

Minutes of the Illinois Yearly Meeting

125th Annual Session
July 28 - August 1, 1999
McNabb, Illinois

MINUTES OF THE FIRST SESSION: Wednesday, July 28, 1999

Minute 1

We gathered in silence to begin our 125th session of Illinois Yearly Meeting. The Clerk reminded Friends that we are gathered here to do God's business. The success of these sessions is in the hands of all present. God is present.

Minute 2

We welcomed first time attender, Jon Ellerton of Chicago Northside. The Clerk also extended our welcome to Sylvia Way of Duneland Friends Meeting, who was unable to be with us last year due to illness.

Minute 3

We reviewed the agenda for this 125th session of IYM. The following changes were made:

Friday: Friends Peace Teams—Mary Lord will be making a proposal for IYM to affiliate itself with Friends Peace Teams.

Friday: Friends Committee in Unity with Nature. A minute on Ecological Sustainability will be considered during the FCUN report.

Saturday: AFSC Corporation report. Dawn Rubbert will present a written report.

Minute 4

The Reading Clerk read excerpts of Epistles from Indiana Yearly Meeting, Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting and Monte Verde Monthly Meeting (appended).

Minute 5

Roxy Jacobs, Clerk of Ministry & Advancement, asked for volunteers for two roles:

1. Committee of Care. Each year during IYM, Ministry and Advancement asks individuals to volunteer to be available during the IYM sessions to provide care to attenders finding themselves in need of support. Those who volunteer for this role may or may not be called upon to serve.

2. Welcoming Committee. Individuals are needed to welcome first-time attenders, as well as conduct New Attenders orientation sessions at 7:30 Thursday morning and after the evening program on Saturday.

Volunteers for either committee should identify themselves to Roxy Jacobs or any other member of Ministry & Advancement.

Members of the Committee of Care will wear a flower sticker on their nametags. Members of the Welcoming Committee will wear a smiley face sticker on their nametags. First-time attenders will be given either a strawberry or butterfly sticker to wear on their nametags.

Minute 6

The Clerk reminded Friends to drink plenty of water and move slower than usual in this heat. Cool water is located on the porch for all attenders.

Minute 7

Friends are reminded to sign up to assist with meals and other tasks.

Minute 8

Marlou Carlson announced that the Junior Yearly Meeting is experimenting this year with having the children appear before the adult Yearly Meeting on Sunday morning, rather than during the Saturday business session. There are several reasons for this, the most compelling of which is care for children who arrive on Friday afternoon. The children will read their Epistles and display their projects at 10:45 on Sunday morning, immediately before Meeting for Worship. This will be announced again and a notice of the

change will be posted. Parents are encouraged to help the teachers gather the children and projects at that time.

MINUTES OF THE SECOND SESSION: Thursday, July 29, 1999

Minute 9

We welcomed the following visitors:
Nils and Peg Pearson of North Central Worship Group and Northern Yearly Meeting are our Friends General Conference visitors for the second year in a row. A letter of introduction for Nils and Peg from Deborah Fisch of FGC was read by the Reading Clerk. Jen Stromsten of the FGC staff is also with us.

Minute 10

We need a copy of the text of our 1966 Plummer Lecture by Francis Hole. It was never published and we would like to publish it now. If anyone has this document, please see Brent Eckert, our Records Librarian.

Minute 11

The book table hours are: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 3:30 - 6 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Minute 12

The Reading Clerk read excerpts from the Epistles from Intermountain Yearly Meeting, New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, and Church of Friends - Quakers in Cuba (appended).

Minute 13

Minutes 1 - 8 were approved.

Minute 14

The Clerk's Committee, consisting of the Presiding Clerk, the Reading Clerk, the Recording Clerk, Janet Means and Marlou Carlson, are responsible for supporting and giving feedback to the Presiding Clerk. Any friend with a concern for the IYM business proceedings should bring the matter to the attention of this committee.

Minute 15

Epistle Committee. Marty Matthews, clerk and Carol Zimmerman are the members of this committee appointed at last year's sessions. Additional members for this committee are needed. We hope that a young person will be able to join the important work of this committee.

Minute 16

Exercises Committee. Bob Wixom volunteered to serve on this committee. Additional members are needed. Carol Zimmerman reminded us that the Exercises from IYM 1998 were printed in Friend's Journal and a letter about them was printed in the April, 1999 issue. (The letter mistakenly referred to them as our "Epistle"). Each year Friend's Journal publishes our Exercises.

