

Table of Contents

To go directly to a topic, click on it. If that does not work, try Ctrl+click.
Otherwise, page down.

Minutes of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting June 14-17, 2007

Morning Session

- YM07 - 1 Worship, Introductions
- YM07 - 2 Roll Call
- YM07 - 3 Arrangements & Site Committee
- YM07 - 4 Program Committee
- YM07 - 5 Casa de los Amigos, Mexico DF
- YM07 - 6 Naming Committee
- YM07 - 7 Epistle Committee
- YM07 - 8 Memorials
- YM07 - 9 Reading of Epistle from Britain YM, Welcome
- YM07 - 10 Friends General Conference
- YM07 - 11 Right Sharing of World Resources
- YM07 - 12 Friends Committee on National Legislation
- YM07 - 13 America Friends Service Committee
- YM07 - 14 Adult Young Friends
- YM07 - 15 Friends World Committee for Consultation
- YM07 - 16 Earlham School of Religion
- YM07 - 17 Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns
- YM07 - 18 Adult Young Friends
- YM07 - 19 Program Committee
- YM07 - 20 Treasurer's Report
- YM07 - 21 Finance Committee
- YM07 - 22 Publications & Archives
- YM07 - 23 Reading of Selections from the Epistle from Southeastern YM
- YM07 - 24 Peace
- YM07 - 25 Earthcare
- YM07 - 26 Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting
- YM07 - 27 Friends School in Detroit
- YM07 - 28 Arrangements & Site Committee
- YM07 - 29 Youth & Children Committee
- YM07 - 30 YM 2008
- YM07 - 31 Ministry & Nurture
- YM07 - 32 Advancement & Outreach Committee
- YM07 - 33 Budget
- YM07 - 34 High School Youth Program document
- YM07 - 35 Peace
- YM07 - 36 FGC Gathering, June 28 - July 5, Johnstown, PA
- YM07 - 37 Traveling Minute
- YM07 - 38 Nominating Committee
- YM07 - 39 Epistle
- YM07 - 40 Young People's Epistles

LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING MINUTES
ANNUAL SESSIONS 2007

YM07 - 41 Susan Jeffers - Bible Study

YM07 - 42 Thanks to Bluffton University

YM07 - 43 Closing

LEYM Officers, Committees Members, & Representatives

Minutes of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting June 14-17, 2007

Morning Session

YM07 - 1 Worship, Introductions

The 44th session of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting was held at Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio. We began with worship, reminded that we are basically spiritual beings having a human experience. The Spirit brings us together and holds us close.

Our Clerk, Shirley Bechill (Pine River), welcomed Friends and visitors to Annual Meeting, sharing together in worship. She introduced others at the table: Michael Fuson, Assistant Clerk (Granville), and Thomas Taylor, Recording Clerk (Ann Arbor). The Clerk asked those here for the first time and visitors to the YM to introduce themselves:

- Roland Kreager, Right Sharing of World Resources (Community Friends Meeting, Ohio Valley YM)
- Jennie Dove-Isbell, Earlham School of Religion (Baltimore YM)
- Jay O'Hara, FCNL staff representative
- Susan Lee Barton, FWCC Midwest Field Staff (Clear Creek Meeting, Ohio Valley YM)
- Becky Phipps, FGC (Fresh Pond MM, New England YM)
- Deborah Fisch, FGC Associate Secretary for Programs and Traveling Ministries (Paullina MM, Iowa YM, Conservative)

A Traveling Minute from Iowa YM, Conservative on behalf of Deborah Fisch was read. Letters of Travel from Friends General Conference on behalf of Deborah Fisch and Becky Phipps were read. Other Friends with us during the YM sessions were: Mary Lord (AFSC), our plenary speaker, and Vaughn and Miriam Peebles (White Rose Friends, Ohio Valley YM).

YM07 - 2 Roll Call

The Recording Clerk called the roll of Friends from our monthly and preparative meetings and worship groups. The count (corrected against registration numbers) was as follows:

Monthly Meetings

| | | | |
|--------------|----|-----------------|----|
| Akron | 1 | Kalamazoo | 6 |
| Ann Arbor | 22 | Kent | 4 |
| Athens | 11 | Mid-Ohio Valley | 0 |
| Birmingham | 8 | Monongalia | 0 |
| Broadmead | 21 | North Columbus | 3 |
| Cleveland | 20 | Oberlin | 3 |
| Delaware | 0 | Pine River | 6 |
| Detroit | 3 | Pittsburgh | 10 |
| Grand Rapids | 3 | Red Cedar | 8 |
| Granville | 6 | Wooster | 5 |

Preparative Meetings and Worship Groups

Chelsea WG 1 Erie WG (Pittsburgh) 1
(Others not represented at Yearly Meeting)

LEYM members and attenders: 140
Other attenders from AFSC, FCNL, FGC, FWCC,
RSWR, ESR, Ohio Valley YM: 9
Total in attendance: 149

YM07 - 3 Arrangements & Site Committee

Clerk, Jon Sommer (Broadmead), welcomed us to Bluffton University and explained some of the practical details to make our time here comfortable.

YM07 - 4 Program Committee

Peggy Daub (Ann Arbor), Clerk of the Program Committee, told us details about signing up for worship sharing groups. She also informed us of other opportunities in the program of which we can avail ourselves.

YM07 - 5 Casa de los Amigos, Mexico DF

Jana Norlin (Grand Rapids) told us briefly about the Casa de los Amigos in Mexico City and its ongoing and new programs. She offered leaflets for us to take home to our meetings.

YM07 - 6 Naming Committee

Verne Bechill (Pine River) brought three names to us which the Naming Committee nominates for service on the Nominating Committee. They are all willing to serve: Phil Balderston (Wooster, 3 years), Peter Wood (Red Cedar, 1 year), and Star Mary Castro (Athens, 3 years). These names were approved, with Peter Wood and Star Mary Castro serving as Co-Clerks of the Nominating Committee.

YM07 - 7 Epistle Committee

The names of Nancy Nagler (Pine River) and Peter Wood (Red Cedar) were approved to serve with Michael Fuson, Assistant Clerk, to write our Epistle.

YM07 - 8 Memorials

We continued our worship, remembering the lives of several Friends, particularly those who have been active in LEYM, who have died within the past year. A memorial minute for Miyo Bassett (Ann Arbor) was read and Friends responded with warm personal memories of Miyo. We have been blessed by her presence among us.

We heard the reading of a memorial minute for David Mills (Ann Arbor). Ann Arbor Meeting held a memorial service to remember David in November 2006, in which family and friends expressed the zest with which he lived.

We remember Dorothy Fischer (North Columbus), the meeting's oldest and longest serving member.

We also remember the lives of Mary Lou Young (North Columbus), Dorothy Bower and four other Friends from Pittsburgh Meeting, and Florence Standing Guindon from Wooster Meeting.

YM07 - 9 Reading of Epistle from Britain YM, Welcome

During continuing worship, our Assistant Clerk read the Epistle from Britain YM, dated May 2007. "Let us listen faithfully to each other and to God."

We then welcomed other Friends with us for the first time.

YM07 - 10 Friends General Conference

Deborah Fisch, FGC Staff, told us about current activities of FGC. Their work continues to change and respond to new challenges. The newest and growing programs are Youth Ministries, Ministry and Racism, and Traveling Ministries. The FGC website *quakerfinder.org* is a good way to locate Quakers in any area of North America. Just type in the ZIP code or city. The FGC office staff has grown from 9 to 20, so the space in Philadelphia has been remodeled extensively. Friends are welcome to visit the offices when in town. LEYM Friends present who serve on FGC committees were acknowledged.

YM07 - 11 Right Sharing of World Resources

Roland Kreager, RSWR staff, spoke to us about the work of RSWR. They disburse c. \$250,000 annually to around 50 partner organizations running small projects around the world. They also organize conferences on such subjects as "best practices." This is part of a much broader movement of micro-enterprises at the grass roots level that is a growing economic and social force.

YM07 - 12 Friends Committee on National Legislation

Jay O'Hara, second year intern with FCNL, spoke about FCNL work on Iraq over the past several months. An Iraq Study Group was set up with participation from the U.S. Institute of Peace to look in a non-partisan way at the developments in Iraq. After the November 2006 elections, FCNL outlined four steps that should be taken there, including setting a withdrawal date in order to precipitate internal negotiation and great efforts at diplomacy. FCNL lobbied heavily on these points, and they became part of the recommendations of the Iraq Study Group. FCNL can point to a number of such success stories using both grass roots support and lobbying efforts on Capitol Hill. LEYM Friends serving on various FCNL committees were acknowledged.

YM07 - 13 America Friends Service Committee

Friends spoke of the various ways in which AFSC is working within our YM area, particularly in the offices in Ann Arbor (MI), Pittsburgh (PA), and Tioga Falls (OH).

Thomas Taylor (Ann Arbor), member of the AFSC International Programs Executive Committee, told us of the difficult budgetary situation AFSC finds itself in now that special funding from foreign government development agencies for international programs is no longer in the pipeline. AFSC is at a crucial point of needing to assess its priorities, particularly looking at the balance between domestic and international programs. We are asked to hold the work AFSC is doing throughout the world in our thoughts and prayers.

YM07 - 14 Adult Young Friends

A group of eight Adult Young Friends introduced themselves. We rejoice at the success of this new group in our midst.

YM07 - 15 Friends World Committee for Consultation

Susan Lee Barton (FWCC Midwest Field Staff) introduced herself and turned the microphone over to Clerk of YM representatives to FWCC, Mike Hinshaw. Mike is also Clerk of the FWCC Lower Great Lakes Region.

Report of the Friends World Committee for Consultation Section of the Americas

Including the **Annual Meeting** - Providence, Rhode Island
March 15 - 18, 2007 - Held at Moses Brown School

We took as our theme: "God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly...." (II Corinthians 9:8)

FWCC, a Quaker organization which spans all the various branches of Quakerism, brings us together as one family in God and acts in the name of Quakers at the United Nations, with the World Council of Churches, and with like believers through the Wider Quaker Fellowship. There is a special feeling of joy when we gather to experience the variety of worship and practice found along the wide trajectory of Quakerism.

