

## **Lobo (Coldstream) Preparative Meeting Minutes 1976 - 1988**

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Lobo Township is in Middlesex County and situated a few miles west of London, Ontario. The township was settled around 1834 in part by Quakers from the Pelham area and directly from Pennsylvania. In 1849 the growing Quaker community was granted indulged status by Norwich Monthly Meeting. In 1850 the first meeting house was built. Soon the meeting house was no longer adequate and was replaced by the current brick meeting house in 1859 at the small village of Coldstream. In 1857 the meeting became a Preparative Meeting under Norwich Monthly Meeting. Arthur Dorland in his *A History of the Society of Friends (Quakers) in Canada, 1927 & 1968*, states that Lobo Meeting became one of the most progressive centres of the Hicksite Branch of Friends in Canada [172]. In the 10<sup>th</sup> month 1930 it was decided to continue the prep meetings but only twice a year.

In 1893, since Lobo was the most active meeting within the Monthly Meeting it was decided that the name of Norwich Monthly Meeting should be changed to Lobo Monthly Meeting [Dorland, 172]. According to Jane Zavitz Bond, in the 1980's Lobo Monthly Meeting became Coldstream Monthly Meeting and Yarmouth was set off as Yarmouth Monthly Meeting at Sparta. Coldstream is still an active meeting and Coldstream Friends Meeting has a website at [coldstreamquakers.com](http://coldstreamquakers.com).

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### **Minutes of Lobo Preparative Meeting 1976-**

#### **Legend of names**

These are the alternate spellings of Friends' names used in various places in these minutes:

<b>Correct spelling</b>	<b>Alternate version</b>
Anne	Ann
Balderston	Baldersone
Balderston	Balderston
Chiyo	Chio
Evert	Everet
George	Geo
Harold Zavitz	Harold C. Zavitz
Jadwiga	Jawiga
Joyce	Joice
Kathryn	Kathy
Kinnucan	Kinnugan
Kinnucan	Kunnigan
Klaas	Klass
Klaas	Klause
Margorie	Margerie
Margorie	Margery
Margorie	Margory
Marydell	Mary Dell
Marydell	Mary-dell
Marydell	Mary-dell
Patrick	Patric
Patrick	Patrice
Patrick	Patrice
Sequoia	Sequia
Slobota	Aloboda
Slobota	Solbota
Thomas	Thoma

**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends held at ~~Coldstream~~ error [initials] the home of John and Chiyo Kumagai first month sixth, 1976.**

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approval was given subject to the auditor's report. Carl Thomas has agreed to his reappointment to the Finance Committee for a three year term. Louis Muma has agreed to serve on the Finance Committee, filling a vacancy. This appointment is to be for two years.

Our quota of the Canadian Yearly Meeting has been raised to \$350.00 and so we request our treasurer to forward this amount to the Yearly Meeting treasurer Dorothy Muma.

Membership in the Society and appointment of non-members on Committees was discussed. There seemed to be a wide range of opinions in our meeting but the general trend was to allow the appointment of non-members to committees but not to heads of committees or to other higher positions in our organization.

The subject of intervisitation, not only between members of other meetings but among members of our own meeting was discussed. It was felt that such intervisitation should be greatly encouraged and that it would be greatly recieved.

We appoint Chester Brown, John Kumagai and Chiyo Kumagai to attend our next monthly meeting to be held in Sparta and to report with the business from this meeting.

In view of increased Yearly Meeting expenses, due to the holding of the Triennial Conference of the Friends World Committee for Consultation, we direct our treasurer to forward \$540.00 to the Yearly Meeting treasurer for such purpose.

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We adjourned to meet at the call of the clerk.

clerk Harold C. Zavitz  
copied by Marilyn Thomas

**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends held at Coldstream the seventh of fourth month 1976 with eight present.**

The minutes of the last meeting were read and after some additions were approved.

The executive and special fund committee report no expenditures for 1975.

The trustees of the cemetery fund report the balance at the end of the year april 1, 1975 to March 31, 1976 to be \$5921.68.

The house and grounds committee is asked to inspect and repair the water pipe leak.

Elsie Cutler read the report of Ministry and Counsel as reported to the Yearly Meeting office. Our delegates will take it to half-yearly meeting.

It is reported that the Preparative Meeting accounts for 1975 have been audited and found correct.

It is agreed that we should make a thorough study of the Discipline. It was suggested that we make a study of a section at a time starting with "general procedures" and followed by "ministry and counsel".

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A communication regarding Paul Smith of Costa Rica, who is travelling among Friends Meetings was read. We would hope he will be able to visit us. It will be left with Elsie Cutler to make arrangements

Friends coming to Canada for the Friends World Committee Meetings wish to visit among Canadian Friends and with Canadian Meetings. We do hope that some may visit in this vicinity and hope that it could be arranged to have them with us previous to our Yearly Meeting (July 26-August 1).

A letter from the north Pacific Yearly Meeting was read. The letter drew attention to the proposed establishment of a missile and submarine base in the state of Washington very close to the Canadian border. We suggest we review the situation and take it up with the Canadian government.

To encourage the free use of Friends literature we appoint Marilyn Thomas to provide a subscription from the Special Fund to the English Friend and the Friends' Journal. Neva Zavitz is taking orders for subscriptions to Canadian Friend.

We appoint James Zavitz, Elsie Cutler and Ida Stabler as our representatives to attend the next monthly meeting in London, fourth month, eleventh with the business from this meeting.

Then adjourned to meet the first fourth day of next month.

clerk Harold Zavitz  
copied by Marilyn Thomas

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**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends held at Coldstream the 5<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> month 1976. Nine were present.**

The minutes of the last meeting were read and after corrections approved.

Elsie Cutler reported that Paul Smith is coming to London May 29 and Friends are invited to Elsie's home for a meeting that evening.

Dougal Dockstator, a native Canadian, is going to cross-roads Africa for the summer. He is leaving May 26 and needs \$750.00. We suggest that all members send contributions to Grace Champress, cheques payable to Special Fund, London Friends Meeting.

Appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting at Sparta, James Zavitz, John Kumagai.

Discussion followed on the section "Organization and Procedure" in the Discipline. Jim Zavitz was leader. It was generally agreed that these sections appear to fulfill their requirements plainly.

At next Preparative Meeting we will study the sections on monthly, quarterly and Yearly Meeting.

Then adjourned to meet the first fourth day next month.

clerk Harold Zavitz

copied by Marilyn Thomas

**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends held at Coldstream the 7<sup>th</sup> of seventh month 1976.**

The letter re the Meeting House at Bernhill Fields was read. Because of extra donations made to Yearly Meeting we do not feel we can contribute to this project at this time.

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We have discussed chapter four of the discipline and believe it to be a suitable outline of presently procedure for Monthly Meeting purposes.

We suggest that we study the discipline section on general procedures and membership.

We appoint Harold Zavitz, Chester Brown and Elsie Cutler to attend our next Monthly Meeting with the business and report.

Then adjourned to meet in the ninth month (no meeting in the 8<sup>th</sup> month)

Clerk Harold Zavitz

copied by Marilyn Thomas and second half by Klaas Kobes

**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends held at Coldstream the 8<sup>th</sup> of ninth month 1976.**

After careful consideration and discussion it was left with the Preparative and Monthly Meeting clerks to determine the frequency, time and place of holding monthly meeting sessions.

Chester Brown and Jim Zavitz are appointed to bring forward the name of a person to serve as clerk of Preparative Meeting for the next two years.

A letter directed to the Minister of Correctional Services was read. It was approved and the meeting directs that copies be forwarded to other local meetings, the Yearly Meeting, the Canadian Friend and Young St Half Yearly Meeting Committee on Prison Reform.

A communication from the Friends World Committee for Consultation, dealing specifically with earthquake destruction in Guatemala was presented. Much concern was felt and it was left with each person to act individually.

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We appoint John and Chiyo Kumagai Elsie Cutler and Chester Brown as representatives to attend our next Monthly Meeting and report.

We adjourned to meet the 6<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> month 1976.

clerk Harold Zavitz  
copied by Marilyn Thomas.

**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends held at Coldstream the sixth of tenth month 1976. Eight were present**

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The clerks have not yet completed a roster of time and locations for monthly meeting but the next meeting is to be held in Sparta.

As the committee appointed to bring forward the name of a clerk for Preparative Meeting is not ready to report they are continued.

Our representatives appointed to attend monthly meeting have nothing special to report. The Religious Education report was presented and approved. After careful consideration Lorna Bycraft, Florence Cutler and Carl Thomas were appointed to the Religious Education Committee for two years.

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The arrangements for half yearly meeting were reviewed. This meeting will convene at 10:30 am on tenth month 23<sup>rd</sup>. A seminar will be held in the afternoon and recreation in the evening.

The question of Finances came under consideration. Does the monthly meeting have any financial responsibilities other than insurance and supplying new members with copies of the Discipline? We will await further information in regard to the Monthly Meeting requirements before we can determine our total requirements.

Then adjourned to meet in eleventh month.

clerk Harold Zavitz  
copied by Marilyn Thomas

**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends held at Coldstream the tenth of Eleventh month 1976. Seven were present.**

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Marilyn Thomas was appointed clerk to serve until 10<sup>th</sup> month 1978.

Harold Zavitz was appointed to the Special Fund Committee.

Appreciation was expressed of the arrangements of meetings and other activities on Half Yearly Meeting weekend. It is believed that it brought people together in fellowship and helped them understand and appreciate each other.

A letter from the Quaker literature service was read. The list will be put on the bulletin board. Members may order for themselves or have the clerk order for them. It is recommended that we should make literature more readily available to our attenders. More book shelves should be added.

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Chester Brown, Carl Thomas and Earl Muma are appointed as committee to look into the probability of and plans for enlarging the library and accommodations for more books and probably its relocation. Earl Muma, is to be paid \$50.00 per cutting for care of the grounds.

The clerk is asked to obtain an estimate of Meeting financial requirements so that the Preparative meeting can determine the amount of money it should raise.

It was decided to lower the partition in the meeting house for the winter. It was left to Chester Brown to get the group together for it.

We appoint John & Chiyo Kumagai, Chester & Florence Brown to attend the next monthly meeting to be held in Yarmouth next Sunday.

We adjourned after a few moments of silence

clerk Harold Zavitz  
copied by Marilyn Thomas

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting of Friends, held 2<sup>nd</sup> month, 9<sup>th</sup> 1977.**

Present were Marilyn Thomas clerk, Florence and Chester Brown, Harold Zavitz, Jim Zavitz.