Minute 17

Preliminary Nominating Committee Report (appended). No representative from Nominating Committee was present. Nominating Committee will continue to pursue their work during the sessions.

Minute 18

Handbook Committee. The Handbook Committee did not meet during the past year. There is unfinished work to be done by this committee based on the 1998 sessions. This committee does not have a clerk. The Presiding Clerk appealed to members to consider service on this committee.

Minute 19

Field Secretary Oversight. Roxy Jacobs read the Field Secretary Oversight Committee report (appended), which was accepted and approved.

Minute 20

Field Secretary Report. Barry Zalph submitted a written report (appended). He added to this report comments about the importance of Ministry & Advancement members who make Meeting visits with him. He spoke of the spectrum of Monthly Meetings in IYM: those with which he has constant contact and those with which he has little contact. Barry spoke of being more proactive about reaching the latter. He encourages these Meetings to invite him to visit, regardless of their need of for his support. Barry was asked how the 1/5 time allotment was working for him. To this Barry replied, "Providentially". The time allotment works out to approximately one visit per month. If he were allotted more time, he would visit more Meetings, but he is generally not being asked by IYM to work beyond his agreement. We thank Barry for his steadfastness and faithfulness in serving our Yearly Meeting. In the 1998 business sessions we extended Barry's appointment for three years. It is the sense of the Meeting that IYM re-affirms that appointment.

Minute 21

Faith and Practice. The written report of this committee is appended. Nancy Duncan, the convener, reported for the committee. Nancy compared the work of the committee to double-digging a garden. At this time, we have no plants, but we have deep and fertile ground. The difficulty of this exercise is discerning who we are, why we are and what we are. The committee is losing several members this year and IYM participants are asked to prayerfully consider service to this important work. The committee meets approximately four times per year in Bloomington-Normal at Larry Stout's home.

Minute 22

The Clerk referred us to Minute 43 from the 1998 minutes urging Friends to read the 1997 edition of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice so that we could decide at these 1999 sessions whether or not we feel at ease with that version as an interim working document. Differing opinions were voiced concerning this proposal. A decision on this matter was deferred to a future session of the 1999 IYM.

Minute 23

Release Friend Oversight. Nancy Duncan, as the convener of the committee reported. This committee has met twice this year, before each of the Continuing Committee meetings. Mary Nurenberg and the committee have found the work of this body to be helpful on a pragmatic level. The committee feels that there remains a void in providing spiritual nurture to Mary. Nancy will report at the Friday or Saturday session on the recommendations and decisions that have been made concerning this position at Continuing Committee meetings. We give Mary our highest praise for the accuracy and completeness of the Advance Documents.

Minute 24

RE Committee report. Marlou presented highlights from this report (appended). Since announcing yesterday that the Junior Yearly Meeting will be presenting its Epistles and projects to IYM on Sunday morning before Meeting for Worship, Marlou has heard comments that this was tried before at IYM and not liked. This trial change came directly out of what Marlou learned as a FUN teacher last year. She has been thinking about this all year and asks Friends to try this with open hearts, offering as much support and assistance to children and teachers as possible on Sunday.

Minute 25

Marlou Carlson directed us to three FGC events related to Religious Education. Firstly, FGC will hold another Teachers Institute, August 17 - 20, 2000 in Harrisonburg, Virginia. In the past IYM RE has provided scholarships to Friends led to attend this event. This has not yet been discussed formally by the RE committee, but Marlou believes it is likely that scholarships will be offered again. Secondly, this year, October 9 - October 11, 1999, a Young Quakes Conference will be held at Catoctin Quaker Camp in Thurmont, Maryland. This FGC event, dedicated to exploring Our Biblical and Universalist Roots, is being held to prepare FGC youth for YouthQuake, where they will be worshipping with Friends from the more Christocentric and Evangelical branches of Quakerism. Finally, Marlou directed our attention to the recent publication of Opening Doors to Quaker Religious Education published by FGC Press immediately before the 1999 FGC Gathering.

Minute 26

Records Librarian Report. Brent Eckert provided a written Records Librarian Report (appended). We thank Brent for providing a written report of this work that has so often been done "behind the scenes."

