

## SAYMA Representative Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2009

Representative Meeting #122 (Spring)

Birmingham Friends Meeting, Birmingham, Alabama.

### **122-01 Meeting for Worship**

The meeting gathered with a period of listening worship.

### **122-02 Greetings and Introduction**

Those present introduced themselves, their purpose for attending the meeting and their monthly meeting affiliation [Attachment 1 – Attendance List].

### **122-03 Report of negotiations with Warren Wilson**

Liz Perch reported that we have confirmed that our sessions will be held at Warren Wilson College this year. Liz is working with the college to assemble records of our previous visits and to arrange the availability of the facilities we require during our meetings. The availability of the pool on Saturday depends on staff availability and our willingness to pay.

Warren Wilson College is available for our meetings in 2010 on the weekends of June 10-13 and 17-20 2010. A decision must be made by June to secure the reservation.

### **122-04 Site Selection Committee for 2010 Annual Gathering**

The committee has received bids from 5 universities of 23 who were contacted, 3 of the bids received are viable. The cost of the facilities will be between two to three times as much as our current arrangements. Friends suggested additional colleges to explore. Friends are asked to share their suggestions with the site selection committee by contacting Liz Perch.

**Minute 122-04-01:** We authorize the Administrative Assistant to tentatively reserve June 10-13, 2010 at Warren Wilson College for our sessions.

**Minute 122-04-02:** We ask the site selection committee to continue exploring sites for 2011 and following years and bring their recommendations back to us.

### **122-05 Treasurer's Report.**

Deanna Nipp-Kientz reported that our finances are satisfactory with over \$17,000 in our checking account. Receipt of revenue from monthly meeting assessments has been uneven. Interest rates and income have fallen. The funds budgeted for Wider Quaker Organization (WQO) travel is being used this year and two-thirds of the budgeted amount has already been expended. Personnel expenses continue to be our largest expense category and cost of living adjustments authorized by yearly meeting have been implemented. Most contributions to WQO's have been sent. The first quarter SAYF report has been received.

Deanna thanked the meeting for the opportunity to serve the yearly meeting.

**122-05-01:** We accept the March 2009 report of the Treasurer [Attachment 2- Treasurer's March 2009 Representative Meeting Report].

### **122-06 Descriptions and Purpose of Funds.**

The Clerk reminded friends that the Clerk's advisory committee was asked to review the purpose of several funds and bring recommendations.

The Youth Enrichment Fund was created from funds previously designated to support SAYMA youth attending YouthQuake. When YouthQuake was laid down, we renamed the fund with the intention of supporting young friends attendance at similar events. After consultation, Dennis proposed that we designate the SAYF steering committee as the body to authorize expenditures from this fund. Our goal would be to support the attendance of SAYF participants (and SAYMA young friends in the same age group) in gatherings of youth from across the Quaker spectrum sponsored by Wider Quaker Organizations and other Quaker bodies. It was suggested that we consider expanding the proposal to permit making funds available for bringing outside resource people to the SAYF program that represent these other traditions. We were also encouraged to consider using the fund to support "cross-pollination" by encouraging the interaction of teenage friends with other kinds of Quakers.

**122-06-01:** We ask the SAYF steering committee to consider this proposal in consultation with the Clerk and for the Clerk's advisory committee to bring a revised proposal to our 2009 yearly meeting sessions.

We presently have a SAYF Scholarship Fund but its origins and purpose are unclear.

**120-06-02:** We ask the Finance Committee to review the SAYF Scholarship Fund and bring recommendations as to its purpose and use. The committee will consult with SAYF and Kristi Estes to determine the purpose and usefulness of its continuation.

### **122-07 Young Adult Friends Dialogue**

The Clerk reported that a dialogue has begun with SAYMA Young Adult Friends. There is a regular group of SAYMA young Friends who are now meeting quarterly. The current group of Young Adult Friends has emerged from an informal gathering of young adult friends primarily graduates of SAYF, who treasured the relationships they had built through SAYF and desired continued connection. At present they have a structure but their purpose has not been fully defined. We have created a Young Adult Friends Scholarship Fund, but there presently is no mechanism for authorizing or dispersing funds.