Minutes of the last meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> month were read and accepted.

The financial report for the year ending December 1976 was received. Our books show a balance of \$2406.21 in the education fund, \$550.70 in the special fund and \$938.39 in the general use fund. A report from the quota committee about the years quotas and for the recommendation of the name of a treasurer for the 1977 year will be received at the next meeting.

The meeting approved the sending of \$25.00 to cover the cost of printing the 18 Yearly Meeting Minute Books that our meeting received.

The report of Ministry and Counsel for Lobo Preparative Meeting was presented and accepted by the meeting. This report will be sent to the clerk of Lobo Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel Walter Balderston, to be combined into a single report from our Monthly Meeting

Chester Brown reported that the committee looking into new book shelves for the Meeting House has received plans from Klaas Kobes and has posted them for the approval of the meeting. \$100.00 was the estimated cost for materials.

#### Library

A request for suggestions of names of suitable books for our library was made by a member of the special fund committee. It was further suggested that anyone having suitable volumes at home would be invited to either donate or loan books to the library. Chester Brown felt that the Pendle Hill Pamphlets featuring outstanding addresses should be obtained regularly.

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An appeal from the publishers of "Friends Journal" was read. In order to meet their operating expenses for 1977 they need to raise \$25,000. by private appeal. This preparative meeting approved \$50.00 to be sent for this purpose.

Another appeal from Representative Meeting of the Canadian Yearly Meeting for funds to support Friends General Conference, Friends United Meeting and Friends World Conference was received. We requested that \$75.00 to be divided equally among the three groups, would be forwarded to Yearly Meeting office, on their behalf.

The Lobo Monthly Meeting asks each Preparative Meeting to raise and pay to the Monthly Meeting Treasurer \$50.00 per year starting in 1977. These funds are to be used for presenting new disciplines to new members and to the newly married couples. It would also assist travel for our Representatives to Yearly Meeting Committees (M.M. minutes 11<sup>th</sup> mo., 14, 1976).

Representatives to Monthly Meeting in London 2 mo., 13, 1977 are Florence and Chester Brown, Harold Zavitz.

The meeting was adjourned with the reading of the 23 Querie and a moment's silence

Marilyn Thomas clerk

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#### **A short Preparative Meeting was held May 1, 1977 after meeting for worship**

Representative Meeting of .C.Y.M. has sent its proposed budget for the 1978 year. Because of an increase in expenses our quoted payment has been increased from \$350.00 to \$440.00 for the 1978 year. It was the feeling of the meeting that we could meet this increase by increasing our individual quotas slightly.

The meeting felt that our financial commitment to yearly meeting should be reconsidered yearly and that representative meeting shall be informed that we could not make any long-term financial commitment to them.



The May Monthly Meeting will be discussing the role of Ministry and Counsel at the Monthly Meeting and Preparative Meeting levels. We as a preparative meeting feel that Ministry and Counsel continues to have its appointments made at Monthly meeting but would serve its most important role at the Preparative meeting level. Concern was felt for the contact with the other two meetings at the Monthly meeting level. A committee of 3-4 members was felt necessary for our Ministry & Counsel.

The meeting was adjourned.

Marilyn Thomas Clerk.

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting of Friends held April 6, 1977.**

Present were Marilyn Thomas clerk, Florence and Chester Brown, Florence and Shirley Cutler, Chiyo Kumagai Earl Muma, Harold Zavitz

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The finance committee, represented by Elsie Cutler, reported that the books had been audited and found correct. They submitted the name of Shirley Cutler to continue as treasurer for this year. The meeting approved her appointment. The committee also reported that the quotas would remain the same for this year.

#### Fire insurance

Our Preparative Meeting will be responsible for paying our own fire insurance. This was formerly paid by the Monthly Meeting.

Coldstream the tenth of Eleventh month 1976. Seven were present.

A donation was recieved from a member of our community, George Webb, for upkeep of the Meeting House. A letter of thanks will be forwarded.

#### Partition Mtng House

The partition dividing the two halves of the Meeting House, which was lowered for the winter is in need of paint. The meeting gave authorization to Shirley Cutler to purchase paint in a matching shade. When the weather permits a painting bee will be organized. We appoint Jamie Bycraft ~~on~~, subject to his approval, to serve on the House and Grounds Com. for 3 years, Bruce Bycraft to 78, Carl Muma to 79.

The book-case committee reports that the project has not been forgotten but has been slowed down due to need for time.

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The Cemetery trustees, represented by Marilyn Thomas, reported that the perpetual care fund is now at a total of \$6,388.89. Expenses for the year were for grounds' care paid to Earl Muma (\$279.50). An annual return on the receipts and investments of perpetual care funds has been completed and forwarded to the

Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations. Florence Brown and John Kumagai were appointed to audit the books for the last fiscal year

- From the Minutes of last Monthly Meeting -

A request was made for a list of regular attenders who are not members of the meeting. Florence Brown has been asked to do this.

#### Dual Clerkship M.M.

The Monthly Meeting concern about dual clerkship and dual minute books was briefly discussed but no definite recommendation could be made to forward to M. Meeting.

Florence Brown, a member of the planning committee for Half-Yearly Meeting reports that this meeting will be held in Yarmouth May 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. Nancy Pocock, guest speaker, will talk on many concerns. The ladies from Yarmouth, with the help of Coldstream and London will provide the three meals.

As representative to the Monthly Meeting April 10<sup>th</sup> are Elsie Cutler, Chester Brown Marilyn Thomas.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> querie was read.

The meeting was adjourned

Marilyn Thomas clerk

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held June 29, 1977.**

Present were Marilyn Thomas clerk, Florence Cutler, John & Chiyo Kumagai, Earl Muma, Jim Zavitz, Elsie Cutler, Florence and Chester Brown and Harold Zavitz.

The minutes of the two previous meetings and corrections were made.

#### Partition Mtng. House

The meeting expressed its appreciation for the work done by Evert and Klass Kobes, regular attenders in meeting for worship. Evert donated his time and some paint to brighten up the meeting house partition. Klass designed and engineered the building of the new book shelves. Letters of thanks will be written to both.

Jim Zavitz reviewed the May & June Monthly Meeting minutes on the question of Ministry & Counsel. Concern was expressed as to the function the meeting serves to its new attenders and the community. Positive suggestions are as follows:

1. More preparation and organization of our adult discussion group on Sunday.
2. Ministry and Counsel was asked to persue the possibility of a Quaker Dialogue or Worship Fellowship group with the goal of strengthening the core group of the meeting.

3. A book list for a basic Friends' library was presented. Friends were asked to look over the list and select books that would be suitable for our library. The importance of having suitable reading material for children was expressed.
4. Friends expressed a desire to subscribe to the Canadian Friends Historical Association Newsletter. A subscription will be taken out for 1 yr.

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In response to the interdenominational church survey conducted in Lobo township this spring, Friends have one family interested in a visit from Friends. Florence & Chester Brown were approved to make this visit.

The meeting approved the spending of \$10.00 from the special fund for the purchase of pamphlets. These would be on display inside the meeting house and would be free for the taking by interested visitors.

As representatives to Monthly Meeting in Coldstream July 10 are Florence Cutler, Earl Muma, Harold Zavitz & John Kumagai.

The meeting was adjourned with a few moments of silence.

Marilyn Thomas clerk

### **Preparative Meeting was held Oct 12, 1977.**

Present were Ida Stabler, Florence Cutler, Florence & Chester Brown, Marilyn Thomas clerk.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Ministry and Counsel reported that the leaflets on various aspects of Friends' beliefs, have been purchased and are on display for the use of visitors to our meeting house. The total cost of the leaflets was \$17.05. Ministry & Counsel reported that a good many leaflets have been taken by visitors.

The acquisition of books for our library was discussed. The idea of loaning books to the meeting library was discussed. The idea of loaning books to the meeting library was expressed. There was concern about the safety of books that had a great deal of meaning to their owner. The meeting approved the placing of locked wooden doors on two shelves of the book case to protect the more valued books. Klaas Kobes is to be approached for help in this matter.

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The Meeting approved that Ministry & Counsel should order a selection of books and pamphlets. One hundred dollars, including donations, is allotted for this purpose. These funds will come from the Special Fund.

Friends expressed a concern for the older books in the meeting house. The clerk will take the responsibility for ordering glass for the doors of the old book case.

An excellent report was received from the Sunday School Committee. The junior class has increased in size and has had a steady attendance. The class has been studying Friends General Conference Material. Donations have been made throughout the year to help meet the needs of the Canadian Friends Service Committee and to aid in several projects of our native people.

Re appointment to the religious education committee for two years are Jim Zavitz, Thelma Bycraft, Beryl Zavitz and continuing for one year are Hazel Zavitz, Lorna Bycraft, Florence Cutler, Carl Thomas.

A concern questioning the use of the term "may the teachers take up the lessons" at the introduction of Sunday School was expressed. Friends felt that this phraseology could be excluded.

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The need for attendance records was also questioned. These matters will be referred to the Sunday School Committee for their consideration.

Forty-five minutes is at present the time allocated for our meeting for worship. A desire for a longer meeting for worship was expressed. Further discussion on this matter will follow at a future meeting.

The idea a coffee time after meetings was introduced. Friends approved the initiation of this special time for the first Sunday of each month. Ida Stabler will take on the responsibility for purchasing supplies and delegating Friends to be responsible each month.

As representatives to Half Yearly Meeting we appoint Elsie Cutler.

A brief report of the Interdenominational Church Survey was given.

At the present time no insulation exists in the ceiling of the meeting house. The meeting approved Chester Brown to look into the costs of insulation and to report.

The need for a doorman to welcome attenders for Sunday worship, was expressed. The meeting approved Marilyn Thomas to look after finding Friends for the responsibility for one month periods.

The meeting was concluded with a few moments silence.

Marilyn Thomas clerk

Meeting Jan 29, 1978 copied after meeting May 17, 1978

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held May 17, 1978**

Present were Florence Cutler, Florence & Chester Brown, Chiyo & John Kumagai Elsie Cutler

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and read.

The matter of insulation for the meeting house ceiling has not been fully dealt with as yet but will be looked after by the House & Grounds Committee before next winter.

Appointed to House & Grounds Com. for 3 years Clarence Kobes to remain for 1 yr. Earl Muma & for 2 yrs Jamie Bycraft

It was approved that estimates for cushions for the benches for the meeting house be obtained. Marg Muma will be asked to look into the cost & report.