Minute 27

Publications Committee Report (appended). The Clerk highlighted the written report. The report was accepted and approved. David Finke announced that we are now caught up with publishing the Plummer Lectures. He reminded Friends to pick up and deliver the packet of documents for their monthly meetings.

Minute 28

Reports from our Scattergood School and Olney School representatives are appended. Carol Zimmerman advised us that in the Chicago area there is serious interest in forming a Quaker school.

Minute 29

The Clerk directed Friends to review the Advance Documents and the Treasurer's report in preparation for Friday's sessions.

Minute 30

Business was complete by 11 a.m., one hour before the scheduled end of our session. One Friend invited Friends to stay in the Meeting room space to pray for IYM. She observed that this year we seem less prepared for our business, less people are willing to take on the work of IYM, and there seem to be more empty seats than in previous years. She wonders, is this indicative that there are more jobs necessary to do our business and fewer people to do them? This Friend reminded us that our history is of Friends who were willing to die or be imprisoned to live the faith and practice that we take for granted. We are blessed with this beautiful space and the freedom to hold our meetings without censure, yet we have empty seats.

Minute 31

The session closed with worshipful silence of forty-five minutes. Many Friends spoke from the gathered silence.

MINUTES OF THE THIRD SESSION: Friday, July 30, 1999

Minute 32

We welcomed the following visitors and first-time attenders:

Mary Lord of FCNL, Friends Peace Teams, Baltimore Yearly Meeting and Clerk of Quaker Volunteer Service and Witness Network; Ann Miller, Earlham School of Religion; Allen Oliver, Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting; Mira Tanna, Program Director for Internal Affairs, St. Louis Area office of AFSC; Tom Sawyer, member of St. Louis Area AFSC Program Committee; Peter Allbright, McHenry County; Judy Erickson, Oak Park
Charles Earp, Northside; John Knox, Evanston

The Clerk read traveling minutes for Allen Oliver from Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting and Barry Zalph from Friends Meeting of Louisville.

Minute 33

The Reading Clerk read excerpts from Epistles from South East Yearly Meeting, North Pacific Yearly Meeting and South Central Yearly Meeting (appended).

Minute 34

We were once again advised to be careful in the extreme heat we are experiencing. Friends are reminded to drink plenty of water and move more slowly than usual. We especially need to carefully look after our elderly and wee friends, as they are the most susceptible to heat-related illness. The Clear Creek Room in the Junior Yearly Meetinghouse is air-conditioned and Friends are reminded that this space is available as a "cooling center." The effects of heat are cumulative; lowering your body temperature periodically will dissipate accumulated body heat.

Minute 35

Ann Eckert, Brent Eckert and Scott Searles have joined the Committee of Care for these sessions.

Minute 36

Minutes 9 - 31 were approved.

Minute 37

Further appointments to the Exercises Committee were made: Margie Haworth, Don MacCrimmon, Alice Uyttebrouck. Bob Wixom will convene. Mariellen Gilpin was added to the Epistle Committee.

Minute 38

Ministry and Advancement. A written report (appended) was presented and highlighted by Roxy Jacobs. Janet Means has laid down the position of Clerk for this committee. IYM thanks Janet for her years of work and her inspired leadership which brought the M&A Committee together in a way that continues to be deeply centered and purposeful as they take up the tasks before them.

Minute 39

Released Friend Oversight. Nancy Duncan summarized the recommendations and decisions made by this committee in the past year. In the past, the Coordinating Clerk ended up acting as a de facto site manager for groups using the IYM grounds. This year, the responsibility for managing the site was passed to Maintenance and Planning. Another change is that Mary now receives many documents in electronic format and IYM has purchased a scanner so that materials received only in hard copy can be scanned into electronic format. Finally, Continuing Committee reaffirmed that, while it is the responsibility of the Coordinating Clerk to support IYM committee work by duplicating and distributing reports, the Coordinating Clerk is not responsible for editing committee reports.

This oversight committee made several recommendations to IYM which were decided as indicated in the following approved minutes:

- Mary Nurenberg's term as a Released Friend is extended for two years.
- The term of the Released Friend Oversight Committee, comprised of the YM Clerks, the Treasurer, the Clerks of Standing Committees and a Trustee, is extended for two years.
- Nancy Duncan, as the Clerk of the Oversight Committee will work with Mary to name a smaller support committee for this position before the end of these 1999 IYM sessions.
- Over the next two years, we will be working towards extending the Released Friend's paid hours from 1/5 time to 1/2 time.