Friends pointed out there are many more young adult friends in our yearly meeting than are presently participating in the Young Adult Friends. Friends expressed the desire to support young adult friends and to nurture their participation in our bodies. FGC and FWCC both are actively working to support and bring in young adults. Friends recognize that young adult Friends are in the midst of many life changes and transiency. As presently defined young adult Friends are a diverse group, ranging in age from 18-35 years. Several friends suggested providing staff support, perhaps in a liaison role, to assist with communication and a database.

**122-07-01:** We are delighted that the dialogue has begun and understand that these deliberations may lead to a proposal in the future, if this is in right order. We encourage Young Adult Friends to consider their purpose, to consider who is actively participating in their group and how they might reach out to other young adult friends and invite their participation. Liz Perch could be of assistance to YAF with creating a database of SAYMA Young Adult Friends to foster communication. We anticipate that this dialogue will continue at Yearly Meeting as way opens.

Friends were encouraged to meet with and worship with Young Adult Friends as opportunity arises. A friend expressed a concern about the implicit age segregation we support by creating and encouraging a separate young adult group. He encouraged us to live up our challenge of being one community. We will continue this dialogue.

### **122-08 SAYF Report**

Mark Wutka reported that SAYF has held monthly retreats each month since last September [Attachment 3 – List of SAYF Retreats].

The Chapel Hill meeting, while not affiliated with any yearly meeting, has been actively involved with the SAYF program, with active participation of their youth members as well as by providing both financial and other forms of support. We value their participation.

### **122-09 Nominations Report**

Sallie Prugh presented two nominations.

**122-09-01:** On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, we approve Kelly Schoolmeester (Columbia MM) to serve as FCNL Representative 2009-2011.

**122-09-02:** On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, we approve, Ceal Wutka (Atlanta MM) to serve as Yearly Meeting Worship Coordinator, 2009-2010.

Sallie reported that we need a site coordinator for the 2009 yearly meeting sessions. Friends discussed the duties and responsibilities of the position. A friend offered his service

**122-09-03:** We approve Bob Welsh (Swannanoa Valley), to serve as Yearly Meeting Site Coordinator for 2009.

### **122-10 Advices**

Dennis opened the afternoon session reading from advices of London Yearly Meeting 1875 concerning our care for each other

*Live in love as Christian brethren, ready to be helpful one to another, and sympathizing with each other in the trials and afflictions of life. Watch over one another for good, manifesting an earnest desire that each may possess a well-grounded hope in Christ.*

*Follow peace with all men, desiring the true happiness of all: be kind and liberal to the poor, and endeavor to promote the temporal, moral, and religious well-being of your fellow-men.*

*With a tender conscience, in accordance with the precepts of the Gospel, take heed to the limitations of the Spirit of Truth in the pursuit of the things of this life.*

*Maintain strict integrity in your transactions in trade, and in all your outward concerns. Guard against the spirit of speculation, and the snare of accumulating wealth. Remember that we must account for the mode of acquiring, as well as for the manner of using, and finally disposing of our possessions.*

*Observe simplicity and moderation in your deportment and attire, in the furniture of your houses, and in your style and manner of living. Carefully maintain in your own conduct, and encourage in your families, truthfulness and sincerity; and avoid worldliness in all its forms.*

### **122-11 FWCC Regional Meeting in 2010**

Sallie Prugh described the yearly meetings associated with the southeastern region of Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC). The next regional gathering is scheduled for the fall of 2010 and it is SAYMA's turn in the rotation to host the gathering. Normally, the program begins on Friday evening and continues into Sunday. Typical attendance at a regional gathering is around 30 Friends, but varies according to the program. The regional program committee plans the program. SAYMA is asked to approve hosting the regional gathering. If we approve, a Monthly Meeting will be asked to serve as the local host. The local host meeting has responsibility for assisting with logistics and support for the meeting. In addition, Sallie encouraged us to find ways to assist Jamaican Friends to attend.