A report from the Cemetery trustees was given. A total of \$6,634.95 is present in assets. An annual report to the Ministry of Consumer & Commercial Relations on our present assets will be forwarded to them. A decision was made to audit the books every third year.

The meeting approved a subscription to the Argenta Pamphlet series & the Pendle Hill Pamphlet series

Names of delegates to Yearly Meeting in New Brunswick are Florence & Chester Brown. These names will be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting office so that delegate material can be forwarded to them.

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A letter from Yearly Meeting Finance Com. was read. By 1980 the Yearly Meeting would like to present a proposed balanced budget. To do this Meeting quotas would have to rise. Coldstream's proposed rise would be from \$440.00 in 1978 to \$550.00 in 1979 to \$840.00 in 1980. It was felt that a serious look must be taken at our actual active membership and at the financial potential our meeting will have in the near future. The finance committee, the treasurer and Chester Brown will meet in the near future to make this assessment and will send a report of their findings to the Yearly Meeting Finance Com.

Dr. Miriam Burke, professor of Counselling and psychology at Earlham School of Religion will be visiting our meeting June 25 & 26.

Interest in a "clearness committee" as a topic where she could be helpful to us was expressed. This topic will be relayed to Miriam in future correspondence.

The meeting was adjourned with a few moments silence.

Marilyn Thomas clerk

### **Lobo Preparative Meeting was held Jan 29, 1978.**

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Time allotted for meeting for worship has been 45 minutes. The need for an increase in worship time was expressed. The meeting approved taking of 5 minutes from the end of discussion group to extend meeting

for worship to 50 minutes. The length of time that children remain in meeting will be left up to the discretion of individual parents.

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The need for discussion on "Meeting for Worship" & Vocal Ministry was expressed. Further arrangements will be made for discussion on these subjects in the Sunday morning adult group.

A financial report for 1977 was received from the treasurer Shirley Cutler. In the Education Fund \$2638.13, in Special fund \$591.27, general balance \$733.64. Appointed to Finance Committee for 3 years Louis Muma. To remain for 2 yrs. Elsie Cutler & for 1 yr Carl Thomas.

The meeting approved the insulation of half the meeting House ceiling. Chester Brown brought forth an estimate of about \$125.00. The matter will be referred to the House & Grounds Com. Chester Brown will work with this committee to obtain materials and set up a time for installation of the insulation.

A letter from Canadian Yearly Meeting requesting donations to offset the 1978 deficit budget was read. Rising travel costs have been an ever increasing problem for the Y.M. This meeting decided to leave contributions up to the individual.

A correspondence from Burton Hill on behalf of Finance Com. of Canadian Yearly Meeting ~~was read~~ error [Initials] requesting funds for Friends General Conference, Friends United Meeting, and Friends World Com. was read. A contribution of \$75.00 to be divided amongst the three was approved.

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The Friends Journal have also requested contributions to support their publications. Individual contributions can be made to the clerk to be forwarded to the Journal.

Half Yearly Meeting will be held in Coldstream May 27-28 1978.

London Preparative Meeting has proposed that the Monthly Meetings be reduced from 12 to 9 per year. It is the feeling of Lobo Preparative Meeting that the time span between the deleted months would be too great to deal with some types of business effectively. The meeting felt the build up of business would make the remaining Monthly Meeting too long.

Friends at Coldstream feel the importance of the monthly intervisitation created by these meetings.

Our recommendation to Monthly Meeting is to continue with 12 meetings per year.

Representatives to Monthly Meeting Feb 12 with the business of this meeting are  
Ida Stabler  
Marilyn Thomas  
Elsie Cutler

The meeting adjourned with a few moments silence

Marilyn Thomas clerk

**Preparative Meeting was held Oct 22, 1978.**

Present were Elsie Cutler, Florence Cutler, John & Chiyo Kumagai, Chester & Florence Brown, Clarence and Evert Kobes, Louis & Marge Muma.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as corrected.

A report was recieved from Florence Cutler the secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Committee. The Sunday School consists of two classes, junior & adult with a report of good steady attendance. Sunday School contributions continue to the Canadian Friends Service Committee as well as to local native peoples groups.

Appointed to the Sunday School Committee until 1980 (for 2 years) are Evert Kobes, Hazel Zavitz, Lorna Bycraft, Florence Cutler, Carl Thomas. To continue for 1 yr are Jim Zavitz, Thelma Bycraft, Beryl Zavitz . This committee is ask to appoint its own superintendants and secretary-treasurer.

The clerks term of office has expired. Marilyn Thomas has agreed to continue as clerk for 2 more years. The meeting approved the re appointment of an executive committee to assist the clerk and to administer the Special Fund. Clarence Kobes and Ida Stabler were ~~nominated~~ appointed.

A report from Coldstream Meeting on their discussions on funerals and memorial services was read for approval from the meeting. The report was approved and will thus be submitted to Monthly Meeting in November. The report recommends the preparation of a special form which could be filled in by members and attenders, specifying their wishes upon their own death. It was recommended that such forms be registered with each meeting. The report also recommends that a list of book titles, poems or music which would be suitable in planning a memorial service be compiled and also kept in each meeting.

A nominating committee from Monthly Meeting is in the process of recommending appointments to Ministry & Counsel.

This meeting approves the appointment of two members to serve from Coldstream.

Marge Muma reported on estimates she recieved for bench cushions. This matter will be further considered by the ladies sewing circle.

The meeting was concluded with a few moments silence

M Thomas clerk

**Lobo Preparative Meeting of Friends was held in Coldstream, Jan 21, 1979.**

Present were Florence & Chester Brown, Elsie Cutler, John & Chiyo Kumagai, Jim Zavitz, Edith Zavitz, Ida Stabler, Everet Kobes & Marilyn Thomas

Elsie Cutler, of the finance committee, brought forth the suggestion of dropping the quota system as a means of fundraising in our meeting. After consideration the meeting directed the finance committee to discontinue the present system for a trial period and to draft a letter to go to members and attenders stating our financial needs for the coming year. It is hoped in this way the generosity of the meeting supporters will more than cover our financial obligations.

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In response to an appeal from Friends General Conference, Friends United Meeting & Friends World Committee this meeting is contributing \$100.00 to be divided among the three.

Twenty-five dollars will be sent to support the Friends Journal.

Ida Stabler agrees to organize the monthly coffee time. Chester Brown agrees to coordinate the door persons.

Friends General Conference has published a new book "Songs of the Spirit. This matter will be passed on to the Sunday School Committee.

Neva Zavitz, being unable, wishes to be relieved of the job of taking subscriptions for the Canadian Friend. We are grateful for her faithful effort. Lorna Bycraft consented to be responsible this year.

The meeting was adjourned with a few moments silence.

Marilyn Thomas, clerk

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting was held April 1, 1979.**

In attendance were Elsie Cutler, Florence & Chester Brown, Ida Stabler, Carl & Marilyn Thomas Clarence & Evert Kobes, Edith Zavitz.

Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

#### Finance Com.

The finance committee reported that the books have been audited & found correct. the treasurer will be instructed to forward the quota to the Yearly Meeting & to the Monthly Meeting. Appointed to the finance committee for 3 years is Carl Thomas Remaining for 1 year Elsie Cutler & for 2 yrs Louis Muma.

#### House & Grounds



Clarence Kobes reported for the House & Grounds Committee. He conveyed his thanks to Allyson Bycraft for her work as caretaker over the past few years. Evert & Jamie Kobes have now accepted the job as caretakers. Thanks was given from the H & G Committee to individual members of the meeting for other things that have been done throughout the year. Earl Muma was reappointed to the H & G Com for 3 years. For 1 yr James Bycraft & for 2 yrs Clarence Kobes.

A gift of money from Lorena Zavitz Painter was recieved. She expressed the wish that we use this money for expenses incurred by hospitality given at special services in the meeting house. She expressed her appreciation for hospitality shown at the funeral of her brother Harold Zavitz.

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We approved the spending of part of the money for purchase of saucers. Ida Stabler will look into their purchase.

The need for more tables for food service was expressed. The meeting directs the H & G Committee to look into & purchase of tables as they see fit.

Our kitchen area is small with very limited working area. Florence Brown & Elsie Cutler were asked to work with the H & G Com.to bring forth a plan & to look into costs involved.

Approval is given to H & G Com to purchase paint for the benches and woodwork in the Meeting House. H & G. Com. will organize a painting bee early in the summer.

The Com. for Burial & Burial Grounds has in the past Being looked after by Monthly Meeting. but since the only cemetery under its care is Coldstream, the committee has been dissolved and Lobo Preparative Meeting has been asked to take over the full charge of Coldstream Friends Cemetery.

#### Burial & Burial Grounds Com.

Lobo Preparative Meeting approved the formation of a committee with the title Burial & Burial Grounds Committee. The duties of this com. are to arrange for burials to see to the care of the grounds and to administer any other busines of the cemetery.

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#### B & B.G.C. to April 1984

Appointed to this Committee are Jim Zavitz (subject to approval) Chester Brown, Bev Hamacher (subject to approval). The term of office is 5 years.

Marilyn Thomas presented a financial report. To date all our funds have been considered perpetual care & the interest earned by debentures was used to cover expenses. Now according to government regulation our books must show perpetual care funds of which only the interest can be used. To these funds a minimum of \$35.00 per plot for the purchase of each new plot must be added.

The meeting directs the trustees to put the minimum amount required by government regulations into the perpetual care fund each year. The remaining balance is to be put into debentures as it accumulates but is not to be declared as perpetual care.

Since regulation requires \$35.00 for each plot sold to be set aside for perpetual, this meeting directs the burial & burial grounds com. & trustees to use the amount of \$35.00 as a suggested donation for obtaining a plot.

The discipline com. of Yearly Meeting has proposed changes to the sections on “Allowed Meetings & Preparative Meeting”. After some discussion this meeting approved the proposed changes as presented and the abandonment of the terms Allowed & Preparative for the term Recognized Meeting. Some concern was expressed that the change in name would mean changes would have to be made in legal titles. This matter is to be looked into by M. Meeting

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As representatives to Monthly Meeting, Edith Zavitz, Ida Stabler, Evert Kobes.

Adjourned with silence

Marilyn Thomas clerk

### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held Sept 5 1979.**

Present were Jim Zavitz, Joyce Holwerda, George Webb, Evert & Clarence Kobes, Florence & Chester Brown, Elsie & Florence Cutler, Marilyn Thomas clerk.