Just a few of the highlights from our **Annual Meeting** sessions were:

- A report of ongoing work at the UN to bring together diplomats for informal discussions, which would be very unlikely to occur without the facilities and gentle promptings of the Quaker UN Offices in New York and Geneva. There have been many occasions when these informal

discussions eventually resulted in substantial, helpful agreements.

- Natalie Moran, of EFI Eastern Region, one of the participants, reported on the most recent **Quaker Youth Pilgrimage** in our own Midwest. A group of young Friends from Europe and North and Central America were able to learn about the wide variety of Quakers existing in our area. (Ohio has six yearly meetings.) Natalie spoke movingly about the love and caring room given for expression and welcoming spirit which was a part of the group experience. These types of interactions are invaluable to the development of the future leaders in Quakerism. The next QYP will be held in 2008 in Europe, with an emphasis on Ireland. Leaders were to have been selected last June. Young Friends, 16 to 18, are encouraged to apply to be pilgrims by September. See the FWCC website: fwccamericas.org.
- Dr. Bernard Lafayette, Director of Peace and Nonviolence Studies at the University of Rhode Island, spoke to us about the possibilities and consequences of giving abundantly. He reminded us to give (not until it hurts, but) until we can abide with that injunction to become "...a cheerful giver." He spoke to us of his special efforts to promote better cooperation between community and police.
- We were given an insightful history of New England, the religious repression which existed in colonial days, the beginnings of NEYM (1661), and sidebars on Providence and Moses Brown, New England industrial and social development, and the establishment of the Moses Brown School. The local hosts were warm and welcoming and the arrangements were excellent.
- FWCC is considering a request for affiliation from the **Quaker Youth Opportunities Project**. Friends are encouraged to refer to their website (ysop.org) for young people's volunteer possibilities.
- We were reminded that Friends in the U.S. need to make it abundantly clear to our government that it is an unnatural interference with our deeply felt need to gather and worship together with our sisters and brothers when the U.S. State Department refuses to issue **visas to Cuban Friends** who would like to attend our meetings. We miss their presence and loving fellowship.

On a personal note, I enjoyed very much our **small worship group**, which met three times during the Annual Meeting. We were led by Mario Chavez Castro from Bolivia and our worship was in Spanish.

During our sessions there appeared three unresolved issues:

- What does it mean to be "affiliated" with FWCC? Should we have different words to describe relationships with constituent YMs as opposed to other Friends' organizations?
- Does it represent good stewardship to continue to operate with budget deficits?
- What are the implications of making the Peace Issues Working Group a standing committee of the section?

These three issues will be considered further at the 2008 Annual Meeting.

Attendees from LEYM were: Clémence Mershon, Rosemary Coffey, Raelyn Joyce, Jana Norlin, Thomas Taylor, and Mike Hinshaw. Raelyn and Mike are the two LEYM representatives who will be attending the Triennial in August. Wish them well. At least three other Friends from LEYM will be attending the Triennial as well: Rosemary Coffey and Thomas and Nancy Taylor.

We are all invited to attend the **celebration of the 70th year of the founding of FWCC**, which will be held in Swarthmore (PA) on September 14-16 this year. Again, please refer to the fwccamericas.org website for all the detail.

The **Triennial** gathering of Friends from all the world will be held this year in Dublin, Ireland with the theme "Finding the Prophetic Voice for our Time." Raelyn and Mike are reading the study booklet and would welcome comments from Friends on our subject. FWCC seems to be reaching consensus on holding a **World Conference of Friends**, held irregularly at about 20-25 year intervals, in 2012. A World Conference is larger than the Triennial and conducts minimal business. Its primary purpose is to celebrate the fellowship of all Friends and to learn from one another. All are welcomed to apply for places, which are usually allocated proportionate to world Quaker demography. The site has not yet been selected.

The Annual Meeting for the Section of the Americas for 2008 will be held in Morgantown, Indiana, south of Indianapolis. ALL Friends in the section are welcome to attend. This will be a wonderful

opportunity for Lake Erie Yearly Meeting folks as it will be almost in our backyard. See you there!

Su servidor, Mike Hinshaw,
with the assistance of the other attendees

Jana Norlin told us of an FWCC-sponsored workshop for interpreters which was held in Richmond (IN) on May 20-25.

YM07 - 16 Earlham School of Religion

Jennie Dove-Isbell told us about her workshop at these sessions as well as the Earlham School of Religion. Jennie mentioned that Quaker historian Tom Hamm claims that the Earlham School of Religion and FWCC are the only Quaker organizations that try and span the entire spectrum of Quakerism. Jennie characterized the range of events and programs offered by ESR, such as a variety of degree programs, pastors' conferences, and writers' workshops. She invited Friends to talk with her over lunch "about ESR, money, or Jesus. That's what I like to talk about."

YM07 - 17 Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns

Bob Roehm (North Columbus) spoke to us about the history of this group and its name. They meet twice a year, once on Presidents' Day weekend in various locations and again at the FGC Gathering. The Clerk spoke to us of the depth of worship she experienced with this group at the FGC Gathering.

YM07 - 18 Adult Young Friends

Bekah Sommer thanked the YM for its support of this new group and told us about the program and their plans for the future. We are invited to join this evening's vigil.

YM07 - 19 Program Committee

Peggy Daub (Ann Arbor) reported.

Program Committee Report

The "Adult and Family Program Subcommittee" (as we are formally known) is responsible for establishing a theme for the yearly meeting and arranging for speakers, workshops, worship sharing, recreational activities, and the schedule for our time together here. The Committee (consisting of Beth Amoriya, Marty Grundy, Linda Mills, Becky Morehouse, Eric Starbuck, and myself) began the work for this year's meeting by contemplating possible themes in a series of conference telephone calls last fall. We eventually settled on a desire to focus on the current war our country is engaged in, and what the peace testimony means in our lives during a time of war. We were also influenced by the remarkable instances of forgiveness shown by the Amish community in Pennsylvania in answer to violence toward their children. From that foundation we worked on wording a title to capture the essence of the theme ("Living our Witness to Peace") and finding someone to speak to our needs at the Plenary session tonight, before turning to planning workshops, worship sharing, and a fun activity for Saturday night.

Our work is informed by the evaluations that attendees fill in at the end of each yearly gathering. Last year's evaluations were exceedingly positive; we considered them carefully, and read the many helpful observations written on them. The nature walk to be offered during Spiritual Practice time this afternoon grew out of a suggestion that we include opportunities to learn more about this place in which we meet. One of the challenges our committee faces regularly is weighing the requests to add more items to the program against the requests to provide more free time.

This year we have had the pleasure of working with the new Young Adult Friends group leaders. We invited them to plan the vigil after our Plenary speaker tonight, and have been impressed by their enthusiasm, their care in working with others, and the depth of their love for the Yearly Meeting.

One of our challenges during the next year will be discerning how Bible Study should best proceed without Susan Jeffers' leadership.

If you have any suggestions about the program or schedule, you are always most welcome to share them with someone on the Program Committee, or on the evaluations.

YM07 - 20 Treasurer's Report

Our Treasurer, Connie Bimber (Oberlin), presented her report, describing the purpose for and activity in each fund. She made travel forms available for use of those needing reimbursement for authorized travel on behalf of the YM. Travel forms are also available on the LEYM website. We thank Connie for this detailed work on our behalf.

YM07 - 21 Finance Committee

Sally Weaver Sommer reported.

Finance Committee Report

Each year the Finance Committee reviews the contributions from monthly meetings to the Yearly Meeting. There are a variety of circumstances that make it difficult for meetings to meet the suggestion for annual contributions. It would be helpful to the Finance Committee if monthly meetings would notify the Treasurer or the Clerk of the Finance Committee of these difficulties during the fiscal year.

The Granville Friends Youth Fund is an "endowment" whose earnings are used to fund youth activities throughout the Yearly Meeting. The Yearly Meeting has been blessed by involvement of the youth and children in the Yearly Meeting that this fund encourages. The Finance Committee recommends that we move \$500 from the general fund balance to the Granville Friends Youth Fund.

Cari Burke performed an audit of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting's financial records. The Finance Committee reviewed the audit report. The report states that "overall, the books were comprehensive, understandable, and logical. No errors were discovered during the testing performed." The Committee discussed each of the auditor's suggestions and is making some changes in procedures in response.

The Finance Committee brings the following minute for consideration by the yearly meeting:

Lake Erie Yearly Meeting will donate \$200 to the Bluffton University memorial scholarship fund in memory of the five baseball players and the driver and his wife who lost their lives in the March 2, 2007 bus accident. This payment will be taken out of the 2006-07 Clerk's fund.

The bank holding the Yearly Meeting's accounts is requiring us to provide a minute stating who is authorized to sign Yearly Meeting checks. The Finance Committee brings the following minute to the Yearly Meeting for its consideration:

By this minute, Lake Erie Yearly Meeting authorizes as signators to all of its checking accounts and certificates of deposit the following officers of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting:

Constance D. Bimber, Treasurer

Sally Weaver Sommer, Clerk of Finance Committee

Shirley Bechill, Presiding Clerk of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting

The Finance Committee considered a request to make a one-time contribution to the FWCC Founders Fund. The Committee discerned that in keeping with our practice of not making donations to a wide range of Quaker organizations we will not recommend making this contribution. We recommend that monthly meetings consider making contributions to this fund.

As of this time, the Finance Committee has received only one request for a change in the Yearly Meeting's budget. The Committee proposes that the budget for fiscal year 07-08 be identical to the budget for fiscal year 06-07 except that the budget line for Ministry & Nurture be increased by \$600 to help cover expenses for the fall consultation which it is planning. This proposed budget implies an increase from \$35 to \$36 in the suggestion for per-member contributions.