Minute 40

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's report (appended) was presented and approved. The Treasurer was asked if Worship Groups are expected to contribute their portion of the assessment to IYM. It was clarified that Worship Groups are expected to contribute and that the Monthly Meetings that oversee the Worship Groups are responsible for advising them of this responsibility. Currently some Worship Groups pay their contribution via the Monthly Meeting and some Worship Groups send their contribution directly to IYM.

We were advised that following this year's sessions Dave Moorman will no longer serve as our Treasurer. The Nominating Committee is in the process of identifying a new Treasurer. We extend a heartfelt thanks to Dave for a year of masterful work.

Minute 41

Finance Committee. The amount we have to budget for 1999-2000 is about \$500 less than last year: \$23,603.79. The budget (appended) has two main elements--contributions to other organizations and operating expenses.

Contributions to other organizations remains the same as last year, except that Young Friends of North America no longer exists. Therefore our contribution will not be sent to them. We had two last minute requests which we were unable to accommodate. We pass these on to Friends for possible individual contributions. AFSC, Des Moines Office 50th Anniversary Fund requested \$50 for new initiatives. Dawn Rubbert has more details. There was also a request for \$500 for FWCC to send representatives from less affluent countries to the Triennial in New Hampshire in 2000.

The operating expenses portion of the budget was reduced by \$500 because we had \$500 less to spend. We reduced the Publishing budget by \$300 (last year the publishing budget was increased by that amount to cover the cost of printing a Plummer Lecture from 1996). We also reduced supplies by \$200.

The 2000 assessment to Monthly Meetings for each adult resident member will be:

General Fund	\$60	
Site Fund		\$10
Youth Fund		\$5
Field Secretary Fund	<u>\$20</u>	
Total per adult member	\$95	

This includes an approved \$5 per adult member General Fund Assessment increase.

The Finance Committee suggested that we simplify the record keeping to make the job simpler for the Treasurer. Two specific suggestions are 1) include the Field Secretary expenses in the General Operating Fund and 2) eliminate the various weekend funds. The committee expects to investigate this matter further and bring a recommendation to the 2000 sessions.

One Friend noted that it would be helpful to the Yearly Meeting if we tracked the in-kind, contributions and expenses (particularly travel) that are made throughout the year. On the other hand, it was noted that this would increase the Treasurer's work and make the process of record keeping more complex. One suggestion is that a person other than the Treasurer record and report these contributions. No action on this matter was taken.

Minute 42

Maintenance & Planning. Sebrina Tingley, the co-Clerk of this committee reported. A written report (appended) was accepted. Sebrina and the M & P Committee are excited to be considering plans for a new building on the IYM site. Proposed drawings are posted in the display to stimulate discussion of this dream in IYM. Sebrina emphasized to us that this is now only a vision of M&P; they have not taken action, nor are recommending any action by IYM at this time.

The M&P Committee has been very busy this year. Many concerns have been brought forward and considered including: fire safety, the roof problems, the trees, etc. The Committee's process for handling these concerns is to bring them to their meetings for consideration. The Committee tries to meet three times per year. If a concern is brought to a committee member, unless it is an emergency, it will be considered at the next M&P meeting.

The roof on the Meetinghouse will be replaced this summer. The cost for this necessary repair will be \$15,000 to \$20,000. There is currently \$6,100 in the Roof Fund. The roof must be repaired now. Friends are encouraged to ask their Monthly Meetings for mid-year contributions to this fund.

Sebrina reminded us that doing the kind of work that M&P does from the distance that she and the other members of M&P live from McNabb is time-consuming and challenging. This is a spirit-led Committee, integrating worship into all of its meetings and work. We minute our thanks to the Maintenance and Planning Committee, co-clerks and members, for their on-going vigilant concern for this property. The work of this committee is truly a ministry.

Minute 43

Conference on Environmental Justice. Bob Wixom attended this conference as a representative from the IYM Environmental Concerns Committee and submitted the appended report. As our Friends Committee on Unity with Nature (FCUN) representative, Bob also brings us a minute on Ecological Sustainability and asks that IYM consider its adoption. The Environmental Concerns Committee will work with the Publications Committee to determine the best way to distribute the complete text of this minute for consideration for seasoning among Monthly Meetings. This item will be brought to the 2000 IYM sessions.