The meeting was opened with an excerpt from Friends Journal “Meeting for Worship for Business & a short silence.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

#### H. & Grounds

Earl Muma has accepted the appointment to House & Grounds (3 years). H & G reported that Louis Muma has built & is building tables for the Meeting house. Discussion about cupboard space is in progress but no decision to date has been made

Final plans for the bench and woodwork painting bee have been made & will be organized by Evert Kobes.

Evert Kobes & Geo. Webb will sort of and list the books donated from Harold Zavitzs library.

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1979 is the year of the 130 anniversary of Coldstream Meeting. The Sunday School Com. will consider this when planning the Christmas caroling service.

A need is felt for an interest group to be formed within our meeting. This group would be open to all interested and would be held in addition to regular Meeting. Such a group will determine its own areas of interest but will delve deeply into some Friends issues.

#### Burial & Burial Grounds Com.

The Burial & Burial Grounds Com has measured the cemetery and an official plan has been drawn up. Jim Zavitz & Bev Hamacher have accepted the 5 yr appointment to this Committee.

Home Mission & Advancement Com. has asked what our needs are from HMAc. After some discussion the following were found to be most important to our meeting.

1. Ideas for increasing awareness in the community of Friends ways & concerns
2. The importance of visitation for we feel we would like to share in the wealth of knowledge & spirituality of other Friends. We would be interested in lists of people who could travel & ideas of what their area of sharing would be.
3. First Day School book lists

Coldstream Meeting would like to commend HMAc for their Quaker Book Service.

Representative to M. Meeting are Chester Brown Elsie Cutler.

Then adjourned with a few moments of silence

M. Thomas clerk.

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Preparative Meeting held Jan 20 1980 at the Meetinghouse. error [Initials]

#### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held Nov 18 1979**

Present were Ida Stabler, Marj & Louis Muma, Jim Zavitz, Clarence, Evert & Jamie Kobes, Elsie & Florence Cutler, John & Chiyo Kumagai, Carl & Marilyn Thomas, Edith Zavitz, Hazel Zavitz, Lorna Bycraft, Earl Muma & Chester Brown.

A report from the Sunday School Committee was submitted by Florence Cutler. Contributions to CFSC last year were \$613.36. It was reported that attendance in the adult class was good & that though there are only four in the young peoples class the attendance is regular.

#### R. Education.

Appointed to the Sunday School Com for 2 years are Jim Zavitz, Beryl Zavitz Thelma Bycraft.

Coffee supplies will be looked after in future by Evert Kobes.

In response to a request for funds from Friends General Conference, Friends United Meeting, Friends World Committee & the Canadian Council of Churches we will send 35.00 to each group.

Home Mission & Advancement Committee requests further information from us as to who we would like as visitors our meeting. Our group would like HMAc to prepare a list of people who might be willing to visit and what areas they would be most helpful in.

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Ida Stabler gave a report on the Half Yearly Meeting's Tanzanian project. Because of unforeseen difficulties the initial project had to be dropped. Several alternate projects in Tanzania were presented and after careful consideration a project through the Tanzanian Community Development Trust Fund to build a badly needed grain storage shed was accepted. Half Yearly invited local meetings to add to the sum of \$910.00 already donated. The ½ Y.M. objective is \$1100.00 with the hope that CFSC will be able to obtain the rest of the \$5000.00 from NGO-CIDA. All contributions should go to Lobo Preparative Meeting by Jan 18, 1980.

A letter was read concerning a boycott of Nestle Company. Several churches of Canada including CFSC has endorsed this boycott because of the advertising tactics used by this company in third world countries. Their promotion of infant formulas in areas where families cannot afford or properly prepare the product have increased the malnutrition and mortality rate among these infants. Extra copies of this petition will be prepared & distributed for individual action.

In past months there has been considerable pressure put upon government by police associations to reinstate the death penalty in Canada. In response to this Victoria Monthly Meeting has written a letter to government officials in support of the present state of abolition of Capital Punishment. They have also circulated copies to Canadian Meetings. Copies of this letter will be reproduced & distributed in our meeting. No further action was taken at this time.

The meeting was adjourned.

M. Thomas (clerk)

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### **Preparative Meeting held Jan 20, 1980.**

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A statement opposing the possible reinstatement of capital punishment has been forwarded from Monthly Meeting for distribution to the candidates in Lampton Middlesex and Kent counties. A covering letter from the clerk accompanied the letters.

Thanks was given to Evert Kobes for all the extra hours of painting he did to complete the meeting house walls & ceiling. The meeting approved an honorarium of \$250.00 to be given to Evert as a token of our appreciation.

Louis Muma has spent extra time in building tables counters & installing heaters. We are grateful for his contribution.

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A letter was prepared and sent to members of government and opposition concerning our feelings on the Indochina refugee problem. Encouragement was given to government officials to increase money sent to Indochina for reconstruction and to extend sponsorship programs to include other world refugees. General consent was given by this meeting in December and the letter was forwarded. To date no replies have been obtained.

Membership in the Friends Historical Association was approved.

In the summer of 1980 a Young Friends Caravan will be travelling from east to west coast & will be visiting meetings along route. Sparta meeting has already extended an invitation and Coldstream too will extend our hospitality.

The state of Society reports for Ministry & Counsel are to be prepared this month. Florence Brown as clerk of M & C asked the meeting for written expression of feelings about the spiritual life of our meeting.

This meeting expressed a desire that the children been invited to attend business meetings & other meetings where topics might be of some value to their experience of the society.

\$640.00 in individual donations was collected the treasurer of this meeting for the Tanzanian project. This money has been forwarded to the half yearly meeting treasurer.

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The meeting was adjourned to meet at the call of the clerk.

M. Thomas clerk.

### **Preparative Meeting was held April 2, 1980**

Present were Florence & Chester Brown, John & Chiyo Kumagai, Shirley Cutler, George Webb, Joyce Holwerda, Evert Kobes, Marilyn Thomas.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

No member of House & Grounds Committee was present but communication from them said they had nothing new to report.

#### House & Grounds

Appointed to House & Grounds Com. for 3 years is Jamie Bycraft.

A suggestion was made that a large ceiling fan would circulate the heat in the meeting house better. taking advantage of the accumulation of heat at the ceiling. We ask Louis Muma to investigate the cost of such a fan & to report back.

Shirley Cutler presented the financial statement. To date \$1163.04 is in our general account. Expenses for 1979 year were \$2035.46 from the general funds. The treasurer is directed to pay Yearly Meeting & Monthly meeting quotas for the year. The books have not been audited but will be in the near future.

#### Finance Com.

George Webb was appointed to the finance committee for 3 years. Remaining for 2 years Carl Thomas & 1 year Louis Muma.

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Chester Brown reported that an official plan has been completed of the cemetery & that four copies will be available for distribution to the Burial & Burial Grounds Committee & trustee. Marilyn Thomas reports that \$7900.00 is present in the cemetery's perpetual care fund & that \$1132.02 is in the general account. Coldstream will host half yearly Meeting on May 31 to June 1. The program committee has invited Philip & Janet Martin of Ottawa, formerly of Quaker House in Geneva to speak on Friends & their relationship to Peace issues.

#### Food Planning Committee

To the food planning committee we appoint Joyce Holwerda & Florence Brown For billeting we appoint Lorna Bycraft & Elsie Cutler.

Having an interesting program such as the one set up for half Yearly Meeting is a good opportunity for some outreach into our community & to Friends who have not attended for some time. To persue possibilities of outreach we appoint Chester Brown & Joyce Holwerda.

The booklet Peacemaking Public & Private by Adam Curle is being sold by Thousand Islands Monthly Meeting for Fund Raising by C.F.S.C. We felt we would like to purchase 30 copies to have on hand for resale & distribution. We instruct our treasurer to purchase them.

Representatives to Monthly Meeting at Coldstream are John & Chiyo Kumagai, Chester Brown.

Adjourned after a period of silence.

Marilyn Thomas clerk

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### **Preparative Meeting held September 28, 1980**

Present were: Clarence & Evert Kobes, Chester Brown, Carl & Marilyn Thomas, Elsie Cutler John & Chiyo Kumagai, Joyce Holwerda, Jadwiga Bennich [illegible]

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Louis Muma looked into the cost of a ceiling fan for the meeting house. Instalation & purchase would probably be in excess of \$300.00. Approval was given to a fan's purchase & instalation. House & Grounds Committee will oversee the project. Donations to the general preparative Meeting fund to help defray expenses will be accepted.

Nancy Pocock will be visiting Coldstream probably on the second week in November. Joyce Holwerda and Marilyn Thomas will coordinate her visit.

The term of clerkship is up in November and Marilyn Thomas has submitted her resignation. Elsie Cutler & Chiyo Kumagai will serve on a committee to find a clerk for the next term. They will report at the next meeting.

Disarmament week is from Oct 24-29, 1984. Marilyn Thomas, George Webb & Joyce Holwerda have been participating in program planning for the London area. Coldstream Preparative Meeting gave its consent to have its name used as an endorser of Disarmament Week.

This meeting felt it could take an active role in promoting the Disarmament Week program within churches & organizations of our area.

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Approval was given to financially support this cause. No indication was given at this time as to what the need would be.

A thank you letter from the St. Lukes Society was read expressing appreciation for the use of the meeting house.

Approval was given to renew Friends Journal for 2 years.

The clerk was asked to purchase a new guest book for the meeting house.

After a period of silence, then adjourned to meet at the call of the clerk.

Marilyn Thomas clerk.

### **Lobo Preparative Meeting was held Nov 23, 1980.**

The meeting was opened with worshipful silence.

Present were: Marj & Louis Muma, Jim Zavitz, Chester & Florence Brown, John & Chiyo Kumagai, Jadwiga Bennich, Elsie Cutler, Clarence & Evert Kobes, John & Chiyo Kumagai, and Marilyn Thomas.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

### New Clerk

The committee to search for a new clerk brought forward the name of Clarence Kobes. Acceptance was given for his appointment for a two year term.

The Report of the Religious Education Committee was read by Evert Kobes. The meeting accepted the report.

Appointed to the R.E. Committee for 2 years are Carl Thomas, Evert Kobes. Remaining for 1 year are Beryl Zavitz, Jim Zavitz and Thelma Bycraft, plus the superintendants: Lorna Bycraft and Hazel Zavitz.

A suggestion to use \$45.00 in the R.E. Chippewa fund for continuing support of recreational facilities on the Chippewa Reservation was made. This suggestion was passed along to R.E. Committee for action.

### Florence Cutler 25 years as secretary-treasurer of Rel. Education Committee

This meeting expresses its appreciation to Florence Cutler for her 25 years of outstanding service as secretary-treasurer of our Religious Education Committee.