We approve the Committee's recommendations above. [Note: In Minute YM07 - 33 below, a further \$750 was added to the budget and the per-member contribution was raised to \$37.]

**LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING
TREASURER'S REPORT, June 30, 2007**

| Fund | Opening Balance | Income | Expenses | Current Balance |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| General Fund | \$5,898.87 | \$25,979.08 | \$25,865.51 | \$6,012.44 |
| Annual Meeting | \$19,925.48 | \$16,781.75 | \$18,267.14 | \$18,440.99 |
| Triennial Fund | \$2,786.84 | \$1,240.00 | \$2,350 | \$1,676.84 |
| Granville Friends Youth Fund | \$5,510.60 | \$270.07 | \$270.07 | \$5,510.60 |
| Youth Activity Fund | \$1,837.48 | \$3,397.07 | \$1,589.74 | \$3,644.81 |
| Spiritual Formation | \$2,612.33 | \$5,325.00 | \$4,144.31 | \$3,793.02 |
| High School Program | <u>\$0.00</u> | <u>\$7,198.00</u> | <u>\$5,701.39</u> | <u>\$1,496.61</u> |
| TOTALS | \$38,571.60 | \$60,190.97 | \$58,188.16 | \$40,574.41 |

| Account | Opening Balance | Income | Debits | Current Balance |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Shorebank CD – Mar. | \$2,118.29 | \$85.12 | | \$2,203.41 |
| Shorebank CD – Sept. | \$2,189.46 | \$83.16 | | \$2,272.62 |
| Southshore Bank CD | \$5,510.60 | \$270.07 | \$270.07 | \$5,510.60 |
| Lorain National Bank – Checking | <u>\$28,753.25</u> | <u>\$49,812.62</u> | <u>\$47,978.09</u> | <u>\$30,578.78</u> |
| TOTALS | \$38,571.60 | \$50,250.97 | \$48,248.16 | \$40,574.41 |

**LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING
TREASURER'S REPORT, June 30, 2007**

General Fund - Income

| <u>Meeting</u> | <u>Contribution</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Akron | \$50.00 |
| Ann Arbor | \$4,725.00 |
| Athens | \$3,800.00 |
| Birmingham | \$806.00 |
| Broadmead | \$825.00 |
| Cleveland | \$0.00 |
| Delaware | \$744.00 |
| Detroit | \$300.00 |
| Grand Rapids | \$805.00 |
| Granville | \$832.00 |
| Kalamazoo | \$1,400.00 |
| Kent | \$612.00 |
| Mid-Ohio Valley | \$135.00 |
| Monongalia | \$490.00 |
| North Columbus | \$500.00 |
| Oberlin | \$665.00 |
| Pine River | \$490.00 |
| Pittsburgh | \$6,135.00 |
| Red Cedar | \$1,575.00 |
| Wooster | \$714.00 |
| Misc. | \$7.80 |
| Sales and Fees | \$200.00 |
| Interest | <u>\$168.28</u> |
| TOTALS | \$25,979.08 |

**LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING
TREASURER'S REPORT June 30, 2007**

General Fund - Expenses

| (* = transfers) | BUDGET | ACTUAL | PERCENT |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Travel | \$5,500.00 | \$4,791.00 | 87.11% |
| Office | \$300.00 | \$52.40 | 17.47% |
| Publications | \$3,400.00 | \$2,770.92 | 81.50% |
| Advancement | \$130.00 | \$11.19 | 8.61% |
| Ministry & Nurture | \$200.00 | \$100.00 | 50.00% |
| Clerk's Fund | \$500.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| FGC | \$4,500.00 | \$4,500.00 | 100.00% |
| FGC - Special Prgm | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | 100.00% |
| Records Project | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | 100.00% |
| FWCC Travel* | \$1,240.00 | \$1,240.00 | 100.00% |
| Youth Activity Fund* | \$2,700.00 | \$2,700.00 | 100.00% |
| High Schl Youth Fund* | \$5,400.00 | \$5,400.00 | 100.00% |
| Spiritual Formation* | \$600.00 | \$600.00 | 100.00% |
| Friends Schl in Detroit | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | 100.00% |
| Olney Friends Schl | \$600.00 | \$600.00 | 100.00% |
| Misc | | | |
| TOTALS | \$28,170.00 | \$25,865.51 | 91.82% |

Note: \$9,340 are transfers.

Annual Meeting

| | | |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Balance | July 1, 2006 | \$19,925.48 |
| Expenses | | \$18,267.14 |
| Income | | \$16,781.75 |
| Balance | June 30, 2007 | \$18,440.09 |

FWCC Triennial Travel Fund

| | | |
|-------------------|---------------|------------|
| Balance | July 1, 2006 | \$2,786.84 |
| Expenses | | \$2,350.00 |
| Income - Transfer | | \$1,240.00 |
| Balance | June 30, 2007 | \$1,676.84 |

Granville Friends Youth Fund

| | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Balance | July 1, 2006 | \$5,510.60 |
| Interest Income | | \$270.07 |
| Transfer to Youth Activity Fund | | \$270.07 |
| Balance | June 30, 2007 | \$5,510.60 |

LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING MINUTES
ANNUAL SESSIONS 2007

Youth Activity Fund

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Balance | July 1, 2006 | \$1,837.48 |
| Transfer from Gen Fund | | \$2,700.00 |
| Interest fm Granville Fnd | | \$270.07 |
| Youth Retreat | | <u>\$427.00</u> |
| Total Income | | \$5,234.55 |
| Expenses - Grants | | \$800.00 |
| Expense - Youth Retreat | | <u>\$789.74</u> |
| Total Expenses | | <u>\$1,589.74</u> |
| Balance | June 30, 2007 | \$3,644.81 |

High School Youth Program

| Income | Budget | Actual |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Balance | \$0.00 | \$ - |
| Transfer- Gen. Fnd | \$5,400.00 | \$5,400.00 |
| Clerk's Fund | | |
| Retreats | | \$1,798.00 |
| Grants - Youth A.F | | \$ - |
| Total Income | \$5,400.00 | \$7,198.00 |

Expenses

| | | |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Program expenses | \$500.00 | \$ - |
| Stipend | \$4,400.00 | \$3,300.00 |
| Retreats | | \$2,401.39 |
| Total Expenses | \$4,900.00 | \$5,701.39 |

| | | |
|----------------|-------------|------------|
| Balance | June 30,'07 | \$1,496.61 |
|----------------|-------------|------------|

Spiritual Formation Group

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Balance | July 1,'06 | \$2,612.33 |
| Transfer from General Fund | | \$600.00 |
| Income from retreats | | \$4,725.00 |
| Total Income | | <u>\$7,937.33</u> |
| Expenses | | <u>\$4,144.31</u> |
| Balance | June 30,'07 | \$3,793.02 |

LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING MINUTES
ANNUAL SESSIONS 2007

Budget – July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

General Fund Expenses

| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual | Difference | Budget | Difference |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| (* = transfers) | 05-06 | 05-06 | 06-07 | 06-07 | | 07-08 | |
| Travel | 5,500.00 | 4,187.09 | 5,500.00 | 4,791.00 | 709.00 | 5,500.00 | 0.00 |
| Office | 300.00 | 144.63 | 300.00 | 40.90 | 259.10 | 300.00 | 0.00 |
| Publications | 3,400.00 | 2,092.42 | 3,400.00 | 2,766.87 | 633.13 | 3,400.00 | 0.00 |
| Advancement | 130.00 | 60.61 | 130.00 | 0.00 | 130.00 | 880.00 | 750.00 |
| Ministry & Nurture | 200.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 800.00 | 600.00 |
| Clerk's Fund | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| FGC | 4,500.00 | 4,500.00 | 4,500.00 | 4,500.00 | 0.00 | 4,500.00 | 0.00 |
| FGC - Special Program | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| Records project | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 |
| FWCC Travel* | 1,240.00 | 1,240.00 | 1,240.00 | 1,240.00 | 0.00 | 1,240.00 | 0.00 |
| Youth Activity Fund* | 2,700.00 | 2,700.00 | 2,700.00 | 2,700.00 | 0.00 | 2,700.00 | 0.00 |
| High School Youth Fund* | 4,900.00 | 4,900.00 | 5,400.00 | 5,400.00 | 0.00 | 5,400.00 | 0.00 |
| Spiritual Formation* | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 0.00 | 600.00 | 0.00 |
| Friends School in Detroit | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 0.00 | 2,500.00 | 0.00 |
| Olney Friends School | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 0.00 | 600.00 | 0.00 |
| Misc. | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTALS | 27,670.00 | 24,124.75 | 28,170.00 | 25,838.77 | 2,331.23 | 29,520.00 | 1,350.00 |
| Per member assessment | | | \$35.21 | | | \$37.23 | |

YM07 - 22 Publications & Archives

Jeff Cooper (Ann Arbor) reported.