**122-11-01:** We approve hosting the 2010 southeastern regional gathering of FWCC in the fall of 2010 and look forward for this opportunity for fellowship. We ask Sallie Prugh to develop a description of the local meeting requirements so local meetings may discern their leading.

**122-11-02:** We will develop mechanisms to help provide financial and other assistance as needed for Jamaican Friends to travel to the regional gathering as way opens.

Several meeting representatives expressed interest in hosting the gathering. This decision will be made by SAYMA at a later time.

### **122-12 Ministry and Nurture Committee Report.**

Kristi Estes reported that since last October the Ministry and Nurture Committee has met in Athens and Cookeville. The committee will be meeting in April in Greenville, SC. In October, the committee met with Mary Ann Downey on her ministry to "deepen the spiritual life of the meeting." Mary Ann has traveled in the ministry among Lake Erie Friends under this concern. Mary Ann is available to travel among Friends in SAYMA as invited.

Ministry and Worship encourages meetings to send their State of the Meeting reports to the committee for their prayerful consideration. The committee hopes to create a summary in a State of the Society report for presentation at yearly meeting sessions.

### **122-13 Peace Conference Report**

Liz Perch reported on the Peace Conference held January 13-17, 2009 and sponsored by the three historic peace churches. The May issue of *Friends Journal* will feature articles on the conference. Audio files of the speeches and other materials are available online at [www.peacegathering2009.org](http://www.peacegathering2009.org). About a third of those attending were Quakers and many of those attending were under 40. Evaluations of the conference were very positive and participants were deeply inspired and moved by the meeting. Cassandra Fralix of Columbia Friends Meeting attended the conference and is available to travel among SAYMA meetings.

122013-01 We are excited by the report of the Peace Conference and ask Cassandra Fralix to develop a report for distribution within the yearly meeting.

### **122-14 Calendar of Representative Meeting**

We considered the dates for representative meeting for the 2009-2010 cycle. After discussion and consultation of calendars we have decided.

**122-14-01:** Our fall meeting will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2009 in Crossville, TN.

**122-14-02:** Our spring meeting will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2010 in Nashville, TN.

### **122-14 Clerk's report**

The clerk reported that he has received communication from a monthly meeting currently associated with Baltimore Yearly Meeting that is exploring associating with another yearly meeting. They asked if SAYMA would be willing to consider their application to affiliate with our yearly meeting. Dennis indicated SAYMA would be willing to explore affiliation with them if this is in right order.

Dennis read the Epistle of the 2009 Mid-Winter gathering of the FLGBTQC expressing a concern and challenge to Friends [Attachment 4 -Epistle]. FLGBTQC Friends expressed concern that Friends General Conference (FGC) will be holding its annual gathering in a state that does not recognize the rights of LGCTQ families. The epistle asks us to consider marriage and how best to witness our support for marriages and the legal rights of LGBTQ persons. We are encouraged to consider deeply how we are led and to undertake concrete steps to raise concerns.

We considered how best to respond to the epistle. A friend encouraged us to review our State of the Meeting reports. We reviewed some of the discussion and threshing we have already undertaken. Several friends highlighted the importance of our continued witness and support to these questions.

**122-13-01:** We ask the SAYMA Ministry and Nurture Committee to consider the State of the Meeting reports in light of this epistle.

**122-13-02:** We will forward the FLGBTQC epistle to our Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups and encourage their prayerful consideration of how we are led to

respond. We ask Representatives to read the epistle at their next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business meeting and ask for prayerful deliberation on its concern.

### **122-14 Expectations of SAYMA Representatives to Wider Quaker Organizations,**

Mark Wutka reported for the ad hoc committee reviewing the responsibilities and expectations of SAYMA's representatives to Wider Quaker Organizations. Mark reviewed a draft document created by the committee. The document is intended to be included in the SAYMA handbook for use by the Nominating Committee and Representatives. The draft report addresses concerns regarding the qualifications of Representatives, the responsibilities of appointed Representatives to SAYMA and SAYMA's responsibilities to the Representatives.