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A project of Pelham Half Yearly Meeting to purchase breeding stock for cattle herds in Tanzanian village was presented. The objective is to raise \$1,400.00 before Jan. 31, 1981. Donations should be made to Shirley Cutler, preparative meeting treasurer before the end of Jan. 1981.

A request from Canadian Yearly Meeting for contributions to Friends General Conference, Friends United Meeting, Friends World Committee, and Canadian Council of Churches was read. \$40.00 is to be sent to each of these groups.

Approval was given to renew our subscription in the Canadian Friends Historical Society.

Florence Brown requested a special open meeting of Ministry & Council to look into the spiritual state of our meeting with the view of writing a state of society report. Calvin Nelson's concern to Yearly Meeting about the quality of Friends business meetings will also be considered at this special meeting. This meeting will be held Nov. 30, 1980 during our discussion group time. The young people are invited to attend.

Lobo Preparative Meeting will send \$20.00 to Canadian Yearly Meeting to help defray the cost of printing the Yearly Meeting Minutes.

A summary of an idea by Steve Abbott about a World Development Corps was presented to the meeting to be read and commented by individuals who are interested in his concepts.

A letter of thanks for the donation of \$25.00 and support of Friends in the London Disarmament Week program was read.

Other correspondence was presented to the meeting to be considered by individuals.



Representatives to Monthly Meeting in Yarmouth in December are Chester & Florence Brown, Evert Kobes.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the clerk.

Klaas (Clarence) Kobes

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### **Coldstream Preparative Meeting was held on Jan. 25, 1981.**

The meeting commenced with worshipful silence and the reading of section 417 in "Christian Faith and Practice".

Present were: Jim Zavitz, Chester and Florence Brown, Evert Kobes, George Webb, Carl and Marilyn Thomas and Klaas Kobes.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

#### Christmass carolling

Thanks were expressed to all who participated in organizing the annual Christmas Carolling which was held at our Meeting House on Sunday, Dec. 21, 1980. Invitations were mailed by Jim Zavitz to the community and the program was well attended.

A note of appreciation was sent to Miss Phyllis Mitchell, author-resident of Strathroy, for her presentation at this Christmas Carolling program.

The Religious Education Committee has presented Florence Cutler with a flower arrangement in appreciation of her 25 years of service as secretary-treasurer. (of the Rel. Ed. Com.)

#### State of Society Reports

A list of suggestions, resulting from the discussion regarding the State of Society Report, was presented to the Meeting for consideration by the Ministry and Council. The suggestions of young people were passed along to the Religious Education Committee with a request for a report of their comments.

#### Finance Committee

Carl Thomas, speaking for the Finance Committee, informed the meeting that Shirley Cutler has resigned as Treasurer of our Preparative Meeting.

#### Jim Zavitz appointed as Treasurer

The Committee submitted the name of Jim Zavitz as the new treasurer. The Meeting expressed its pleasure with this selection and approved the appointment. Jim Zavitz accepted. The Finance Committee agreed to audit the books before passing them on to Jim.

The Clerk is to send a copy of the minutes and a letter of appreciation to Shirley Cutler for her 15 years of outstanding service as Treasurer of our Preparative Meeting

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Letter of concern re Indian Rights

George Webb read a letter to the Meeting which he had composed in regards to the necessity of preserving native rights under the proposed new constitution of Canada. The Meeting endorsed this letter of concern and approved that it be sent in behalf of the Meeting to Mr. Ferguson, the M.P. and John Chrétien, Minister of Justice, and also to the Joint Committee on the Constitution.

Newspaper announcements

Consideration was given to announcing our local Meetings of Worship and Sunday School in a newspaper. Chester Brown presented the current rates of the London Free Press, which are \$273.00 per year for weekly announcements and \$92.40 per year for monthly announcements. It was decided to place announcements on a monthly basis as a trial for one year.

Jim Zavitz suggested we inquire about the free placing of an announcement in the "Today and Tomorrow" column of the London Free Press in addition to the paid announcement. The Meeting accepted this suggestion.

A special meeting was held on Jan. 18 with Nancy Pocock, visiting representative of the Canadian Friends World Service Committee. This meeting was found to be informative and rewarding. Traveling expenses to the amount of \$20, will be covered by the meeting.

Appointed as representative to the next Monthly Meeting was Elsie Vivian Cutler.

The meeting was adjourned after worshipful silence to meet again at the call of the clerk.

Klaas Kobes, clerk.

**Coldstream Preparative Meeting was held on March 29, 1981**

Section 415 in Christian Faith and Practice was read during the silence.

Present were Jim Zavitz, Chester and Florence Brown, Evert Kobes, Carl and Marilyn Thomas, John Kumagai, Elsie Cutler, Jadwiga Bennich and Margaret and Klaas Kobes

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The agenda for the Meeting was presented by the clerk, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Letter of concern re Indian Rights

The clerk read a letter to the Meeting sent by the Office of the Minister of Justice. This letter informed us that the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution had endorsed the inclusion of native rights in the Charter. This letter came in response to the letter of concern sent by Coldstream Friends at an earlier date.

#### Newspaper announcements

The monthly announcement of our local Meeting of Worship in the London Free Press was briefly discussed and it was decided that Evert Kobes and Carl and Marilyn Thomas would look after the wording and the placement of the announcement.

Jim Zavitz volunteered to investigate the possibility of having an announcement placed free of cost in the "Today + Tomorrow Column" of the London Free Press.

Chester and Florence Brown announced that they will be holding their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on April 19<sup>th</sup> between 2-5 p.m. and requested the use of the Coldstream Meeting House which was readily granted. They extended an invitation to all Friends to join in the celebration.

Ministry and Council asked for Friends wanting to apply for a ten day stay at either Community Camp at Camp Neekaunis or Family Camp. Funds can be made available for this sponsorship program.

#### Nestle Boycott

George Webb spoke to the meeting about the Nestle Boycott. He pointed out the misrepresentation used by the Nestle Company in advertising their products in the Third World countries where a lack of pure water needed for the Nestle's formula of feeding, endangers the lives of infants. A discussion followed and Friends endorsed the boycott.

The Meeting approved a \$10.00 donation to the Peace Tax Committee, Victoria, BC, and a \$25.00 donation, U.S. currency, to Friends Journal.

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Jim Zavitz informed the Meeting that the auditing of the treasurer's books had been completed and that he had changed one account from a Bonus Savings Account to a Daily Interest Savings account which is especially designated for groups and institutions and receives a higher interest rate. This account is with the Royal Bank of Canada.

Florence Brown told the Meeting that Irene Sotiroff will be visiting with us on April 12<sup>th</sup> to speak about her visit to Monte Verde Friends Meeting in Costa Rica and her visits to the camps established in Costa Rica for refugees from Nicaragua. She will be spending time with the Junior Sunday School in the morning and then give her presentation to the Lobo Monthly Meeting in the afternoon at the Coldstream Meeting House.

The Meeting decided that special time should be set aside to discuss the State of Society reports at the next Preparative Meeting.

After silence the meeting was adjourned until April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Klaas C. Kobes, clerk.

## **Lobo Preparative Meeting was held on April 26, 1981**

Section 442 in Christian Faith and Practice was read during the silence.

Present were Florence and Chester Brown, Elsie Vivian Cutler, Marilyn Thomas, John and Chiyo Kumagai, Evert Kobes and Klaas Kobes.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

A report on the announcement of our Meeting for Worship in the London Free Press will be presented at the next Preparative Meeting.

The Meeting extended congratulation to the Religious Education Committee for their contribution to the 90<sup>th</sup> Lobo & East Williams Sunday School Convention, chaired by our member Evert Kobes.

The Strathroy Age Dispatch published a lengthy and commendatory report of the activities and program presented at the Convention.

House and Grounds Committee reports its pleasure with the continuing interest and support of Friends in maintaining and improving the facilities of the Meeting House. Louis Muma has donated much of his time in looking after the purchase and installation of a new ceiling fan which is expected to reduce the cost of heating.

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Chester Brown organized a working bee to reinstall counterweights to the partition enabling one or two persons to raise and lower the partition where it formerly took at least six men with the risk of back injury.

### House + Grounds Committee

The Meeting appoints Klaas Kobes for another term on the House and Grounds Committee.

### Finance Committee

Louis Muma has been reappointed for another term on the Finance Committee subject to his consent.

In regards to the Finance Committee, the Meeting requests that its responsibilities and terms of reference be discussed at the next Preparative Meeting.

Appointed as representative to the next Monthly Meeting is Marilyn Thomas.

Ministry and Council of Lobo Monthly Meeting requests funds in order to replenish supply of pamphlets to be displayed in the Coldstream Meeting House. The Meeting approves the sum of \$25.00 for the use of this purpose.

### Librarian

Concern was expressed by Friends in regard to the Library Books, held in the Meeting House. It was suggested that a Librarian be appointed and that the books be stamped for identification of ownership. Evert Kobes volunteered to order a stamp engraved with the words: "Coldstream Friends Library". Elsie Cutler volunteered as librarian.

#### State of Society Report

The State of Society Report pertaining to the Coldstream Preparative Meeting was discussed at length. The list of suggestions for future action presented by Ministry and Council contained six major items as points for discussion.

#### News Letter

The first item considered was the possibility of a Meeting Bulletin to keep isolated Friends as well as attending and non-attending members informed of the activities of Coldstream Friends and other news items. The importance of establishing a deadline for mailing was stressed and it was decided to have one issue sent out by the middle of June and a second one in September and to evaluate its merits and usefulness before continuing the sending of additional of Meeting Bulletins.

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Appointed to compile the Meeting Bulletin were Marilyn Thomas, George Webb, and Klaas Kobes. Items to be included in the first Bulletin are to be handed in to the clerk before the end of May. Expenses incurred will be drawn from the Special Fund. Chio Kumagai volunteered to assist with the mailing and Chester Brown volunteered to photo copy the required number of copies.

The Meeting decided that further discussion regarding the State of Society Report be continued during the next Preparative Meeting and subsequent meetings until all the suggestions for future action have been given full consideration.

The Religious Education Committee will give a report of their comments at the next Prep. Meeting in response to the list of suggestions compiled by the young people of the Junior Sunday School.

After silence the Meeting was adjourned to meet again on May 24, 1981.

Klaas Kobes, clerk

### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held on May 24 '81**

The Meeting was opened with silence and the reading of a short passage from "Guide to Quaker Practice", by Howard Brinton.