Publications & Archives Committee Report

1. *Annual Records 2007*. At Representative Meeting, we announced that Nancy James would produce this publication, but that it would not be completed until September. That plan has since been revised. Mathilda Navias (of Advancement & Outreach) and Jeff Cooper will jointly produce this *Annual Records* and hope to mail it before Labor Day. This year's edition will probably include, as an experiment, a mini-directory including all Friends whose contact information would otherwise be listed anywhere within the *Annual Records*.
2. Reporting on Workshops. One of P&A's responsibilities is writing reports on the workshops offered at Annual Meeting. As there are six workshops this year but only four current members of P&A, the Committee seeks volunteers to report on the workshops "Relationship Enrichment" and "Meeting for Healing."
3. Makeup of Our Committee. The two previous items reflect the Committee's need for two more members, so that we can accomplish our work without going outside the Committee.
4. Reminders.
 - a. The Committee has received (for the *Annual Records*) State of the Meeting Reports and Statistical Reports from about two thirds of the monthly meetings within LEYM. Monthly meetings that have not yet sent us these reports are encouraged to do so.
 - b. Monthly meetings that publish newsletters should send them to the LEYM *Bulletin* editor, Jeff Cooper. Delivery via e-mail is welcome.
 - c. Our website, leym.quaker.org, contains abundant useful information. Friends are encouraged to explore it.
5. New column in LEYM *Bulletin*. As space permits, the *Bulletin* editor will attempt to share more news of interesting activities of the monthly meetings. In particular, such news will focus on activities related to the theme of the upcoming or previous Annual Meeting (i.e., "Living our Witness to Peace" for the fall 2007 issue), though other news from monthly meetings is also welcome. The editor hopes to include too more news of Adult Young Friends and Youth.
6. LEYM *Directory*. Since Representative Meeting, we have attempted to survey LEYM meetings and worship groups, officers and clerks of LEYM, and the readership of the *Bulletin* about the future of the LEYM *Directory*, in particular whether printed publication every two years is worth the considerable labor entailed, especially when the *Annual Records* provides contact information for those actively involved in LEYM as well as officers, committee clerks, and contact persons of monthly meetings, preparative meetings, and worship groups. The survey asked: "Should we continue to publish the LEYM *Directory*: Every two years (next in 2008)? Every three (or more years)? Not at all?"

The relatively few responses covered a broad spectrum of opinions. Some Friends say they use the *Directory* nearly every day, and urged us not to change the current practice, while others said they never consult the *Directory*, and thought the time and effort required to produce it could be put to better uses. Some thought that publication at three-year intervals would suffice, but others said the two-year schedule is essential to maintaining current information. Some Friends suggested that we could save money by placing the directory data online, while others adamantly opposed making contact information available online in any form. A few Friends made suggestions for ways forward.

The wide range of opinions about the *Directory*'s usefulness challenges LEYM in seeking unity on how to proceed. P&A has tried to keep in mind the various responses in developing a proposal for Friends to consider. This proposal involves a database which a) has limited access; b) is self-sustaining (at least in theory); c) provides autonomy for monthly meetings; and d) is less expensive than the printed directory, despite some costs associated with maintaining the database on a full-time server.

The Proposal. P&A would first provide each meeting and worship group with the most recent data

for their own portion of the database, in a format that can be easily edited and updated. Each meeting or worship group would choose one, two, or more Friends to have access to this database; one or more of these Friends would be responsible for updating on a schedule convenient to themselves (perhaps when a new MM directory is published). Access would be controlled by a system of double passwords. Individual meetings and worship groups could decide how much contact information they wish to place online (for access by other Friends within LEYM). As a second step, P&A would enable those Friends with access to the database to see directory information that the other meetings and worship groups have chosen to make available.

How would individual Friends obtain contact information about Friends in other meetings or worship groups? The first step might be to check the *Annual Records*, which should be readily available at every meeting. To learn about a few Friends at other meetings, one would ask the appointed contact person(s) within one's own meeting to seek this information in the database. To learn about a large number of Friends at another meeting, one would contact that meeting directly. (The system is designed to discourage broad mining of the database for mailing lists or other forms of solicitation. The relatively few Friends who now consult the printed directory frequently could ask their local meeting to appoint them as one of the Friends with direct access to the database.)

The database would continue to provide an alphabetical list of all Friends therein (though full contact information might be provided only under the directories for individual meetings and worship groups), and would continue to include the current section on children (listing them by year of birth, with their home meeting, but providing no contact information). These sections would be updated automatically as the directories of meetings are updated.

What will move meetings to update their section of the database?

1) Good will. 2) Receiving more individual requests for contact information when the database becomes outdated. 3) The database will facilitate the creation of a messaging system or the production of lists and printouts within a meeting or worship group. Moreover, the online interface would simplify the updating of the local mailing list and the administration of the list by new volunteers who may have different software but have access to the web.

Responses Invited. Under the current practice, the next printed directory is not due until summer 2008. Friends are invited to consider this alternative proposal, and communicate their thoughts to the Committee before Representative Meeting (in March 2008).

YM07 - 23 Reading of Selections from the Epistle from Southeastern YM

Michael Fuson, Assistant Clerk, read to us selections from the Epistle from Southeastern YM. This YM has had a struggle with its relationship with Friends United Meeting because of much discomfort with that organization's policy of exclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. They found unity in a two-year suspension of their relationship with FUM. They intend laying down the relationship with FUM at the end of the two-year period if there is not unity in renewing the connection.

We hold Southeastern YM and FUM Friends in loving concern as they struggle with this issue.

YM07 - 24 Peace

David Lore (Granville) reported on behalf of the Committee.

Peace Committee Report

Our monthly meetings and worship groups are actively engaged in the struggle for peace and justice but a recent Yearly Meeting survey found more than a few Friends who feel frustrated and sometimes even checkmated by the great number of seemingly intractable problems besetting the world right now.

"The terrible thickets of injustice and violence, large and small, all around us, seem to have demoralized many people," responded the Ann Arbor Meeting to the LEYM Peace Committee survey. "I think many people are just too sad to work on articulating opposition to things that are so obviously wrong that the opposition should not have to be articulated at all."

Cleveland Meeting reported Friends there active across a wide spectrum of concerns, including the Iraq war, healthcare access, and the needs of the homeless. "However, the Meeting as a whole is searching

for its collective calling on a social concern.”

“Which of these (issues) call to us,” asked one Friend. “What do we do? I don’t know. Perhaps this sense of faltering itself should be brought to LEYM.”

While our committee has to be humble in responding to such a challenge, discussions during Yearly Meeting did bring forth these suggestions:

- Join with other groups, local and national, to effect change. Amnesty International, the American Civil Liberties Union, and other groups, for example, called for volunteers to join a “Day of Action to Restore Law and Justice” for June 26, 2007, to contact Congress to end abuses at the Guantánamo Bay detention facility and restore basic procedural and human rights to the nearly 400 men still held there without recourse to a fair trial. With criticism, both in Washington and internationally, increasing as to how the U.S. is handling so-called “enemy combatants,” and a Guantánamo closure resolution now before the Senate (S 1469, Harkin), this is the time to “speak truth to power” once again about this stain on our national character.
- Extend the debate beyond Congress, the White House, and the news media, by enlisting support from local and state officials and school and civic organizations. City councils, for example, are beginning to speak out against the Iraq war. Cities for Peace Day in Washington, DC on July 31 will see council members and city officials from across the country come to the Capitol to testify. Council members from five cities – Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo, Cincinnati, Duluth, and Gary – recently agreed to come together on a joint resolution opposing the occupation. (See www.michiganpeaceworks.org/ccrp.html.) Monthly meetings are encouraged to take up this campaign in their own home towns.
- Where there is no consensus in a Meeting as to which “outrages” to engage as a group, be open to dialogue and, where appropriate, support the leadings of individual Friends.
- Sometimes, all this requires is listening. “For the last two years,” writes Joshua Mendel from Cleveland MM, “I have clerked a different sort of Peace, Environmental, and Social Concerns Committee. Four to seven people have met consistently to hold open a space each month....the goal at the highest level is to ensure that whatever members are doing in the world, it comes from and remains in touch with Spirit.”
- Tap the resources within your MM and LEYM in preparation for forums or retreats on peace and justice issues. Peace Committee member Jim Satterwhite (satterwhitej@bluffton.edu), for example, has worked extensively in the Middle East as part of Christian Peacemaker Teams. Although the Israeli-Palestine deadlock and the current fighting between Hamas and the Palestinian Authority appears to be hopelessly confusing and intractable, Jim immediately recommended that Friends contact him and/or avail themselves of alternative sources such as *Abunimah News* (alinews@electronicintifada.net) and The Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (www.icahd.org).

Peace Committee this year also revisited its action two years ago calling on Ohio state legislators to create a Capital Case Commission to determine whether the death sentence is being meted out inequitably based on the defendant’s race, economic status, and county of residence.

In view of rapidly evolving public and political opinion as to the humaneness of “murderous retribution,” we ask Yearly Meeting this year to approve a new resolution calling for the abandonment of the death penalty in Ohio and Pennsylvania and renewed activism by monthly meetings, in cooperation with other like-minded groups, to bring American justice in line with international standards.

We agree with the spirit of the statement from the Committee on the death penalty. We ask the Committee to review the facts and rewrite the section on Friends’ history with the death penalty and bring the minute back at a later session. (See Minute YM07 – 35.)

YM07 - 25 Earthcare

Jim Crowfoot (Ann Arbor) reported, in heart-felt gratitude for the bountiful care we enjoy on this beautiful planet. He gave the following report.

Earthcare Committee Report

Over the past year the Earthcare Committee has continued working to initiate and support Earthcare information and activities within LEYM. In summary, we did the following:

1. Conducted and analyzed a survey of its members' goals for the Committee and for strengthening Earthcare as a spiritual and practical focus throughout LEYM.
2. Sought contact people at each of LEYM's monthly and preparatory meetings and worship groups in order to create two-way communication channels between this committee and these groups.
3. Established an Earthcare section on LEYM's website, selected the materials to be displayed there, and enlisted Bill Warters' services as webmaster to implement these decisions.
4. Planned a workshop for the 2007 LEYM gathering.
5. Prepared and distributed an Earthcare Committee Newsletter to meeting contact persons and other interested individuals in LEYM just prior to this (2007) LEYM gathering.

This year the Earthcare Committee had new Co-Clerks and several new members. Six of these members were appointed by LEYM, and they are supplemented by additional active Committee participants committed to doing the work of this LEYM committee. To integrate all these individuals and to refocus the Committee, a survey was prepared and filled out by each member.

At the same time, efforts were initiated to establish an Earthcare section on LEYM's website to make the materials of this committee more accessible throughout the Yearly Meeting. The Committee had already prepared several excellent print materials, including a pamphlet on Earthcare for local meetings and they were selected to be included in the website.

To follow up its written survey of its members, the Committee met for a day in early December 2006 in Toledo, at the home of Judy Greenberg. At this meeting we worshiped together and discussed the results of the survey along with other topics, including an Earthcare workshop for the June 2007 LEYM meeting. A workshop committee was appointed.

