of Meeting place and discussion topic, and carries to all able to attend Meeting for Worship on Sunday news of members not present. In this way, we hope to perpetuate the closeness and caring that ironically our winter difficulties spawned.

We are now holding Meeting for Worship first, followed by discussion. Having spent an entire year on the gospel Matthew and completed only 17 chapters, we turned this spring, for a change of pace, to the writings of Friends. Queries are read and discussed monthly with the other specific topics being chosen by whoever volunteers to lead the discussion.

We have felt a strong leading this year to enter in a way consistent with our beliefs into the life of the greater Tri-Cities area. Two ways have opened to us and are being pursued. First, a member expressed a concern in the fall for the seemingly locked-in view of their futures held by some of the older elementary students with which he works. Together we thought about, discussed, and carried this concern into the silence. The Quaker Educational Scholarship Trust (QUEST) took form this spring as a way to encourage a "graduating" sixth grader to explore a variety of **career goals** for himself or herself. Second, another of our members joined the newly formed Contact Ministry, a telephone crisis counseling center. This lead us into financially supporting this much needed service in our community.

Visitors were few. Indeed, the only Friend from out of town to share in Meeting for Worship with us was Rob Callard whose presence that Sunday was gratefully appreciated by Tri-Cities Friends. We are hopeful for more inter-visitation, particularly with Celo Meeting, in the future.

Karen LaFollette

Addendum #22

STATE OF THE MEETING REPORT
for
WEST KNOXVILLE MEETING

For Year Beginning June 1, 1978

Increasing concern in the following two fields perhaps best characterizes the state of our Meeting in the year just ending:

1. Community. There has been a felt increase in our sense of community, one with the other, in our times of worship, of business, of shared meals, of committee meetings, of adult and young Friends classes, of special gatherings such as weddings and visits in homes. There have also been many times of deep searching for ways in which we can be more supportive of those in times of need, in personal sufferings. Our deepening sense of community supports us in the ever-present search "for a hermonious synthesis of the darkness and light within ourselves."

2. Peacemaking. There have been repeated returns to this subject throughout the year, in meeting for worship, in adult classes, in meeting for business, in the efforts of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, as well as in the ongoing efforts of us as individuals. In the action area a slide show on disarmament was shown to an area church, the Meeting wrote a letter on Hiroshima Day to area newspapers, a "Simple Living" brochure was prepared and used locally, efforts have been made to change the weapons display in the Oak Ridge Energy Museum, some have worked to stop arms shipments, some on the nuclear transportation problem, on the issue of biological effects of radiation, and in the field of the arms race and SALT agreements. It is a fact that not all of us are in agreement with all of the above mentioned efforts, particularly in the area of nuclear power, but through all there is respect and appreciation for individuals' differing opinions.

Sunday morning meetings for worship continue to be a strong force in helping us to center our lives in the direction of more purposeful living. Spoken ministry is fairly widespread among us, and is meaningful. Our older young Friends join us in worship for the second half of the hour; some younger young Friends join us for a shorter time. In season, we continue to find our outdoor meeting area in the woods a beautiful place in which to worship.

The First Day School hour following meeting for worship each week continues to be a learning experience for all ages. Adults have led sessions on the concerns of community and peacemaking. Interest in the queries has been renewed, with one being considered approximately once a month. The messages and presence of visiting Friends have been greatly appreciated, George Bliss of the PCNL, and Paul and Esther Goulding of FGC among them. A belated memorial service for Olive Peirce was a warm and reverent occasion. On Easter our younger Friends shared a delightful puppet show with all of us based on the stories about young Friend Obadiah. Interest in group singing had been renewed, and is fitted in for a short time following meeting for worship and before classes. Friends General Conference's new "SONGS OF THE SPIRIT" book is great!

Our younger Friends this year have pursued Bible study, study of other denominations, and Quaker concerns. There have been three age groups with attendance in all three running from a very few to 10 or more. Adults have been encouraged to share of themselves with the younger Friends, but too few of us have responded, with a resulting burden on parents, which we hope to correct.

Our treasurer this year has asked for volunteers to be responsible for keeping us updated on the work and concerns of each organization financially supported by the Meeting. We trust that in this way deeper Meeting and individual commitment will result.

Our Women's Sharing Group, though small in numbers, meets monthly as possible. To date in this year of 1978-79 423 garments have been knitted or sewn and sent to the American Friends Service Committee in High Point, NC.

Our Meeting House has been used again this year by several outside groups, among them a meeting of the SAYMA Faith and Practice Committee, an AFSC workshop on nuclear weapons, and a weeklong field trip of Arthur Morgan School students and staff.

A SAYMA retreat held last September 30 - October 1, held at Camp Kiwanis near Chattanooga, was jointly sponsored by our Meeting and Chattanooga Meeting. Our thanks to Chattanooga Friends for doing most of the very excellent planning; the retreat was a rich experience for all of us who participated.

The Meeting minutes, dating back to the Meeting's beginning in 1954, are being microfilmed by the Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore College.

The Ministry and Oversight Committee, among its regular duties, had responsibility this year for two marriages held under the care of our Meeting, and will have one more this summer. Five new adult members have been welcomed into membership. We are ever mindful of the number of local and distant members with whom we have little or no contact. In December a special effort was made through our newsletter to reach these persons, who were encouraged to let us know if they are no longer interested in remaining on our mailing list, and encouraging them to become associated with a Friends Meeting or other religious organization of their choice.

Our attendance at meetings for worship Sunday mornings averages about thirty, the younger generation included. The lives of all of us have been enriched by the presence of several new couples and individuals, Friends and attenders, many of them younger persons. In all during the year some 85 visitors worshipped with us.

	<u>Local Members</u>	<u>Distant Members</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Attenders</u>	<u>Total M. & A.</u>
Adults:	29	32	61	15	76
Youth:	4	0	4	13	17
Total Adults and Youth:			<u>65</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>93</u>

ADULT ATTENDERS OF S.A.Y.M.A., 1979

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BURDETTE, Ricky & Karen, 410 Westside Hghts Dr., Tullahoma TN 37388, 615/455-8640
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CARTER, Richard & Caroline, 117 Mockingbird Rd., Nashville, TN 37205
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