

**Philadelphia Yearly Meeting
Interim Meeting Agenda
June 26, 2008
Arch Street Meeting House**

5 p.m. Dinner
6 p.m. Meeting

Interim Meeting has adopted this query to guide its members:

“Do I hold the clerk in the Light, especially when there are tensions in the decision-making process?”

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Opening Worship (15-20)

- 1) **Welcome** Clerk (10)
Introduction of clerks
Introduction of new members & staff, recognition of visitors
Review and approval of agenda
- 2) **General Secretary’s Report** (*yellow and pink*) Arthur Larrabee (10)
[Written report enclosed. Oral report.]
Vital and Growing- An opportunity to share stories of PYM's vitality and growth.
- 3) **IM Governance Project Group Report**, PYM Clerk Thomas Swain (20-30)
The Clerk of YM proposes a process to consider the Governance Report. The Governance Report is offering us a new way of conducting business and working in our Yearly Meeting. There is much in this proposal that it seems to warrant the YM to consider the proposed implications and changes over the next three session of Yearly Meeting – July ‘08, March ‘09, and July ‘09. Might this be a way to move forward in our discernment?
[Written report supplied at Feb. 28 IM; also located on PYM's website: www.pym.org.]
- 4) **IM 2008-2009 dates***, A Proposal: Clerk (5-10)
It is the Clerk’s proposal to consider moving our meetings to Saturdays. Are we open to experimenting for a year how this change might support us and assessing at the end of the year to determine if it should continue? Thoughts of meeting 9:30 to 1:30 PM, with a break and snacks, on Saturdays; Sept 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, April 11, May 9, and June 13. This proposal contains the same number of meetings within the same months as currently practiced. *open to adjustments and called sessions
[Oral report. Testing. Decision.]
- 5) **IM Naming Committee**, IM Clerks for 2008-2009, Clerk Martha Hawkinson (10-15)
[Oral report. Decisions.]
- 6) **IM Naming Committee**, naming committee members Clerk (5-10)
[Oral report. Decisions.]

- 7) **Personnel Services Group**, PYM Staff Manual Report, Clerk Jacqueline Bowers (5)
[Copies of the manual for review supplied at meeting. Oral report.]

Break (15)

- 8) **Minutes of Meeting of May 22, 2008** (*white*) Clerk (5-10)
- 9) **Peace Gathering 2009**, Status Report Thomas Swain (10-20)
[Oral report. Seasoning of Gathering Delegates.]
- 10) **Worship & Care SC**, Estate of Fritz Putlitz restricted bequest, Clerk Alison Anderson (5-10)
[Oral report. Decision.]
- 11) **Peace & Concerns SC**, Minute of Travel for Paul Sheldon, Clerk Patricia Finley (10-15)
[Written report enclosed. Oral report. Decision.] (*ivory*)
- 12) **Peace & Concerns SC**, Peace Tax Fund Minute, Status Report, Clerk Patricia Finley (5-10)
- 13) **General Secretary's Evaluation Committee Report** Clerk (20-25)
[Oral report.]
- 14) **Annual Fund Report**, Associate Secretary for Advancement & Communications
[Written report supplied at meeting. Oral report.] Wright Horne (5)
- 15) **Nominating Committee**, Co-clerk Will Bowers (5)
[Decision]
- 16) **Report from Advisory Committee**, PYM Clerk (*blue*) Thomas Swain (5)
[Written material enclosed.]

Closing Worship

[Note: The numbers in the right hand margin represent minutes. They are included to convey the clerk's sense of proportionality in planning the meeting. They are not intended to be rigid boundaries.]

[Note: The agenda deadline for our next meeting is the **Monday before our next meeting, 5 p.m.**]

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILD CARE SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE THE END OF THE DAY, THE MONDAY BEFORE OUR NEXT MEETING BY CALLING THE ARCH STREET MEETING HOUSE, (215) 627-2667. PYM has asked a child care person to be available for each of our meetings this coming year. If no one requests child care, the child care provider will be released this commitment on the Tuesday morning prior to Interim Meeting.

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