To date these volunteer Earthcare representatives exist in the following monthly meetings and other groups:

Albion, Mark Lelle; Ann Arbor, Judy Wenzel; Athens, Carla Pratt-Harrington; Birmingham, Phil Clampitt; Broadmead (including Bluffton, Findlay, & Toledo), Judy Greenberg; Chelsea, Bill Bliss; Circleville, Brad Cotton; Cleveland, Sue Nelson; Delaware, Steve & Kathy Semmler; Detroit, Ann Sprague; Erie, Clémence Mershon; Fremont, Sharon Daly; Gallipolis, Evelyn Kirkhart; Grand Rapids, Mark Post; Granville, Mari McLean; Holland, Larry Dickie; Kalamazoo, Raelyn Joyce; Kent, Karl Liske; Manitou, Penny Herd; Mid-Ohio Valley, Jane Hearne; Monongalia, Luise VanKeuren; North Columbus, Shelby Conrad; Oberlin, David Snyder; Pine River, Ruth Nowland; Pittsburgh, Mary Davidson; Red Cedar, Becky Payne; Tustin, Mitzi & Don Ruswick; Wooster, Phil Balderston

During early 2007, workshop planning continued for the June event "Who Owns Water?" In preparation for the workshop, planning committee watched and discussed the outstanding documentary *Thirst* and decided to prepare and use an edited version of it as part of the up-coming workshop. Additionally, the Committee planned for a panel of respondents to this documentary and the issues it raises for LEYM meetings and members. Also, plans were made to gather and display during the LEYM gathering materials that provide useful information and enlarge on the growing threats to humans' rights to water, including privatization, demands exceeding supplies, and changing patterns of precipitation. The Committee will offer this workshop today, Saturday, June 16.

In April Phil Clampitt, Co-Clerk of this Committee, attended a national Quaker Earthcare Witness Steering Committee meeting in Chicago that was planned to include leaders of Earthcare Committees – or comparable groups – among the various yearly meetings.

Just prior to this June 2007 LEYM gathering, Judy Greenberg initiated an LEYM Earthcare Committee Newsletter to share some of the Earthcare activities that have been completed and are being planned by LEYM's monthly meetings. Also this newsletter provides to meeting contact persons and other individual LEYM members up-to-date information about the resources that are available from the Yearly Meeting's Earthcare Committee and how to access these resources.

As our country's and our planet's environmental difficulties become more acute and more visible, so do the increasing needs and opportunities to make changes that protect the environment and its eco-systems and advance human justice and well being. LEYM and its constituent meetings and groups are called to begin and/or step up Earthcare as an integral spiritual emphasis as well as an area for social action and behavioral changes by these groups and their individual members. The Earthcare Committee is committed to continuing and hopefully expanding the support of the LEYM for this area of Quaker spiritualities, testimonies, and practices.

LEYM Earthcare Committee, 2006-2007: Phil Clampitt* (Birmingham) & Jim Crowfoot* (Ann Arbor), Co-Clerks; Bill Bliss (Ann Arbor), Alan Connor* (Ann Arbor), Judy Greenberg (Broadmead), Dick Hogan* (Athens), Margaret Kanost (Birmingham), Helen Söderberg* (Red Cedar), Ann Sprague* (Detroit). (*) denotes appointees of LEYM.

We encourage Friends to work on environmental issues in their own communities.

YM07 - 26 Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting

Don Nagler (Pine River) told us of the history, constituency, and quarterly activities of GPQM.

Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting

This is the 50th year of the Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting (GPQM). It was formed in 1957 in order to better support the work of the American Friends Service Committee in Michigan, initially in the Ann Arbor Office. It subsequently became involved in the creation of the Friends School in Detroit, of which it has ownership. It also helps to administer the Michigan Friends Center with the Friends Lake Cooperative Community.

GPQM currently consists of seven monthly meetings: Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Pine River, and Red Cedar; one large meeting, four medium-sized, and two small meetings. In addition there is one preparative meeting (Holland) under Grand Rapids Monthly Meeting, and five worship groups, all of which are under the care of monthly meetings, in Albion, Chelsea, Fremont, Manitou, and Tustin.

Two meetings for worship with attention to business are held the third Saturday in September at the Friends School in Detroit and the third Saturday in May at the Michigan Friends Center. A mid-winter gathering, generally in February, is sponsored by a monthly meeting. On the first Sunday in August, Hiroshima Day, a worship and picnic are held at Quaker Park in Battle Creek, Michigan.

At the Spring Meeting this year, Stephen Angell, from the Earlham School of Religion, gave the annual talk entitled "Essentials of Quakerism." His theme was developed from his reading of the LEYM-2000 Query on Membership. The talk was lively and drew upon interesting historical statements and references. A discussion by Friends in attendance was only terminated by a break for relaxation and lunch.

Grand Rapids Meeting led the Mid-Winter Gathering at the Dominican Center in Grand Rapids on February 24. Over 60 Friends participated in worship, worship-sharing, discussion, singing, and dancing—a time of rich fellowship and inspiration.

Cathi Deyo of Grand Rapids Meeting has for the past three years led enlivening intergenerational activities in camping, canoeing, and other events of celebration which have helped to develop our community appreciation.

Lonnie Valentine, Professor of Peace and Justice Studies at the Earlham School of Religion, will give the talk in Spring Quarterly, 2008. LEYM Friends are invited to attend.

We welcome Laura Ford from Kalamazoo Meeting as presiding clerk of GPQM for the 2007-08 year. She attended the Outreach Consultation sponsored by FGC at the end of March on behalf of GPQM and LEYM.

YM07 - 27 Friends School in Detroit

Dwight Wilson (Ann Arbor), School Head, reported to us on developments at the school.

Friends School in Detroit

Friends School in Detroit has prepared and approved the second Five-Year Strategic Plan of my tenure. The first component is Academic Excellence because we understand ourselves to be a college preparatory school with the responsibility of maintaining the Quaker Tradition of inquisitiveness rather than rote learning. We measure our success by the records of our graduates. For example: for the second straight year, each graduate was accepted in her or his first choice school; current graduates in high school are presidents of classes at Olney Friends School and Cranbrook School; in September 2002, graduates attended Harvard, Brown, Michigan, and other world-recognized schools.

I was unable to attend LEYM last year because I was selected by the National Association of Independent Schools as one of a nine-member delegation to China, where we were hosted by the Chinese government. In September 2006 we added Chinese to our curriculum as a required 6th grade course and middle school elective. Next year Chinese will be required from grades 1st through 7th. Since my arrival in 2002, I have also added to our curriculum ballet, community service from 1st - 6th grades (it already existed for 7th - 8th), critical thinking, drama, vocal music.

What makes a Quaker school? The following Quaker values are woven into our curriculum: appreciation of grace, community building, consistency, diversity, environmental stewardship, forgiveness, generosity, honesty, joy, justice/equity, kindness, love, modesty, non-violent conflict resolution, optimism, patience, peacemaking, pursuit of academic excellence, respecting others and self, sacredness of life, selflessness, sharing with our neighbors, simple lifestyles, spirituality.

We received a second award in three years for a curriculum that promotes social justice, equality, and diversity in all subject areas. We continue to have Human Rights as a weekly required course for all middle schoolers and this year we will have our third biennial Envisioning a New World Conference for three days, during which only the students are permitted to speak as they build the America that should exist. The delegates look at all areas from education and health care through social support systems and the role of the military. Over the years, invitees have included delegates from the Arab-American and Latin-American Community, public and independent schools.

One of the primary challenges for us is maintaining a multicultural community. Our community is strong and diverse racially, geographically, ethnically, religiously, and economically. We are committed to representing the Southeast Michigan region and the wider world. By all accounts, ours is the most racially balanced school in NAIS. We look for racial diversity in students, faculty, administration, and trustees. That said, each year we lose between 8 - 12 students whose families relocate to the suburbs, and relatively few European-Americans move to Detroit. Each year we pray for more Ann Arbor students. Although we have five employees who live in Ann Arbor, including two Quakers, we only have one Ann Arbor student and he is not a Quaker. Our few Quaker students are Detroiters.

The area in which we continue to have the most concern is financial stability. Last year the second of the four Detroit city independent schools closed, and often we were hard pressed to stay the course. We need increased financial support from the Religious Society of Friends, our families, alumni, and philanthropic organizations. At a time when the *Wall Street Journal* reports numerous independent schools are charging over \$30,000, our highest tuition just passed \$9,000. At a time when Detroit Public School teachers went out on strike for being underpaid, our employees make less than 67% of their salaries. At a time when General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler and their suppliers announce massive layoffs, we struggle to keep moving forward. That said, we have steadily increased enrollment, reaching 165 this year. On September 1, 2002, the year in which I arrived, we had only 113. We are bucking the enrollment trends of our 27 sister independent schools in the state, but we are not out of the woods. With debt from the years before my arrival still to finish paying off, earlier reserves needing to be rebuilt, and a building old enough to need major renovation in its structural systems, without more support from you and like-minded people, I am not sure how long we can be the leader. If I may quote Kwame Kilpatrick, Detroit's mayor, if the Religious Society of Friends does not support us, "Nobody else is coming to save us."

Leadership is not a spectator sport. Despite having one child in law school and another in an out-of-state university, our family believes enough to give at least 4% of adult income to Friends School in Detroit. We would be happy if others gave at least 1%.

In closing, we are grateful to the oversight given to us by Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting and by the several Quaker trustees who keep our school moving in the Quaker tradition. It has been a good year and it is our prayer that next year shall be even better.

We are grateful for Dwight's presence here at our YM sessions and thank him for the work he and FSD staff are doing at that unique school in the middle of a struggling city. We also appreciate the field trips the school takes to our meeting communities. We recognize the financial challenges faced by the school and acknowledge the opportunities this affords us to contribute.