**122-14-01:** We changed "vouchers" to "receipts" on page 2 and ask the Treasurer in consultation with the Finance Committee to create a form for requesting expense reimbursement. We changed the references to Monthly Meeting membership to Monthly Meeting and Worship Group membership.

**122-14-02:** We accept the report of the ad hoc committee on representatives and approve the document "What does SAYMA expect of its Representatives?" as modified, for immediate implementation. We ask that the approved document be included in the SAYMA Handbook [Attachment 5 – What does SAYMA expect of its Representatives?].

### **122-15 Finance Committee Report**

Susan Phelen reported that the Finance Committee is drafting the budget for the next year. Friends are asked to let the Finance Committee know by April 10 if any changes or modifications are requested for inclusion in the 2010 budget. The Finance Committee also asks for information if their Monthly Meeting expects any changes in their anticipated contributions to the Yearly Meeting.

### **122-16 Administrative Assistant Report**

Liz Perch distributed the preliminary 2008 SAYMA Census [Attachment 6 – Preliminary SAYMA Census] reporting on Monthly Meeting activity. The final report will be prepared for our annual sessions in June.

A draft directory is being prepared and will be available at Yearly Meeting. Paper copies are available, but are costly. Friends are encouraged to use electronic formats if this is useful.

Liz is also working on revisions to the Yearly Meeting Handbook that will describe Yearly Meeting operations and procedures. A draft will be available for review at Yearly Meeting.

### **122-17 Yearly Meeting Planning Committee Report**

Barbara Esther reported that advance programs and registration materials will be sent to meetings/worship group in the next week. Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles, including the Talent Show screening committee, Chat-N-Chew hosting, and worship sharing group facilitators. This year on-line evaluations will be the primary method used to solicit feedback. Hard copies of evaluations will be available to those not wishing to use the on-line system.

Stephen Feely described how the Junior Yearly Meeting will be structured this year. He highlighted modifications in the program, the development of age-graded activities and asked Representatives to encourage young friends to attend.

Barbara reported the Yearly Meeting Planning Committee has created a new volunteer position responsible for the layout and design the program. Next year the Yearly Meeting Planning Committee will need a new clerk and a workshop coordinator.

### **122-18 Thanks to Birmingham Monthly Meeting**

**122-18-01** We thank Birmingham Friends for their tender care of our bodies and spirits this seventh day. We give thanks for the “hospitality parade,” the oatmeal cherry cookies, and sinful brownies. We give thanks for the meeting space and evidence of tender loving care infusing this building. We hope that we may leave mutually irradiated by our loving community.

### **122-19: Next Meeting.**

If it is in accord with Divine will, our next meeting will be held September 12, 2009 in Crossville, Tennessee.

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Dennis Gregg, Clerk  
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Bill Holland, Recording Clerk  
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Attachment 1 – Attendance List

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| 1. Chris Berg              | Greenville          |
| 2. Liz Perch               | Savannah/SEYM       |
| 3. Dennis Gregg            | Crossville          |
| 4. Jere Licciardello       | Chattanooga         |
| 5. Shawn Chavis            | Birmingham          |
| 6. Ceal Wutka              | Atlanta             |
| 7. Mark Wutka              | Atlanta             |
| 8. Bill Wolfe              | Nashville           |
| 9. Sara Rose               | Royal Worship Group |
| 10. Bob Welsh              | Swannanoa Valley    |
| 11. Sallie Prugh           | Columbia            |
| 12. Stephen Feely          | Chattanooga         |
| 13. Nancy Evans Nothhelfer | Swannanoa Valley    |
| 14. Heidemarie Huber       | Chattanooga         |
| 15. Charlotte Shea         | Huntsville Area     |
| 16. Susan Phelan           | Huntsville Area     |
| 17. Barbara Ester          | Asheville           |
| 18. John Potter            | Nashville           |
| 19. Carol Ciscel           | Memphis             |
| 20. Nancy Whitt            | Birmingham          |
| 21. Deanna Nipp-Kientz     | Cookeville          |
| 22. Hank Fay               | Berea               |
| 23. Jill Hill              | Birmingham          |
| 24. Harry Olmstead         | Birmingham          |
| 25. Kristi Estes           | Oxford              |
| 26. Bill Holland           | Atlanta             |