Present were Florence and Chester Brown, John and Chio Kumagai, Elsie V. Cutler, Marilyn Thomas, Joice Holwerda, George Webb, Evert Kobes and Klaas C. Kobes.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Evert Kobes reported on the announcement to be placed in the London Free Press every first week of the month. Friends approved the wording of the notice. The expenses incurred are to be drawn from the General Fund.

#### Terms of Reference for Committees and Offices

The responsibilities and terms of reference of the Finance Committee were discussed and it was decided to make a list of guidelines and procedures for each Committee. One copy of each list is to be attached to the minute book and another copy is to go to each committee.

Florence Brown read a letter from Frank Showler, the co-ordinator of the Canadian Friends Service Committee. Frank reports in his letter that consideration will be given to print donation folders to be placed at Funeral Homes (Lobo Prep. Meeting had made this suggestion)

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Friends decided to have a special meeting to further discuss the State of Society Report at a time and date yet to be determined.

After silence the meeting was adjourned to meet again at the call of the clerk.

Klaas C. Kobes, clerk

### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held on Sept. 6 1981**

The Meeting opened with worship and the reading of section 229 in Christian Faith and Practice

Present were Marilyn Thomas, Elsie V. Cutler, Evert Kobes, Jim Zavitz, Jadwiga Bennich, John and Chio Kumagai, Chester and Florence Brown, and Klaas C. Kobes.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read.

#### Newsletter

Mention was made of the first "Coldstream Friends Newsletter" which was successfully printed and circulated in June this year. Also mentioned was the visit of Marian Baker of Barnesville, U.S.A. Marian taught at Friends Schools in Kenya for ten years and provided an educational and very entertaining evening for us, relating her work and experiences in Kenya. This was on Friday evening, June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Meeting House (Coldstream)

A special meeting to further discuss the State of Society Report has been set at 9:30 a.m. Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 1981.

#### Terms of Reference for Each Committee

Friends ask that each committee and officer make up a list of its duties, responsibilities, and procedures to be presented at the next Preparative Meeting for assessment.

#### Porch Renovations

Jim Zavitz presented the treasurer's report as well as two bills for clearance regarding the new concrete top for the porch. The two bills amounted to a total of \$689.- Volunteer Friends constructed the forms for the new top and steps. The concrete cost \$529 and the cement finishing (including the pouring etc.) was contracted out for \$160-

Chester Brown, Carl Thomas, and George Webb directed the work

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The Meeting approved the treasurer's report and the payment of the bills.

The parging of the posts was also approved as a future project at the approximate cost of \$50.-

Jadwiga Bennich informed the Meeting that Fritz and Cathlene Hertzberg of Pickering, Ont., are available to conduct seminars on the Spiritual Life of Friends.

The next Preparative Meeting will be held on Oct 18.

Klaas C. Kobes, clerk

#### Special Report

Special Prep. Meeting held by Coldstream Friends on Sept 27 1981 in which the State of Society was further discussed.

Each suggestion for future action, presented by Ministry and Counsel was examined with care and attention by the well attended meeting.

As a result of the discussion the following decision was made:

#### Special Program Each First Sunday of Month

"The first Sunday of each month is to be set aside to offer a special opportunity for the sharing of personal experiences, insights, needs and obstacles pertaining to one's spiritual life.

To facilitate the sharing, the time usually set aside for Sunday School followed by the Service of Worship will be reversed.

The Service of Worship will commence at 10:30 a.m. beginning with communal singing and Bible Reading.

At 11:15 a.m. the Meeting will be open for interpersonal sharing. The discussion leader will initiate the exchange and may, after a suitable time, introduce a topic for discussion, unless the need is apparent to extend the sharing until regular closing time at 12 noon.

Teachers of the Junior Sunday School are requested to ask the young people how they wish to participate in the program.

Marilyn Thomas expressed appreciation for the willingness and flexibility of the Meeting to experiment in this area.

In regard to visitation and caring, the Meeting asked Ministry and Counsel to explore the advisability of creating a “buddy system” in which each member or regular attender [illegible] another Friend with whom to interact on a regular basis and keep in contact with. The Ministry and Counsel is asked to report back to the Meeting.

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Special Report of Ministry and Counsel      November 1, 1981

Report of Ministry and Counsel as requested by Preparative Meeting Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 1981

“Caring for One Another” System

We would like to call the suggested “buddy system” by ~~with~~ the title of “Caring for One Another System”. A “Caring for One Another System” means to care for a suggested partner within the Meeting to develop fellowship on an individual level by:

- a) lies that contact either by a visit or a telephone call, or a letter, or at the Meeting.
- b) To share something that is spiritually meaningful on a monthly basis.

We suggest that two co-ordinators be appointed to instigate this program.

We ask the co-ordinators to assess the program after six months and report to the June 1982 Preparative Meeting.

We suggest that names be drawn at random; we encourage everyone to take part, but it is not compulsory.

Marilyn Thomas  
Florence Brown

Clerk’s note: appointed as co-ordinators on Nov.1 1981 were:  
    Jadwiga Bennich  
    and Joice Holwerda

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**Lobo Preparative Meeting held Oct. 18 1981**

A section from an article in Friends Journal was read during silence.

Present at the Meeting were Marilyn Thomas, Jadwiga Bennich, Florence Cutler, Jim Zavitz, Elsie V. Cutler, George Webb, Chester and Florence Brown, and Klaas C. Kobes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read



A report on the special Meeting held Sept 27 in regards to the State of Society Report was presented by the clerk and attached to the minutes.

Florence Brown reported for Ministry and Counsel presenting the meeting with a “Caring for One Another System” The meeting asked for the written report to be distributed to individual members for consideration. Discussion to be taking place at a later date to be arranged by the clerk.

The list of duties and terms of reference were submitted by the various committees and offices. The meeting appointed Jim Zavitz to scrutinize each list and present suggestions for addition or deletions where necessary at the next Prep Meeting. The Meeting will await Jim Zavitz’s report before acting further on the matter.

#### Committees and Offices Listed in Minute Book

Chester Brown suggested that a permanent list of all Committees and offices be recorded in the minute book. The Meeting approved.

#### December Meeting for All New Appointments

Marilyn Thomas proposed that all appointments for new offices be made in the December Preparative Meeting. The Meeting approved. All terms will run according to callendar year

In reference to a minute from the Lobo Monthly Meeting Coldstream Friends directed that personal donations for travel expenses for Jane Zavitz going to Kenya to attend the Triennial Session of Friends World Committee, so that tax-exemption-receipts may be issued to donors.

The Meeting also directed the treasurer to accept charitable donations to “Ploughshares” and issue tax-exemption receipts for the same.

Appointed as delegates to the next Monthly Meeting were John Kumagai and Jadwiga Bennich. Meeting adjourned.

Klaas C. Kobes, clerk

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held on March 21 1982.**

The Meeting opened with silence and the reading of section 340 in Christian Faith and Practice.

Present were Florence + Chester Brown, Elsie V. Cutler, Marilyn Thomas, Joice Holwerda, George Webb, Jim Zavitz, Louis and Margery Muma, and Klaas Kobes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

#### Terms of Reference of Committees.

Jim Zavitz reported on his scrutiny of the Terms of Reference of the various Committees and issued photocopies so each member could study it and present suggestions for changes or additions to the next Preparative Meeting

Joice Holwerda requested that Terms of Reference should also be written up for Representatives appointed for monthly and other meetings. This will be further discussed at the next Prep. Meeting.

Jim Zavitz presented the financial report for the year 1981.

The Finance Committee will audit the books and report at the next P.M.

Our hospitality responsibilities for the Half Yearly Meeting to be held in Coldstream, were discussed. Marilyn Thomas was appointed for the billeting Committee, Elsie Cutler for the "catering" committee, Joice Holwerda will contact the Marsh Store regarding the tour of Marsh Store scheduled for Saturday afternoon, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Joice Holwerda and Florence Brown will take responsibility for announcing and promoting Ken Hancock's presentation at the Half Yearly Meeting through the media (Strathroy Age Dispatch)

Joice Holwerda reported on the February Monthly Meeting and Chester Brown of the March Monthly Meeting.

#### December Meeting for Reports and New Appointments

All Standing Committees will report annually to the December Preparative Meeting at which time new appointment for offices will be made.

Appointed as representative to the next Monthly Meeting (April) are Klaas Kobes and Marilyn Thomas.

Correspondence was postponed until the next P.M.

The meeting was adjourned to meet at 9:30 a.m. April 18<sup>th</sup>

Klaas C. Kobes, clerk

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held on April 18, 1982**

Worshipful silence and a section of Christian Faith + Practice read.

Present: Chester Brown, Elsie V. Cutler, Florence Cutler, Marilyn Thomas, George Webb, Evert Kobes, Jim Zavitz and Klaas Kobes.

Minutes of the previous meeting read.

The Finance Committee audited the treasurer's books and reported them to be correct and in good order.

The Finance Committee presented a budget statement for 1982. It was discussed at length and accepted.

Treasurer: All accounts consolidated?

Jim Zavitz proposed that the four separate bank accounts be consolidated into one for greater convenience and better interest rates. This suggestion will be further considered at the next P.M.

Marilyn Thomas reported on the Burial Grounds Fund. Books on the funds will be audited by the Finance Committee and a report presented at the next P.M.

Hospitality responsibilities regarding Pelham Half Yearly Meeting to be held at Coldstream were reviewed.

A special meeting to discuss the Terms of Reference for the various Committees will be held on May 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Marilyn Thomas suggested that all members whose terms of office is due this month be asked to continue their terms until December of this year.

The treasurer reported that \$300 has so far been donated to assist Jane Zavitz in her traveling expenses to Kenya as delegate to the triennial meeting.

Elsie Cutler was appointed as representative to the May Monthly Meeting

Since correspondence had to be postponed the clerk asked that it be the first item on the agenda at the next P.M. to be held on May 16. The meeting approved and was then adjourned after worshipful silence.

Klaas C. Kobes, clerk

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Special Report Terms of References

Report on Special Meeting held May 7<sup>th</sup> 1982 at 7:30 re: Terms of References of the Various Committees and Offices.

The meeting was well attended.

The Duties and Terms of References of the Clerk, House and Grounds Committee, Finance Committee, and Religious Education Committee were analysed and re-written where necessary. All are yet to be finalized. The Rel. Ed. Committee was asked to review and discuss the Terms of Reference regarding their Committee: then: among themselves and make a presentation at the next Special Meeting.

Terms of Reference of other offices are yet to be discussed.