YM07 - 28 Arrangements & Site Committee

Jon Sommer (Broadmead) reviewed details of our departures. He also gave us the final number of registrants at this Annual Meeting - 149 (see roll call above).

YM07 - 29 Youth & Children Committee

Joyce Callahan (Cleveland) and Dolores Avner (Pittsburgh) reported.

Youth & Children Committee Report

We are blessed to have 22 children with us this year: 8 preschoolers, 7 elementary, 4 junior high, 3 high schoolers. Eleven adults have been giving their time and love to our children. We are especially thankful for the two Bluffton students, Chantele and Leandra, who've been chasing the toddlers.

The Youth program has been running very smoothly. We thank the parents, youth program participants, and YM for their support in making this happen. The Program Committee has shared its queries with the young people and the Adult Young Friends have reached out to the high schoolers in such activities as conducting the Peace Vigil and walking to the farmers' market. These sharings create a sense of being included in the wider YM.

The Assistant Clerks of the Youth Program have been learning "how to" at the elbow of Joyce Callahan, who has shared with us her 15 years of connection with the program. We are looking forward to passing along this core of experience to the Assistant Clerks at next year's YM; we are looking forward to learning who this might be.

We want to invite you to consider working with our children next year.

We are grateful to the Friends working with the young people. We ask them to carry our thanks to the teachers as well as the Adult Young Friends, who organized the *Eyes Wide Open* vigil which followed upon Mary Lord's peace lecture on Friday evening.

YM07 - 30 YM 2008

We agreed to meet at Bluffton University on June 19-22 next year and ask the Arrangements & Site Committee to make the necessary arrangements. [Note: This was later changed to 12-15 June.]

YM07 - 31 Ministry & Nurture

Merry Stanford (Red Cedar) reported.

Ministry & Nurture Committee Report

1. **State of Meeting Reports:** The Committee is pleased that meetings are attempting to use the guidelines suggested for the formulation of the state of the meeting reports. Many meetings are reporting more fully on the spiritual condition of their meetings, as well as reporting the many worthwhile projects accomplished by their committees, and the very positive qualities of the monthly meetings. We are happy to receive this news of our monthly meetings. One meeting also reported quite fully on the challenges it is facing as well as the spiritual gifts of its members in facing these challenges. This report reminded the Committee that the state of the meeting report is intended to be a process of self-examination by the meeting. The Committee plans next year to refine the guidelines to reflect this purpose of the report, and to provide ideas about how to engage the whole meeting in the process of self-examination.

2. **Spiritual Formation Program:** Two retreats on the theme “A Year of Living Prayerfully” nourished local spiritual nurture groups in Pine River, Red Cedar, Birmingham, Oberlin, and Broadmead Meetings. Spiritual nurture groups also continued in Pittsburgh Meeting, without affiliation this year with the LEYM program. The retreats were held at the Leaven Center in Michigan, led by Beckey Phipps and Phil Fitz of New England Yearly Meeting. The goals of the retreats were to become more aware of spiritual capacity for inward listening in relationship with God, to receive spiritual nurture, to become familiar with the process of conducting a spiritual formation group, and to become familiar with the spiritual practices used by other Friends. Participants expressed in the evaluation their appreciation for the gifts brought by the workshop leaders, and that the workshops expanded and nourished their concepts and practice of prayer. Save the following dates for next year’s program, to be repeated at the Leaven Center: September 7-9, 2007 and May 2-4, 2008. Individuals and spiritual friendship groups are all welcome.
A flyer with more details is available on our website.
3. **Policies and Procedures:** The committees were asked by the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting to review and revise as necessary the portion of the policies and procedures pertaining to their committees. Ministry & Nurture Committee reviewed its portion of the policies and procedures and made several minor changes, which have been submitted to the Recording Clerk for consideration. As part of its discussion, however, the Committee became aware of a potentially significant need within the Yearly Meeting to provide more support and nurture to individual Friends to develop capacities for providing spiritual nurture among the monthly meetings and Yearly Meeting. We also became aware that, as family economies become more challenged, families with children may need more support than their monthly meetings can provide in order to participate fully in the spiritual life of the Yearly Meeting session. Ministry & Nurture will bring these concerns to the Executive Committee for more seasoning.
4. **November Consultation:** The Committee has become aware of a need on the part of our local meetings’ Ministry and Nurture (or otherwise named) Committees to gather and learn from each other, especially regarding the deepening of the spiritual life of the meeting. To this end, the Committee is working with the Traveling Ministries Program to identify a leader for a weekend consultation, to be held November 16-18, 2007 at the Weber Center in Adrian, MI. Local meeting clerks and worship groups will receive a letter asking them to name the clerk of their Ministry and Nurture Committee, or a designate, to attend the consultation. Each meeting will be asked to contribute \$100 toward food and housing expenses. LEYM will otherwise cover the cost of the facilitation. The seeds sown by this gathering will be further nurtured by the activities of the traveling ministry project in spring 2008. See the report of the Advancement & Outreach Committee for more information about the traveling ministry project.
5. **Annual Query:** After reviewing the queries developed by this committee since 1985, the Committee realized that the testimony of Simplicity had not yet been addressed. We started with a query from North Pacific Yearly Meeting to develop the following set of queries. We offer them for the consideration of your local meetings:
 - Do we keep our lives uncluttered by things and activities?
 - What conditions of our lives overwhelm us?
 - How may our habits and addictions be caused by things such as media, social expectations, or personal shortcomings?
 - Do we accept commitments beyond our strength and light?
 - How can we center our lives each day in awareness of the Light so that all things take their rightful place?

YM07 - 32 Advancement & Outreach Committee

Mathilda Navias (Broadmead) reported.

Advancement & Outreach Committee Report

Here are resources for advancement and outreach we would like to bring to Friends’ attention:

- FGC has just completed a major redesign of their website. The A&O pages have been substantially redone. A wealth of resources for newcomers and deepening the life of the meeting are available online and for download.
- FGC's Traveling Ministries Program can find seasoned Friends with gifts for leading retreats, for consulting on issues that arise in meetings, and for other services to Friends.
- The A&O web page on LEYM's website has materials for reading and download.
- LEYM offers a spiritual formation program.
- We have just learned that ESR has a traveling ministers program.
- We have put A&O materials in the display area, including a binder with various meetings' welcome pamphlets that you can browse for ideas.
- FGC A&O has developed Inreach/Outreach literature and workshops. These arose from an understanding that outreach needs to be accompanied by work to deepen the spiritual life of the community—that is, inreach.

Friends are raising up that the best way to attract and keep new people is to have a vital, spiritually rich, and personally engaging worshipping community. Putting information about the meeting where people can find it is also critical. The meeting or worship group should be willing to work on being a spiritually rich community with the people it already has.

There are a number of things meetings can do to become more visible and welcoming. They can be done a few at a time. Some are easy, such as asking newcomers if they'd like to receive the meeting news-letter, having a portable or permanent sign that shows where you worship, and keeping your meeting's listing on *quakerfinder.org* up to date. A list of suggestions and things to think about titled "Inreach/ Outreach Review" is posted on the Advancement & Outreach page on LEYM's website and copies are available upstairs in the display area.

Meeting websites in LEYM. For meetings and worship groups in LEYM, the easiest and potentially most effective outreach tool is a website that gives basic information on when and where you meet for worship and how to contact someone. Meetings currently submit that information to LEYM in their annual Statistical Reports. The information is on LEYM's website in a scrollable list under "Find a Meeting." While the list provides basic information, it is not very welcoming.

LEYM's webmaster is ready to put your information on a web page along with additional material your meeting chooses. This could include a description of your First Day school program, whom to contact if visitors are bringing children for the first time, meeting history or traditions, or a photograph of meeting Friends or the meeting house.

Of the 32 meetings and worship groups in LEYM, currently 15 have a web presence; 17 do not. Our A&O Committee urges all meetings and worship groups that do not already have a website to let Bill Warters put one up for you. Please talk to Bill, Rosemary Coffey, or me to get that process going. Members of A&O will be contacting groups not represented here this weekend about setting up a website.

We are submitting for your consideration a proposed privacy policy for Friends' contact information in print and web publications issued by Lake Erie Yearly Meeting.

I.B.6. Privacy Policy for contact information in print and web publications issued by LEYM

- a. E-mail addresses for anyone under 18 will not be included in data published in any form.
- b. Contact information (addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses) distributed by LEYM in print will not be made available to the general public.
- c. No contact information will be published on the web without the consent of the individual. Accepting service as a YM officer, clerk of a monthly or preparative meeting, or contact person for a worship group will constitute consent. Contact information will usually consist of phone number and e-mail address, not an individual's physical address.

d. Friends General Conference (FGC) is the only Friends' organization which may use the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting mailing list for its appeals and other member household mailings. Other uses of LEYM's mailing list must be approved by LEYM.

[This would replace I.B.5.d.3&4 in *LEYM Policies and Procedures*.]

We approved this Privacy Policy for Friends' contact information and ask the A&O Committee to put the points into a form consistent with the LEYM Policies and Procedures so that they may be incorporated into our document. [This has been done - as presented above.]

Further questions have been raised by Ann Arbor and Athens Friends about publishing names and pictures on the web in the *Bulletin* and meeting newsletters. The Committee plans to follow up on these questions separately.

We will be posting a template for "What Do Quakers Say" business cards on the A&O page on LEYM's website. You can print these on business card stock and put your meeting information or whatever you want on the other side.

Friends in Traverse City, Michigan: The information I am about to present has been gathered through e-mails and phone calls over the last six months. I might not have all the details correct, and am sure there is information that can be added.

[A&O's report on *Friends in Traverse City* is here summarized by the Annual Records editors.]