**Attachment 2 – Treasurer’s Report—three pages go here**

### **Attachment 3 - SAYF Report**

Mark Wutka reported on SAYF retreats held since our 2008 Yearly Meeting Sessions.

September 2008	Atlanta
October 2008	Asheville (organized by Chapel Hill)
November 2009	Knoxville (organized by Berea)
January 2009	Atlanta
February 2009	Knoxville (Steering/Nurturing Committee)
March 2009	Nashville
April 2009	Old Greer House, Banner Elk, NC

**Attachment 4 – Epistle of 2009 Mid-Winter Gathering of FLGBTQC.**

**An Epistle from Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns**

**Midwinter Gathering 2009**

02/15/2009

Dear Friends General Conference and Friends Everywhere,

We send loving greetings to you with this letter, as well as an invitation.

We are gathered at Camp Adams near Molalla, OR for the 2009 annual Midwinter Gathering of Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Concerns. During our time together, we have been exploring this year's theme "Faith Calls for Justice on the Same Terms." On our first evening together, we heard stories from and about our spiritual pioneers (both in modern and biblical times). We spent time in worship and worship sharing. We tended to the business of our beloved community. We participated in interest groups on a variety of offerings including trans and other queer concerns, Walt Whitman, Love Makes a Family, singing and others. On Saturday evening, we were blessed with a one-person play by a member of our community who has written about trans folk in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. During all of these times, as well as in fellowship around meals, during walks in the woods surrounding the grounds, and in private conversations we found a blessed time to renew our spirits and support each other.

During our meeting for worship with attention to business a letter from the clerks of the 2009 FGC Gathering was read. While we were glad to learn of the work being done to help ensure the safety of our families who are planning to attend this year's gathering in Virginia, we were also saddened that once again the Gathering is being held in a place where state laws and constitutions have been re-written to take away our civil rights, including freedom of religion and equality. It is with great sadness of heart that we realize how difficult it is becoming for FGC to find a site for the Gathering where this is not the case. More and more, our families fear that they will not be allowed to make medical decisions about their loved ones or they fear that authorities may not recognize their adoptions, civil unions, and legal marriages. We continue to face the nightmare that loved ones may find themselves alone, while we are prevented from being with them at the times they most need us!

We remembered with gratitude that FGC joined with us in creating opportunities for witnessing to the power of God's Love in our lives and in our marriages the last time the Gathering was in Blacksburg, and that they stood with us and spoke out for us at that time. We also remember with gratitude the loving minute approved by the FGC Central Committee a few years ago affirming "Our experience has been that spiritual gifts are not distributed with regard to sexual orientation or gender identity. Our experience has been that our gatherings and Central Committee work have been immeasurably enriched over the years by the full participation and Spirit-guided leadership of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer Friends. We will never go back to silencing those voices or suppressing those gifts. Our experience confirms that we are all equal before God, as God made us, and we feel blessed to be engaged in the work of FGC together."

We acknowledge and appreciate the many times FGC and our meetings have stood for us

and with us by approving minutes of support and acknowledging and celebrating our unions and families. We still have work to do. We are now led to invite you to explore ways you, our meetings and faith communities can walk with us in witnessing to the World what we know experientially; that God's love is indivisible and is not withheld from anyone or any couple seeking to live faithfully in holy union. Our silence and the silence of supportive faith communities make it easier for those claiming to speak with the authority of faith to insert their religious doctrine into the laws that govern our lives, as witnessed recently with the passing of Proposition 8 in California.