Minute 44

The Clerk reminded us that during the 1998 IYM sessions our Environmental Concerns Committee requested Monthly Meetings to consider a series of queries related to the environment. This year's written report (appended) contains several new queries for consideration.

Minute 45

Bob Wixom attended the Friends Association for Higher Education annual meeting in Whittier California earlier this summer. His written report is appended. This group will meet at Earlham next year.

Minute 46

The ad hoc sub-committee concerned with the interim use of the 1997 Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice brought the following proposed minute to us:

IYM affirms the use of the current PYM Faith and Practice (1997 edition) as an interim working document until we publish our own Faith and Practice. We recognize that practice in IYM differs in many ways from that of PYM. The PYM Faith and Practice will be used as a guide for our process, except where IYM past practice differs significantly. The final authority remains in the Illinois Yearly Meeting for Business. We recognize that this is an interim solution and urge our own Faith and Practice Committee to continue to diligently pursue publishing our own document. Monthly Meetings are asked to note differences that are discovered in their practice and the PYM F&P and bring them to the attention of our Faith and Practice Committee.

Scott Searles of Columbia will contact Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to request a document highlighting the differences between the 1972 and 1997 editions. If this document is available, Scott will submit it for publication in Among Friends. Depending on the length of the document, the Publications Committee has the discretion to choose to make the document available in a manner other than Among Friends.

This minute was approved.

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH SESSION: Saturday, July 31, 1999

Minute 47

The following visitors and first-time attenders were welcomed:

Chuck Hutchcraft, AFSC
Osei Hutchinson, Great Lakes Regional AFSC
Anne Pearman, South Bend
Pam Timme, Oak Park
Drea Pedisich, Northside

Minute 48

The six High School Young Friends in attendance this year came forward and read their Epistle (appended). We were pleased to see them and hear their report. This group was distinctive this year in that it was all male.

Minute 49

Youth Oversight Report (appended). This report was presented by Kai Immler. We thank Mike Kerr, who is retiring as one of the Co-Clerks, as he moves out of the High School Young Friends. Steven Kerr will join Robyn Holmes and Lydia Robbins as Co-Clerks for this group. David Westling will continue as the Recording Clerk and Reading Clerk.

Minute 50

YouthQuake Report (appended). Kai Immler presented this report. The most recent meeting for the YouthQuake 2000 planning group was held outside of Seattle on the site that will be used for YouthQuake 2000. The site is impressive. The work of planning this event is difficult; worship is central to this planning group. YouthQuake is a marvelous opportunity for Young Friends to worship with Young Friends from other Quaker traditions. We are hopeful that Friends, both as individuals, and as Monthly Meetings, will support IYM youth attending this event.

Minute 51

The Reading Clerk read excerpts from the Epistles of the Religious Society of Friends

Assembly of France, Jamaica Yearly Meeting, South Central Yearly Meeting of Friends and Central Alaska Friends Conference (appended).

Minute 52

Minutes 32 - 46 were approved. As this is the last business session for this gathering, the remaining minutes will be reviewed and approved by the Clerks following the sessions. Action minutes and minutes of significant IYM business will be read and approved word-for-word from the Meeting floor.

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING TWO MINUTES WERE READ AND APPROVED AT THE FIFTH SESSION OF THESE 1999 SESSIONS.

Minute 53

Nominating Committee. Jerry Nurenberg presented the Nominating Committee Report (appended). Friends from the same monthly meeting as the nominee for Assistant Clerk raised concern regarding the nomination. These Friends believe that their meeting should have the opportunity to have a clearness process with the nominee. The convener of Ministry and Advancement believes that this is a concern that could be addressed lovingly by the Ministry and Advancement Committee. A proposal that Ministry and Advancement offer a clearness process will be brought to its meeting this afternoon.

Several of those present thought that the Nominating Committee Report should be accepted in full, as it was brought to us from the careful consideration of the persons on that committee.

Friends approved the Nominating Committee Report as presented.

Minute 54

In response to several expressions of dismay at the toll that consideration and questioning of nominations on the floor of the IYM Annual Sessions takes on individuals, a suggestion was made that nominations for Clerks be brought forward at Spring Continuing Committee Meetings.

Friends are reminded that our handbook describes the Nominating Committee process as beginning at the Fall Continuing Committee. At the Spring Continuing Committee the Nominating Committee consults with representatives about people in their Monthly Meetings. The joint recommendations of the Nominating Committee and Continuing Committee are brought to the Annual Sessions.