Kenya Triennial Fund for Jane Zavitz

The Treasurer reported that over \$400.- had been donated to the Jane Zavitz funds (Triennial Meeting, Kenya)

### Custodian

The House and Grounds Committee was instructed to re-evaluate custodial wages.

The House and Grounds Committee was also reminded of its duty to organize an annual Spring Cleaning for the Meeting House which has been assumed by the custodian for the last two years.

### Burial Grounds Trust Funds.

Marilyn Thomas presented a report on the Burial and Burial Grounds Trust Fund. The total general fund is \$2982.56. The perpetual care fund is \$8255.00.

The next special meeting date will be set during May 19, P.M.

Klaas C. Kobes, clerk

## **Lobo Preparative Meeting held on May 19, 1982**

Meeting opened with worshipful silence

Present were: Elsie V. Cutler, Florence Cutler, Jadwiga Bennich, John and Chio Kumagai and Klaas C Kobes.

Regrets, Jim Zavitz

Minutes of the previous meeting were read.

The clerk presented a report on the Special Meeting regarding Terms of References for the various Committees. This report is written in the minute book (here above)

Items of correspondence were discussed.

### Donations

The Meeting approved a \$40.- donation to each of the following: The Friends General Conference, the Canada Council of Churches, the Friends United Meeting

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### Argenta Donation

The Meeting also approved a \$40.- donation to Argenta Friends School (B.C.). All of these donations are to be sent through Canadian Yearly Meeting ~~accept~~ except Argenta donation. Those members who wish to give additional donations to Argenta Friends School may send their cheque through the treasurer.

Jadwiga suggested that special donations earmarked for food parcels to Poland by German Friends be sent through CFSC.

Elsie Cutler reported on the May Monthly Meeting and passed on the request of the Monthly Meeting that the addition of a Secretary for the Yearly Meeting be discussed and our suggestion forwarded to the Search

Committee. Jadwiga stressed the importance of taking time to search for a suitable candidate and suggested that perhaps two should be appointed. The selection will be further discussed at the next P.M.

Also to be discussed at the next P.M. is the consolidation of the four separate bank accounts.

Elsie conveyed message of thanks from Rosemary McEachen for the hospitality of Lobo Friends and for hosting them during the Half Yearly Meeting week-end.

Chio Kumagai was appointed as delegate to the next M.M.

The next Special Meeting to discuss the Terms of Ref. will be held on June 17, 7:30 pm

Preparative Meeting adjourned to meet again on June 20, 9:30 am

Klaas C Kobes, clerk

Special Meeting held on June 17 '82 at 7:30 p.m

Meeting opened with worshipful silence

Present: Elsie V. Cutler, Jadwiga Bennich, Chester + Florence Brown, Florence Cutler, Marilyn Thomas, Jim Zavitz, Evert and Klaas Kobes.

Minutes of last Special Meeting were read.

Jane Zavitz to Kenya, donation

A letter from Jane Zavitz was read by Jim. Jane expressed her gratitude for the Coldstream Friends' donation of \$475.00 assisting her in meeting traveling expenses to the Triennial Meeting held in Kenya.

The Duties and Terms of Reference of the Rel. Ed. Committee, the Treasurer, and the Librarian were discussed and re-written.

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The Clerk will make copies of the re-written Terms of Reference and make these available to members for scrutiny. Finalization of the papers will be considered in the October Preparative Meeting

Evert Kobes displayed the announcement of Coldstream Friends Meeting for Worship as printed in the London Free Press. Approval was given to continue these announcements for the summer months.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Klaas Kobes, clerk

### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held on June 20, 1982**

The meeting opened with silence and a reading from Christian Faith and Practice (434, section)

Present were Elsie V. Cutler, Florence Cutler, Jadwiga Bennich, Jim Zavitz, John and Chio Kumagai, Marilyn Thomas and Klaas Kobes.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read.

The meeting approved that the four Bank accounts be consolidated into one daily interest account to hold our finances and one chequing account to take care of our disbursements.

In regard to a question pertaining to the Educational Funds, the treasurer reports that all loans issued on the fund have been returned to the Meeting.

Chio Kumagai gave a comprehensive report of the June Monthly Meeting. Among delegates appointed for the Yearly Meeting are Chester and Florence Brown who will be attending in behalf of the Lobo Preparative Meeting

#### “Quaker Dialogue” Program to Continue

The change of the order of worship every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month was re-viewed. The earlier attempt to have a discussion or sharing time in response to the silence was not seen as successful. The change to “Quaker dialogue and creative listening” has proved a good substitute. The participation of Junior members was also noted and appreciated. The meeting decided to continue with this program.

The “Caring for one another” system was also reviewed. The general opinion was that it works well for some and not for others. In order to obtain a more accurate evaluation it was proposed that the questionnaire be circulated. The responsibility for this was accepted by the co-ordinators Jadwiga Bennich and Joice Holwerda.

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Elsie V. Cutler was appointed delegate to the July Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned to meet again at the call of the clerk.

Klaas Kobes, clerk

#### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held September 19, 9:30 a.m.**

The Meeting was opened with silence and a reading from Christian Faith and Practice, section 378.

Present were Elsie V. Cutler, Jadwiga Bennich, Jim Zavitz, Chester and Florence Brown, Evert Kobes, Joice Holwerda, George Webb, and Klaas C. Kobes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

Jim Zavitz reported that donations sent through the Canadian Yearly Meeting (see minutes of May 9) were acknowledged. Argenta Friends School also sent a letter of thanks

A special collection of \$43.- was sent by the treasurer to the Middlesex County Churches for the Plowing Match to be held in Lucan.

#### Bank Accounts Consolidated into One Account

Jim Zavitz also reported that the bank is amalgamating daily interest accounts and chequing accounts. Consequently all accounts of Lobo Preparative Meeting have been consolidated into one daily interest account.

#### “Short Notice Decisions” Responsibility of CLERK

The need to appoint an executive for “short notice decision” was discussed. Responsibility was given to the clerk to make these short notice decision after consulting with members of the appropriate committee

Home Mission and Advancement requested a list of our needs. Questions on the assessment form were discussed. The meeting showed a particular concern for outreach

It was also decided to have H.M.A.C. send out a list of isolated Friends to let the meeting check if some isolated Friends in our area have been overlooked in our contact with them.

#### Sparta Meeting House Damaged

George and Joice requested that Coldstream Friends consider making a donation to “Ploughshares” and also to Sparta Friends. Sparta F. may need help to finance repair costs to their Meeting House. (Counterweight holding the partition had crashed through the ceiling causing extreme damage)

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The meeting approved a donation up to \$400.-, depending on possible insurance coverage and the financial needs of Sparta Friends. Jim Zavitz was asked to enquire.

The suggestion to make a donation to Ploughshares is to be considered at the next Monthly Meeting.

George Webb reported on the condition of the roof and overhang of the Meeting House which he investigated. The House and Grounds Committee will decide on the extent of the repairs needed.

The clerk reminded the Meeting that reports of the various committees are due on the December Preparative Meeting. Also, new appointments are to be made at that time.

The “caring for one another” system will be evaluated at the next Preparative Meeting.

Appointed as delegates to the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Monthly Meeting were Klaas Kobes and Joice Holwerda.

The Meeting was adjourned after silence to meet again on October 17, 1982 at 9:30 a.m.

Klaas C. Kobes, clerk

**Lobo Preparative Meeting held on October 17, 1982**

The Meeting opened with silence and reading of section 183 in Chr. Faith + Practice

Present were Elsie V. Cutler, Jadwiga Bennich, Chester and Florence Brown, John and Chio Kumagai, Evert Kobes, Joice Holwerda, George Webb, Eric Moore and Klaas Kobes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

A letter was received from Yarmouth Preparative Meeting (Sparta) stating that they had sufficient funds to cover repair expenses for their Meeting House but it had been necessary to appeal for donations. Approval was given for a donation of \$250.00 to Yarmouth Preparative Meeting toward repair of their Meeting House.

The amount of \$50.00 was approved as donation to Plough Shares

The “caring for one another” system was reviewed and will be further discussed perhaps during Sunday School time with junior members present.

Delegates appointed to Nov. Monthly Meeting: Joice Holwerda + John Kumagai

The meeting was adjourned to meet again on November 28.

Klaas C. Kobes Clerk

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting, held Nov. 28, 1982 9:30 a.m.**

The Meeting opened with silence and the reading of section 556 in Christian Faith and Practice

Present were Elsie V. Cutler, Chester and Florence Brown, John and Chio Kumagai, Marjery and Louis Muma, Carl and Marilyn Thomas, Eric Moore, Klaas Kobes.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read.

A special presentation was given Sunday Nov. 21, by (Dr.) Campbell and (Mrs.) Francis Cutler of Flint, Michigan, USA, regarding medical work at Refugee Camps in Honduras and Thailand, sponsored by the Christian Mission Society. The Meeting approved that contributions for the mission be collected on Dec. 5 (\$94.00 was collected)

#### Committee Reports New Appointments Due in November

A proposal was made to move the due date for Committee Reports and New Appointments from December to November. This would alleviate the pressure from the already busy month of December.

New appointments due this year were brought before the meeting.



Carl Thomas App.: Rel. Ed. Com.

Carl Thomas was re-appointed for a three year term to the Rel Ed. Comm. The Religious Education Committee was asked to make a recommendation regarding the size of the Committee and report back to the Meeting.

Evert Kobes App. Finance Comm.

Evert Kobes was appointed to serve on the Finance Committee subject to his approval.

The Meeting asked the clerk to approach Earl and Oliver Muma regarding another term of office in the House and Grounds Committee.

The need for a Social Committee was discussed and appointment and responsibilities will be considered at the next Prep. Meeting

Adult Sunday School Abandoned

The clerk asked the Meeting for guidance regarding decision-making procedures. He questioned the wisdom of abandoning Adult Sunday School without bringing the matter to the Preparative Meeting. Also, junior members were not consulted nor involved. The Meeting agreed to review the decision at the next Prep. Meeting.

Christmas Carolling Combined with Chr. Ch. of Poplar Hill

Carl Thomas informed the Meeting that a Christmas Carolling program will again be held at the Coldstream Meeting House, but this year it will be a combined effort with the Diciples Christian Church of Poplar Hill.

The Meeting was adjourned to meet again Dec. 19.

Klaas Kobes clerk

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**Lobo Preparative Meeting, held Dec. 19, 1982**

The Meeting opened with silence and the reading of section 182 in Christian Faith and Practice

Present were Elsie V. Cutler, Jadwiga Bennich, Florence Brown, George Webb, John and Chio Kumagai, Jim Zavitz, Marjerie and Louis, Evert Kobes, Eric Moore, and Klaas Kobes

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read.