Today we are called to:

- Invite FGC and our meetings to join us in bringing Quakers together to help us all understand what is meant by "that which God joins together." Many meetings struggle with the issues marriage raises. What are the differences between marriage as a civil institution and as a "God anointed" union? How can Friends help in the struggle for full marriage equality for same sex couples?
- Invite FGC to join with FLGBTQC to consider together how and when to bear witness to our experience as a faith community concerning queer marriage and civil rights in part because many sites (like in Virginia) will give us Opportunities to witness to the power of God's love in our lives and in our families.
- Invite FGC to convene a Gathering or small conference whose theme would be "Who so ever God has joined together" which would address issues of marriage, family and relationships of all orientations and gender. We would suggest that Friends from all "sides" of the marriage question be invited to participate.
- Invite our meetings to provide support committees for LGBTQ members and their families when meetings are discerning whether they can or cannot take their marriages under the meeting's care or when those Friends are made vulnerable because of faith-based witness around civil and constitutional rights in the wider community.
- Invite meetings to participate fully in civil discussions and legislative activism to help speak Truth of our experience of God's Love for all. Our work can minister to others as we share our own ongoing process as models for other faith communities. We see this as an Opportunity for our meetings to speak publicly to our deeply rooted experience that God calls us to lives of Love and that Love takes many forms.
- We ask FGC, monthly meetings and yearly meetings to raise up the issues of equality and the ways in which our LGBTQ families are most in danger when they travel or seek help, whatever those meetings' views on LGBTQ marriage.

We want to affirm to you all the power of the witness that our straight allies bring to our own lives and in the wider community. We do not experience this issue as simply a matter of marriage rights, but as a need to affirm and recognize that it is the richness of diversity that has strengthened and nurtured this country and our faith communities through the ages. Friends have long witnessed to a testimony of equality and we ask Friends to join with us in asking our government for equal protection and equal rights for all people.

God has been joining members of our LGBTQ community in loving marriages and

relationships for long before these modern times. We are certain that some day civil laws will be enacted that legalize and recognize LGBTQ marriages and other civil rights. We have faith that God will continue to bless our lives. We have hope that civil rights will be in our life times. We know that Love, radical Love, will prevail.

With love and on behalf of Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Concerns,

Karen Lightner and Neil Fullagar, co-clerks

[Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns \(FLGBTQC\)](#)

## **What does SAYMA Expect of its Representatives?<sup>1</sup>**

From time to time, external organizations ask SAYMA to send delegates or representatives to participate in their activities, meetings, or governance bodies. Since its founding, SAYMA has appointed individuals to oversight bodies of wider Quaker organizations such as the Friends Committee on National Legislation and the American Friends Service Committee. SAYMA customarily makes these appointments through the annual nomination process at the Yearly Meeting session. Sometimes an organization approaches SAYMA for representation at a one time event.

Representing SAYMA is a significant commitment, because a person appointed to such a role must be able to speak for the Yearly Meeting to a larger group, possibly one that is not familiar with Quaker testimonies or practice. This paper, intended for insertion into the SAYMA handbook, offers guidance on the qualifications of persons chosen to represent SAYMA, and mutual expectations between SAYMA and its representatives.

1. **Qualifications of Representatives.** A SAYMA Representative should understand Friends current and historic beliefs and be able to discern when issues and concerns in the external organization relate to areas on which SAYMA has not found unity. He or she should be knowledgeable of the breadth of views within SAYMA that might bear on the business of the external group.

Certain qualifications are particular to the external organization. SAYMA would not choose an older adult as representative to an organization of young Friends. Other qualifications may be explicit expectations of the external body.

Unless it is required by the external organization, SAYMA does not require its representatives to be members of a SAYMA Monthly Meeting or of the Religious Society of Friends, provided that the representative is active within SAYMA and a Monthly Meeting or Worship Group within SAYMA and has the requisite knowledge and ability. On the other hand, simply being a member of a SAYMA Monthly Meeting or Worship Group is not sufficient to represent SAYMA to an external organization. Active involvement in the life of the Meeting is necessary, the extent varying with the nature of the representation.