Seven or eight years ago, Friends originally from Pine River and Red Cedar Meetings formed an unprogrammed worship group in Traverse City. About two years ago, they began meeting in the church building of Friends of the Light, a meeting established in Traverse City in the 1800s by Friends from Indiana Yearly Meeting (Friends United Meeting). Friends of the Light has a long history of relationships with LEYM Friends. Recently, the worship group merged with Friends of the Light, which now holds two worship services each Sunday, one unprogrammed and one semi-programmed. Friends of the Light recently decided to explore a possible dual affiliation with Indiana and Lake Erie Yearly Meetings. Green Pastures Quarterly Meeting likewise plans to explore a possible relationship with Friends of the Light, with the A&O Committee's assistance. We expect this to be a slow and deliberate process. Whatever the outcome, we hope that Friends in Traverse City and in LEYM will be enriched by getting to know one another better.

Circleville Worship Group asked Athens Meeting to consider taking them under the Meeting's care in November of 2006. Things have moved slowly, but visits and consideration are now moving forward.

Holland Preparative Meeting, which is under the care of Grand Rapids Meeting in Green Pastures Quarter, is looking at moving to monthly meeting status.

As you heard from Ministry & Nurture, A&O is working on setting up visits to meetings and worship groups throughout LEYM by a sea-soned Friend and a traveling companion. These will probably occur in two different week-long trips in the fall or spring. Once the Traveling Ministries Program has helped us find the visiting Friend, we will be contacting meetings and worship groups to set up dates and figure out other logistics.

In response to questions from Friends, Deborah Fisch (FGC) explained further the reasons for and process of the Traveling Ministries Program, which visits the meetings in a YM. Reports back to the YM give a sense of how the spirit is faring among Friends in the YM rather than betraying confidences. Some Friends spoke with enthusiasm about the prospect of a program of visiting Friends in our midst.

YM07 - 33 Budget

Finance Committee Clerk, Sally Weaver Sommer (Broadmead), reported.

With plans being made for Traveling Ministry visits, we approve adding \$750 to the budget which was presented yesterday, changing the per-capita assessment to \$37, based on a total of 792 adult members. (Minute 21 above). We approve the budget as thus amended, with a total of \$880 in the Advancement & Outreach line. (See the budget on pp. 36-37.)

We approve continuing the present mileage policy and ask the Finance Committee to look further at the

question of mileage reimbursement and report back to a future meeting.

YM07 - 34 High School Youth Program document

Michael Fuson (Asst Clerk) has studied the charge to the Committee drafted and tentatively approved at our Representative Meeting on March 3 (Minute RM07 - 6). He presented to us substantive revisions to the charge and job description so that it fits more appropriately into our *Policies and Procedures* and roles of LEYM officers. We approve the following recommended text and thank Carolyn Lejuste for her work on the Committee during the past year as well as Michael Fuson for his recent work on the document.

High School Youth Program

Proposed Language for *LEYM Policies and Procedures*, Section IV: Organization, Part E. Standing Committees

8. HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM

- a. *Composition.* The High School Youth Program Committee shall be composed of five members, three adult members with three-year overlapping terms, one to be named each year, two high school aged members with two-year overlapping terms, one to be named each year.
- b. *Responsibilities.* The High School Youth Program Committee holds in concern the spiritual life of the high school aged youth of our individual monthly meetings. In this service the Committee will:
 - (1) Coordinate with the Clerk to select and to contract with a private consultant to act as High School Youth Program Coordinator.
 - (2) Support and supervise the activities of the High School Youth Program Coordinator. It is expected that consultation between the Coordinator and the Committee (by telephone or e-mail) will occur before and after each retreat.
 - (3) Assist the Coordinator in keeping an updated database of eligible youth for the High School Youth Program.
 - (4) Identify and nurture Friends in monthly meetings who are interested in working with high school youth.
- c. *Responsibilities of High School Youth Program Coordinator.* In order to nurture the spiritual life of high school youth throughout the Yearly Meeting, the Coordinator shall:
 - (1) In consultation with the High School Youth Program Committee, plan, coordinate, and evaluate four (4) youth retreats per year, independent of the Annual Meeting, that are scattered geographically throughout the Yearly Meeting in order to maximize participation of youth throughout the region.
 - (a) The retreats are to be both fun and spiritually nourishing for the youth.
 - (b) The retreats are an opportunity for youth to develop leadership skills by fully participating in the identification of themes, workshops, and workshop presenters.
 - (c) The retreats should seek to utilize individuals throughout the Yearly Meeting who can offer Quaker-related workshops on various topics of religious education.
 - (d) One of these four retreats has historically been "The Quake that Rocked the Midwest," held over Martin Luther King weekend at the Evanston, IL meeting house in partnership with other Midwestern yearly meetings.
 - (2) Build and maintain relationships with other youth workers within LEYM, other yearly meetings, and FGC.
 - (3) Maintain an updated database of eligible youth for the High School Youth Program.
 - (4) Send eligible LEYM youth timely information about upcoming LEYM and national Quaker youth opportunities and events.
 - (5) Make information about all events available to the LEYM webmaster on a timely basis.
 - (6) Submit all bills and receipts to the Yearly Meeting Treasurer in a timely manner. Submit a complete financial report annually.

YM07 - 35 Peace

[Further to Minute YM07-24, above] David Lore brought us proposed new wording on a draft minute calling for abolition of the death penalty. We now approve this minute, with thanks to David and the Peace Committee.

**LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING
MINUTE ON ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY**

June 16, 2007

In 2005, the Peace Committee of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting contacted legislators and media organizations in support of state legislation to create a Capital Case Commission to determine whether the death sentence in Ohio was being applied in a discriminatory way, particularly in regard to the race of the defendant.

Although the Ohio Legislature failed to impose a moratorium and initiate such a review, there is reason to believe that such an appeal would attract more support today due to the election of a new progressive governor and polling showing declining public support for capital punishment. Gov. Ted Strickland has said he opposes the death penalty but is bound to follow the dictates of Ohio law.

And in Pennsylvania, a committee of the state Supreme Court proposed a pause in executions to determine whether sentencing is equitable. So far, Gov. Edward Rendell has opposed such action, now being promoted by the Pennsylvania Moratorium Coalition, a lobbying group of activists, attorneys, and former Death Row inmates.

Two national surveys this month found support for the death penalty declining, to the point that 58 percent surveyed approve of a moratorium and by a small majority prefer life imprisonment as an alternative sentence. Factors influencing this shift in recent years include the release of some 200 Death Row inmates on the basis of new DNA evidence, and a number of botched executions which support the charge that lethal injections are inhumane.

In the Religious Society of Friends, there is broad consensus supporting the sanctity of life and prohibitions against torture and use of the death penalty, a position adopted now by most nations. Our Yearly Meeting commends government officials in Michigan and West Virginia who long ago halted the killing of prisoners and today continue to resist pressure to reinstate this horrible penalty.

“The real security for human life is to be found in a reverence for it. A deep reverence for human life is worth more than a thousand executions in the prevention of murder; and is, in fact, the great security for human life. The law of capital punishment while pretending to support this reverence, does, in fact, tend to destroy it.”

(Friend John Bright, 1868)

MINUTE:

Lake Erie Yearly Meeting again calls for the abolition of the death penalty by all states still retaining it, including Ohio and Pennsylvania. We encourage monthly meetings to press the case with renewed vigor through contacts with state governors, legislators, and the news media. In this effort, we encourage Friends to work with like-minded groups such as AFSC, Amnesty International, the American Civil Liberties Union, and state organizations such as the Pennsylvania Moratorium Coalition and Ohioans to Stop Executions.

YM07 - 36 FGC Gathering, June 28 - July 5, Johnstown, PA

We have heard from Ellen and Marvin Barnes, who have agreed to serve as Clerks of this gathering. They encouraged us to attend the event at this lovely setting within the area of our YM. The site is well above any possibility of flooding. Work grants are available.

YM07 - 37 Traveling Minute

Shirley Bechill (YM Clerk) read the traveling minute from Clear Creek MM (Ohio Valley YM) on behalf of Susan Lee Barton. We have been blessed by Susan Lee's presence among us during these days.

YM07 - 38 Nominating Committee

Olwen Pritchard reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee, thanking the following Friends who are stepping down from their positions at the end of these annual sessions:

Assistant Clerk: Michael Fuson

Advancement & Outreach: Phil Balderston and Leslie Walden

Arrangements & Site: Mike Hinshaw

Ministry & Nurture: Merry Stanford and Star Mary Castro

Nominating: Connie Green, Olwen Pritchard, and Abbey Pratt-Harrington

Peace: Sadie Taylor

Program: Beth Amoriya

Youth & Children: Joyce Callahan, Susan Jeffers, Helen Söderberg, Joe Mills, and Bekah Sommer, and Carla Pratt-Harrington for Fall Retreat clerk work.

AFSC: Richard Taylor and Don Nagler

FCNL: Marge Nelson

FGC: Shirley Bechill and Kri Burkander

FWCC: Raelyn Joyce and Dale Pratt-Harrington

She then read the names of people who have agreed to serve as YM officers and new members on committees. (See the full Nominating Committee slate on pp. 167-171) Some committee clerkships have yet to be finalized. We approve the report and thank the Nominating Committee for their faithful and diligent service.

YM07 - 39 Epistle

Michael Fuson (Asst Clerk) read the draft Epistle (see pp. 70-71 below). With one small but significant edit, the Epistle was approved.

YM07 - 40 Young People's Epistles

We enjoyed the reports and epistles from the Young People. Before they came in, Thomas Taylor (Recording Clerk) told us of conversations he and Shirley Bechill (Clerk) had with leadership of the children and young people's programs, inviting them to decide with the young people whether their report was going to be an Epistle to all Friends Everywhere, or a report only intended for Friends gathered at the YM sessions. Their reports follow the YM Epistle on pp. 72-74, below. We thank the young people for bringing us such joy, as well as the caregivers who gave of their time and tender skill.

Our thanks to the AYF and High School groups for providing us with the experience similar to that of the AFSC *Eyes Wide Open* project on Friday night. After Mary Lord's plenary talk on the Annual Meeting theme, we were led along a sidewalk path where the 479 names of American military personnel from our LEYM states of Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania killed in Iraq were written on the sidewalk. We walked solemnly along, reading the names and holding the name and age of an Iraqi killed there. Then, with darkness approaching, we called out the names of the Iraqi dead and remembered them as well as the American deaths we had been mourning.

