Worship
Friends began this session with unprogrammed worship.

Minutes
Corrections:
Regarding the emerging concern about inclusivity, revise to say--the inclusion of individuals of all genders
Add as a resource for emerging concern about inclusivity: add Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual
Transgender and Queer Concerns.

The minutes were approved with the above corrections.

Announcements and Appreciations
Nominating Committee
We have had a lot of name offerings and ideas for Nominating Committee. Since we are not a
full committee attending Annual Session, we feel we would like to take back these marvelous offerings
and discern with the entire committee. We will bring our discernment and proposals to Executive
Committee.  (Written statement from the clerk of the committee, Kathryn Willard)

Registrar’s Report
Registrar Kim Williams reported the following attendance numbers: Preschool, 3; Early
Elementary, 5 (1 for the first time); Upper Elementary, 5; Central Friends, 9 (1 for the +first time); Junior
Friends, 18 (2 for the first time); Young Adult Friends, 14 (1 for the first time); other Adults, 155 (8 for the
first time). Total is 209; 13 first-attenders.

Junior Friends
Junior Friends thanked those who have supported them for the Guatemala trip. Their fund-
raising will continue through August.

Action:  A Minute of Appreciation for Linda Joy Kocourek, outgoing NPYM Secretary was
approved. We thanked her for her dedicated service.

Presiding Clerk thanked Hannah Walker, our liaison with Whitworth University, and our technical support
people. Others who served us were also included in our appreciation. One Friend spoke that she is not
resting well with not naming all of those staff at Whitworth University who made our session possible. Not
only are they unnamed they are poorly paid.

Epistles from this Annual Session
The general epistle for the Yearly Meeting was read by Jim Humphrey, Clerk of the Epistle Committee.
This epistle will be sent to yearly meetings throughout the world. Other members of the committee are
Virginia Herrick (Bellingham) and Chris Cradler (Multnomah).

Lower Elementary
The epistle consisted of a poster from which they read comments. They sang one of the songs that they
enjoyed.

Upper Elementary
We learned about Captain George Anthony, a Quaker pirate. The Irish asked Anthony to rescue 6
prisoners from Australia. The Irish were put in prison by Britain because the Irish were fighting to get their
land back. Anthony’s navigation equipment was broken, but he still managed to save the prisoners without using violence.

In the second story, things exploded, and people poked holes in whaling ships to make them sink. They wanted to save the whales.

We talked about whether or not exploding things can be non-violent. We made treasure chests with baking soda and exploded them with vinegar. Some of us thought this was non-violent, while some thought that destroying anything, including ants and grass, is violent. Some thought that harming property to protect people and animals is non-violent, while others thought that destroying anything was violent.

Central Friends
Their program was active and very diverse, given their range of ages and interests. They played lots of games, interacted with the FIR, and created a flag to add to the annual flag collection. Their formal epistle said: “Ya’ll should play Pokemon Go.”

Junior Friends
ELee Hadley, as a Friendly Adult Presence, read their epistle; the Junior Friends were in their own final session.

Young Adult Friends
Maya Whitley read an epistle from this group.

The general epistle for annual session and the epistles from Junior Friends and the Young Adult Friends will be available on the NPYM web site.

Announcement of 2017 Annual Session
Next year’s annual session will be from July 26-30, at University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA. The Friend in Residence will be Peterson Tascano, playwright, performance artist, Bible Scholar, gay and trans activist, and climate change activist. He is a Quaker from Sunbury, PA.

Minute of Appreciation
We appreciate the many people who worked with Children’s Program this year. Also, we appreciate Jay Thatcher’s leadership for the Children’s Program for the past several years.

Reading of the Minutes from this Session
These minutes were approved.

Friends then began the final period of unprogrammed worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Alexander, Recording Clerk