2. **Responsibilities of representatives.** A SAYMA Representative must attend the meetings of the organization to which appointed; if circumstances prevent attendance, the Representative should inform the Clerk of SAYMA in addition to the appropriate contact in the external organization. A Representative should learn about the external organization and its relationship to SAYMA, and should understand and agree to the

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expectations of the external organization. A Representative is expected to make a written report to SAYMA annually (or more frequently if events require it) about the external organization's activities and their relationship to Friends testimonies and values. For a one-time meeting or event, the report should be submitted promptly after the conclusion of the event. A Representative may need to bring items from external bodies to SAYMA for deliberation and action. A Representative is expected to be prudent in use of funds SAYMA may provide for the expenses of representation, and to submit receipts documentation when asking for reimbursement.

A Representative should ask for guidance when in doubt about how to represent SAYMA to the external organization. Guidance comes in many forms, including through individual meditation and prayer or assistance from SAYMA, as described below.

3. SAYMA's responsibilities to its representatives. SAYMA values the opportunity to participate in like-minded external groups, especially wider Quaker organizations, and supports its Representatives both spiritually and financially. SAYMA is responsible for offering counsel to Representatives about matters of concern to the external organization. Such counsel may come formally through reporting and minuted action at Representative Meeting or Yearly Meeting sessions, or informally through the Clerk. If a Representative feels the need of extended or ongoing discernment related to an external organization, the Clerk may appoint an ad hoc oversight committee to help the Representative find clearness.

SAYMA is responsible for budgeting funds to cover reasonable expenses of representation, as ability to pay for the cost of travel to meetings should not be a barrier to an individual led to this form of service. The Treasurer is responsible for paying travel advances, when needed, and for reviewing expense receipts and paying reasonable expenses of representation from budgeted funds.

SAYMA will hold its representatives in the Light.

**Attachment 6: 2008 SAYMA Census (Preliminary) 3/27/2009**

	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	42	18	150	53	12		14	31	17	17	17	3	5	7	6	4	24	31	7	34	55	
under 18	2	3	-	6	3		1	0	1	3	0	0	0		0		6	0	0	0	4	
<b>Subtotal: Members</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>59</b>	
1.b. Attenders																						
Members of another SAYMA meeting	0	0	0	0	0		1	0	0	0	0	2	0		0		0	0	0	0	0	
Members in another Yearly Meeting	0	0	0	0	1		2	4	0	2	1	0	2		1		3	4	0	7	1	
Not members of RSOF	16	0	0	15	7		24	33	0	17	15	3	1		12	13	19	90	4	29	25	
under 18	8	0	0	20	1		2	23	0	11	8	0	0		4		6	46	0	9	10	
Subtotal: Attenders	24	0	0	35	9	0	29	60	0	30	24	5	3	0	17	13	28	140	4	45	36	
<b>TOTAL: Individuals to report to SAYMA</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1075</b>
Adults considered inactive	7	21	0	n/a	7		0	3	0	2	0	0	3		0		11	1	1	6	31	93
<b>Report to FWCC (Includes PM/WG attenders; NOT members of other YM's)</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>1044</b>
<b>Reported to FWCC last year</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>1044</b>
<b>Change</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
Members who																						
Attend Worship Group under the care of your meeting	2	0	-	0	2		0	0	0	0	1	0	0		0		0	2	1	0	4	
Attend another SAYMA Worship Group	1	0	-	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0		1	0	0	0	0	
Attend another SAYMA Meeting	0	0	-	0	2		0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0		1	2	0	0	0	
Attend in another Yearly Meeting	1	0	-	0	1		1	1	0	3	2	0	0		0		1	3	0	2	3	
Attend in another religious tradition	0	0	-	1	0		2	1	0	0	0	0	0		0		0	0	0	0	0	
Attend rarely/not at all/don't know	0	5	-	35	4		0	4	0	0	2	0	0		0		11	1	0	6	26	