YM07 - 41 Susan Jeffers - Bible Study

Eric Starbuck proposed the following minute of thanks to Susan Jeffers for leading our Bible Study at 6:30 AM each morning of our YM sessions over several years. The minute was warmly accepted.

We wish to express appreciation to Susan Jeffers for her dedication in giving Bible Study at Yearly Meeting for at least a decade. Her expertise and her inspirational words have

made Yearly Meeting a deeper experience for many of us.

Susan picks Biblical quotes concerning the Yearly Meeting theme. We read the quote and discuss it. If we ask for the Greek, or for other erudition, Susan gives it. Sometimes she gives a viewpoint we haven't thought about. It's quiet and deep. We get a lot more than the words out of it.

Thanks, Susan.

YM07 - 42 Thanks to Bluffton University

We are grateful to Bluffton University for hosting us over the past four days. We feel that they have been particularly responsive to our needs this year.

YM07 - 43 Closing

We have felt we have been held in the Light in a special way this year, grateful to those who have held the Yearly Meeting in their prayers. We depart, to reconvene at Bluffton University on 19-22 June, 2008. [Note: This was later changed to 12-15 June.]

Shirley Bechill, Clerk
Thomas Taylor, Recording Clerk

LEYM Officers, Committees Members, & Representatives
(Nominating Committee Report, 2007-08)

| OFFICERS | Year Serving, End Year |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Presiding Clerk: Shirley Bechill, Pine River | 3, 2009 |
| Assistant Clerk: Merry Stanford, Red Cedar | 1, 2011 |
| Recording Clerk: Thomas Taylor, Ann Arbor (through 10/31/07) | 4, 2008 |
| Joseph Mills, Kalamazoo (from 11/01/07)* | 1, 2011 |
| Treasurer: Connie Bimber, Oberlin | 12, 2008 |
| <i>Bulletin</i> Editor: Jeff Cooper, Ann Arbor | 3, 2008 |
| <i>*Pending approval by the Executive Committee. Thomas Taylor and Joseph Mills will each serve as Assistant for the other.</i> | |

| OTHER POSITIONS | Year Serving, End Year |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Webmaster: Bill Wartens, Birmingham | 3, 2008 |
| Database Wrangler: Mathilda Navias, Broadmead | 3, 2008 |

| COMMITTEE MEMBERS | Year Serving, End Year |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Advancement & Outreach Committee | |
| Rosemary Coffey, Pittsburgh | 2, 2009 |
| Kelly Helms, Ann Arbor | 6, 2008 |
| Mike Hinshaw, Wooster | 1, 2010 |
| Mathilda Navias, Broadmead, Clerk | 6, 2008 |
| TBD | 2009 |
| TBD | 2010 |
| Arrangements & Site Committee | |
| Vanessa Fuson, Granville | 2, 2009 |
| Kelly Helms, Ann Arbor | 2, 2009 |
| Regula Kummer, Broadmead | 7, 2008 |
| Mary Igoe Myers, Broadmead | 6, 2008 |
| Olwen Pritchard, Broadmead | 1, 2010 |
| Jon Sommer, Broadmead, Clerk | 4, 2010 |
| Earthcare Committee | |
| Phil Clampitt, Birmingham, Co-Clerk | 2, 2010 |
| Al Connor, Ann Arbor | 3, 2009 |
| Jim Crowfoot, Ann Arbor, Co-Clerk | 2, 2009 |
| LeRoy Curtis, visit only | |
| Dick Hogan, Athens | 3, 2010 |
| Helen Söderberg, Red Cedar | 2, 2008 |
| Ann Sprague, Detroit | 2, 2008 |
| Finance & Budget Committee | |
| David Green, Cleveland | 3, 2010 |
| Sally Weaver Sommer, Broadmead, Clerk | 3, 2008 |
| Barbara Warrington, Kent | 2, 2009 |

Treasurer, ex officio

COMMITTEE MEMBERS **Year Serving, End Year**

High School Youth Program Committee

Michael Fuson, Granville, Clerk
 Carolyn Lejuste, Red Cedar, Adult
 1 Adult position open
 Megan Diffenderfer, Cleveland, Youth
 1 Youth position open

Ministry & Nurture Committee

| | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Ellen Barnes, Birmingham | 2, 2009 |
| Valerie Groszmann, Kalamazoo | 4, 2010 |
| Richard Lee, Red Cedar | 1, 2008 |
| Margie Liske, Kent, Clerk | 1, 2010 |
| Steve Morehouse, Ann Arbor | 6, 2008 |
| Don Nagler, Pine River | 2, 2009 |
| Merry Stanford, Red Cedar* | |

**Continuing as Clerk until M&N Consultation in November*

Ministry & Nurture Monthly Meeting Representatives (Appointed by their monthly meeting)

Kri Burkander, Ann Arbor
 Thomas Taylor, Ann Arbor
 Suzanne Howell, Athens
 Ellen Barnes, Birmingham
 Valerie Groszmann, Kalamazoo
 Fred Feitler, Kent
 Verne Bechill, Pine River

Nominating Committee

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Phil Balderston, Wooster | 1, 2010 |
| Star Mary Castro, Athens, Co-Clerk | 1, 2010 |
| Fred Feitler, Kent | 2, 2009 |
| Judy Greenberg, Broadmead | 2, 2009 |
| Nancy Nagler, Pine River | 3, 2008 |
| Peter Wood, Red Cedar, Co-Clerk | 1, 2008 |

Peace Committee

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| LeRoy Curtis, Wooster, visit only | 5, 2009 |
| Betty Ford, Grand Rapids | 4, 2008 |
| Kurt Liske, Kent | 1, 2010 |
| David Lore, Granville, Clerk | 4, 2010 |
| Clémence Mershon, Pittsburgh | 2, 2009 |
| James Satterwhite, Broadmead | 3, 2008 |

And optional 1 from each monthly meeting

Program Committee

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Peggy Daub, Ann Arbor | 4, 2010 |
| Marty Grundy, Cleveland, Co-Clerk | 3, 2008 |
| Linda Mills, Kalamazoo, | 3, 2009 |
| Clémence Mershon, Pittsburgh | 1, 2010 |
| Becky Morehouse, Ann Arbor | 2, 2009 |

LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING MINUTES
ANNUAL SESSIONS 2007

| | |
|--|---------|
| Eric Starbuck, Pittsburgh, Co-Clerk | 3, 2008 |
| Publications & Archives Committee | |
| Marvin Barnes, Birmingham | 5, 2009 |
| Dan Bell, Broadmead | 1, 2010 |
| Jeff Cooper, Ann Arbor, Clerk | 4, 2010 |
| Nancy James, Pittsburgh | 3, 2008 |
| Bob Roehm, North Columbus | 1, 2010 |
| Bill Wartars, Birmingham | 3, 2008 |

Youth & Children Committee

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| Clerks | David & Dolores Avner, Pittsburgh | 2008 |
| Asst. Clerks | TBD | |
| Pre-School Leader | Joyce Balderston, Wooster | 2009 |
| Pre-School Asst. | Conleth Crotser, Cleveland | 2008 |
| Early Elem. Leader | Carla Pratt-Harrington, Athens | 2009 |
| Early Elem. Asst. | Mary Takahashi, Pine River | 2009 |
| Upper Elem. Leader | Peter Crowley, Cleveland | 2009 |
| Upper Elem. Asst. | Tim Damon, Cleveland | 2008 |
| Middle School Leader | Dale Pratt-Harrington, Athens | 2008 |
| Middle School Asst. | Diane Mott, Broadmead | 2009 |
| High School Leader | Steve Connor, Ann Arbor | 2008 |
| High School Asst. | Thomas Burnett, Broadmead | 2009 |
| Fall Retreat Clerk | Kate Spry, Cleveland | 2008 |
| Fall Retreat Asst. | TBD | |

LEYM Bookstore

Valerie Groszmann, Kalamazoo

REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

| Representatives | Year Serving, End Year |
|--|------------------------|
| AFSC LeRoy Curtis, Wooster | 1, 2010 |
| AFSC Thomas Taylor, Ann Arbor | 1, 2010 |
| AFSC Joann Neuroth, Red Cedar | 3, 2008 |
| FCNL Charlie Burnett, Broadmead | 1, 2010 |
| FCNL Thomas Burnett, Broadmead | 1, 2010 |
| FCNL David Snyder, Oberlin | 5, 2008 |
| FCNL Meg Hummon, Athens | 3, 2008 |
| FCNL David Lore, Granville | 5, 2008 |
| FCNL Lila Cornell, Pittsburgh | 5, 2009 |
| Quaker Earthcare Witness, Alan Connor, Ann Arbor | 2010 |
| FGC Merry Stanford, Red Cedar | 1, 2010 |
| FGC Fred Feitler, Kent | 1, 2010 |
| FGC Valerie Groszmann, Kalamazoo | 5, 2009 |
| FGC Sally Weaver Sommer, Broadmead | 2, 2009 |
| FLGBTQC Bob Roehm, North Columbus | 2010 |
| FWCC Jana Norlin, Grand Rapids | 1 12/10 |

LAKE ERIE YEARLY MEETING MINUTES
ANNUAL SESSIONS 2007

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| FWCC Rosemary Coffey, Pittsburgh | 2 12/10 |
| FWCC Clémence Mershon, Pittsburgh | 1 12/08 |
| FWCC Mike Hinshaw, Wooster, Clerk | 5 12/09 |

William Penn House Open position

Olney Friends School Nancy Taylor, Ann Arbor

Wilmington Yearly Meeting Open position
Canadian Yearly Meeting Open position
EFI Eastern Region Mike Hinshaw, Wooster
Ohio YM Conservative LeRoy Curtis, Wooster