In response to this further discussion of nominating practices in our yearly meeting there was another objection raised to the approval of the full nominating committee report. The Clerk called on Friends to put this matter aside until a later time. Because Illinois banking regulations require an official action by the yearly meeting, we approved the appointment of Pat Wixom as Treasurer. The remainder of the nominations were laid over.

Minute 55

Sebrina Tingley gave us a report from Couples Enrichment program. IYM has two sets of Couple Enrichment leaders: Pat Lucas and Sandy Huntley and Sebrina Tingley and Dennis McQueen. In the past year one workshop was held in this Yearly Meeting. IYM can be supportive of the Couple Enrichment program by publishing event notices in our Among Friends publication and encouraging members of our Monthly Meetings to participate. This ministry is available to all Monthly Meetings, which are encouraged to invite our leaders to hold local workshops.

Minute 56

Quaker Volunteer Service Training and Witness (QVSTWC) Committee. Judy Jager, convener of this committee, has provided a written report of the work of this committee (appended). Judy directed us to the QVSTWC display, which includes the beautiful newsletter of the Quaker Volunteer Service and Witness Network (QVSWN) and photo displays of various QVSWN events. One of the roles of the QVSTW Committee is to provide oversight for this national organization. As this body develops and matures, we are feeling ready to recommend that it hire part-time staff.

Earlier this summer this committee sent a letter to the clerk of each Monthly Meeting hoping to enter a dialog with Meetings about Quaker volunteer service needs and activities within our yearly meeting community. Copies of this letter were distributed to the body of the business session.

Minute 57

We heard reports from Carolyn Treadway and Beth Burbank about their pastoral counseling work which has been minuted as supported by IYM in previous years. Both Friends shared with us anecdotes and highlights from their spiritual journeys and thanked us for our continued support and endorsement. Their written reports are appended.

Minute 58

Mary Lord of Friends Peace Teams spoke to us of the power of peace and the call to learn and share peacemaking techniques in our communities. She asks us to consider a request for IYM to affiliate with Friends Peace Teams. This affiliation will require IYM to send a representative twice a year to Friends Peace Teams meetings. Friends felt that this request should be more deeply considered than our time would allow. This matter was referred to Continuing Committee to consider and that body is empowered to make a decision regarding this affiliation.

Minute 59

The Epistle (appended) was read and approved. We appreciate the work of the Epistle Committee.

Minute 60

The Exercises are not yet complete and will be read tomorrow morning before Meeting for Worship.

Minute 61

The written AFSC report is appended.

Minute 62

David Finke asked us for approval for the following minutes concerning FWCC:

We encourage Monthly Meetings and regional groupings of Friends to be open to the opportunities of hosting, worshipping with, and learning from Friends from other nations and traditions, who will be in North America during and after the FWCC Triennial in the summer of 2000. We welcome the assistance of our FWCC representatives in facilitating this process, that we might benefit from international Friends sojourning among us.

Friends may contribute special contributions to be received by and transmitted through Illinois Yearly meeting to assist Friends from less privileged parts of the world to attend the FWCC triennial which will be held in New Hampshire next summer. These contributions would show some corporate support for our mutual assistance in the world-wide family of Quakers.

Following consultation with our Treasurer, both minutes were approved.

Minute 63

The kitchen coordinators thank the several junior high aged youth who assisted with kitchen clean-up on Saturday morning. This group did an especially exceptional job on the kitchen and dining room floors.

Minute 64

Continuing Committee will meet October 30, 1999 at the Evanston Meetinghouse.

Minute 65

The Clerk reminded us that the Junior Yearly Meeting Epistles and the Exercises will be read tomorrow at 10:45 a.m. We will also need to complete our work on the Nominating Committee Report at that time. The session closed with worshipful silence.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SESSION: August 1, 1999

Minute 66

Junior Yearly Meeting shared Epistles (appended) and projects from each age group. They were delightful!

Minute 67

The Exercises were read and approved.

Minute 68

The Nominating Committee Report was again considered. Amendments to the report were presented by Jerry Nurenberg. The nominee for Assistant Clerk withdrew his name from consideration. The Report was approved without a nomination for Assistant Clerk.

Minute 69

The Clerk closed the 1999 IYM Annual Sessions. We went directly into Meeting for Worship.