Social Committee Formed

Appointments were made to form a Social Committee. Members appointed were Chio Kumagai, Jadwida Bennich, and Joice Holwerda. Ministry and Counsel is going to select one of their three members to serve on the Social Committee.

Florence Brown accepted the responsibility to get the group together. (Duties of Social Committee: (1) to arrange for "door person", (2) First Sunday of month coffee care (3) cards and visitations, announcements to meeting about members who experience grief or joyous occasions (4) Special presentations (5) those duties it assigns itself, to be determined by the Committee)

Rel. Ed. Comm. reduced by attrition.

The Religious Education Committee reported it is in favour of a gradual reduction to three appointed members. The meeting approved.

The Burial and Burial Grounds Committee reported that there were no burials in 1982.

Breaking of Meeting of Worship

The meeting accepts the proposal of Ministry and Counsel that the responsibility for closing the Meeting of Worship should rest with each individual who shares in the worship rather than lie with one member of Ministry and Counsel.

The Treasurer presented his yearly report and issued printed copies of the 1982 Financial Statement. The Finance Committee was asked to look into our annual contribution to the Yearly Meeting to determine if we have fulfilled our obligation for 1982

The clerk expressed appreciation to the Treasurer, the Finance Committee, and all members who have been actively involved in Committee work to keep our fellowship alive and meaningful.

Schedule for Worship Question of Adult Sunday School

The clerk, Klaas Kobes, asked the Meeting to express its wishes regarding the manner and order of worship and whether Adult Sunday School should be re-instated or if spontaneity is to carry the Meeting from here on.

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Search Committee

Members were divided on the issue and appointed Klaas Kobes and George Webb to explore the needs, concerns, and expectations of adult and junior members and make a recommendation to the next Preparative Meeting

The Meeting decided to continue the old form of worship until a new decision can be made.

The House and Grounds Committee report and the Historical Association report was deferred to the next P.M.

The meeting was adjourned to meet again Jan 16, 9:30 a.m.

Clarence Klaas Kobes  
clerk.

**Lobo Preparative Meeting held Jan. 16, 1983 9:30 a.m.**

The Meeting opened with silence and the Reading of section 107b of Christian Faith and Practice. (“... Fitfully and falteringly and with repeated failure, I have tried to ‘mind that which is pure’ in me to guide me to God” – Frances H. Night, 1881-1945)

Present were Chester and Florence Brown, Carl and Marilyn Thomas, Jim Zavitz, Elsie V. Cutler, George Webb, Jadwiga Bennich, Evert Kobes, Klaas Kobes, Louis and Margerie Muma, Ida Stabler, Edith Zavitz, Florence Cutler, Lorna Bycraft. Guests: Pete and Betty

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read.

#### Annual Contribution to Yearly Meeting

The treasurer was informed that our annual contribution to the Yearly Meeting is now \$672 ? and that payment for 1982 is ~~approved~~ still to be paid.

The House and Grounds Committee reported that Oliver Muma has accepted the appointment to serve for a 3 yr term on the H. and Grounds Comm. In its annual report the Committee made the following recommendations to the meeting

- (1) Increase in lawn care fees
- (2) Increase in custodial fees
- (3) The planting of evergreen trees on the grounds, especially along the border.

#### Ropes on Partition To be Replaced by Chains

The Committee informed the Meeting that the ropes in the partition’s balancing weights should will be replaced with chains, and that Chester Brown volunteered to work at that.

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#### Removeable Partition in Junior Sunday School Room

Also, in response to the request from the Religious Education Committee, the House and Grounds Committee recommends the construction of a removeable partition in the Junior Sunday School room, in order to accomodate an additional Junior class.

The Meeting approved all the recommendations.

#### Lawn Care + Custodial Fees

The lawn care fees were increased to \$75.00 a cut

The custodial fee was set as \$550.00 annually with extra work charged to the Meeting at a rate of \$8.00 per hour. The custodian will work with the House and Grounds Committee to organize a Spring Cleaning bee.

Jadwiga Bennich gave a report on the annual (?) meeting of the Historical Society held in Toronto (?)

#### Search Committee Report

George Webb reported the findings of the Search Committee regarding a New Schedule for Worship and Sunday School Classes

After extensive visiting and consultation with individual members of the Meeting the Search Committee found members to be divided on what would be an ideal schedule for our Meeting. Even though all members were willing to compromise, the Search Committee was unable to establish the true sense of the Meeting and felt therefore compelled to present the Meeting with two alternative plans as a basis for discussion.

The clerk asked the Meeting to assess the two schedules presented and, if possible, arrive at a decision. The clerk also expressed concern about his ability to determine the sense of the Meeting on this particular issue and asked the Meeting to appoint a more experienced member to take his place.

The Meeting approved and appointed Jim Zavitz as Assistant Clerk.

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After lengthy discussion the following minute was recorded by the Assistant Clerk:

New Schedule for Meeting of Worship

The Meeting accepts the principle that Meeting for Worship commences at 10:30 AM without previous discussion, and the Junior Sunday School starts at the same time. At 11:00 o'clock, or shortly after, the Junior Sunday School joins the Meeting for Worship for the Breaking of the Meeting.

The Sunday School Committee will meet to compose a plan to insure the continuity of Discussion Periods, Quaker Dialogue will replace Discussion Group on the first Sunday of each month with the Junior and Senior Sunday Schools together. A pertinent Bible reading is encouraged to open the Discussion period, with announcements and a hymn(s) to end the period.

The Meeting is very appreciative of the time and concern displayed by Klaas Kobes and George Webb in their groundwork leading up to the current discussions.

The clerk and the Meeting expressed appreciation to Jim Zavitz for his competent overseeing of the meeting and his willingness to accept the appointment as assistant clerk on short notice.

Appointed as representatives to the February Monthly Meeting were Klaas Kobes and Carl Thomas.

The Meeting was adjourned to meet again third Sunday of February.

Klaas Kobes, clerk

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**Lobo Preparative Meeting held Feb. 20 1983**

The Meeting opened with silence and the reading of Section 216 in Christian Faith and Practice

Present were Chester and Florence Brown, John and Chio Kumagai, Carl and Marilyn Thomas, Evert Kobes, Jim Zavitz and Klaas C. Kobes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

Regular Preparative Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month.

It was decided to hold Preparative Meetings on a regular basis on the first Sunday each month at 9:15 a.m. starting March, 1983

The Meeting approved an advance of \$50.- to the Social Committee on a yet to be decided budget. This money will be used for supplies.

The Meeting will compensate Jane Zavitz \$30.00 for her travelling expenses to Coldstream on this day (Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>) when she is to give a slide-lecture on the Kenya Triennial Meeting.

“Change to Chains”

Chester reported that he had replaced the partition-ropes with chains which have a total carrying power of 2600 lbs. He calculates the weights and counterweights to be a little over 400 lbs.

Committees were reminded to present their 1983 budget needs to the Finance Committee.

The Meeting asks that the Finance Committee present their 1983 budget at the next Preparative Meeting if possible.

Our ad in the London Free Press will be reviewed at the next Preparative Meeting.

Representatives for the next Monthly Meeting are John and Chio Kumagai.

The Meeting was adjourned and closed after a period of silence.

Klaas Kobes

clerk

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**Lobo Preparative Meeting, held March 6, 1983**

The Meeting opened with silence and the reading of section 160 of Christian Faith and Practice

Present were Chester and Florence Brown, John and Chio Kumagai, Carl Thomas, George Webb, Joice Holwerda, Evert Kobes, Florence Cutler, Elsie V. Cutler, Louis and Margery Muma, and Klaas Kobes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read

Budget 1983

George Webb explained the budget proposals of the Finance Committee for 1983. Care had been taken by the Committee to keep the budget increases to a minimum, yet, to meet the needs of our Meeting as well as our efforts for outreach, a 25 to 50% increase had to be considered.

The Meeting discussed the proposals and felt the expenses were justified and the Meeting asked the Finance Committee to prepare an expanded budget to be presented at the next Preparative Meeting.

Evert will gather more information on London Free Press rates for ads. It was suggested that an Ilderton and a Strathroy telephone number be included in the ad.

#### Letter to Governments Re: Native Rights

The Meeting approved a letter composed by George Webb to be sent to the Federal Government and six additional government bodies at different lessons supporting the rights of self-representation by native people of Canada.

#### Letter to the Lobo Township Council Re: "Nuclear Weapons Free Zone"

The Meeting also endorsed the letter written by Carl and Marilyn Thomas to the Lobo Township Council expressing concern regarding the escalation of weapons and weapon technology and proposing that Lobo Township declare itself a "Nuclear Weapons Free Zone"

The Meeting was adjourned to meet again on first Sunday in April

Klaas C. Kobes  
clerk

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1983**

Section 78 of Christian Faith and Practice was read during the opening silence.

Present were Chester and Florence Brown, Marilyn Thomas, Evert Kobes, George Webb, Joice Holwerda, and Klaas C. Kobes

Minutes of the previous Meeting were read.

George Webb reported on the Monthly Meeting and informed members that the London worship group had been laid down with the hope of being reformed at some future date.

Appointed as representatives to the April Monthly Meeting are Jadwiga Bennich, subject to her approval, and Florence Brown.

#### Budget 1983

George Webb presented the expanded budget, making provision that the \$500 budgeted for "Outreach" may have to be reconsidered according to future needs and that additional funding can perhaps be acquired through special appeal for donations

Evert Kobes will present the cost of ads for London Free Press at the next P.M.

#### Order of Worship Schedule

Evert Kobes, representing Ministry and Counsel, placed before the meeting a concern regarding the present Sunday-School and Order of Worship schedule. Ministry and Counsel asked the Meeting to review the present arrangement to find ways of meeting the needs of those members who have indicated discomfiture with the changes made since November 1982.

Young people, in addition to above, seem to dislike the separation at the beginning of the Meeting. Also, superintendents are unsure of their role and there is a need to have a door-person to welcome visitors. It was pointed out that the very positive aspect of the change is the schedule of topics and leaders for discussion.

The Meeting discussed the issue at length and decided that it should again be placed before the Meeting next month with a greater part of the membership present. It was suggested that each member present should make a statement regarding personal preferences even though quite willing to accept whatever program is chosen for the good of the Meeting.

The Meeting asked Ministry and Counsel to clarify the procedures of the present program so that all members will be aware of the schedule and their own roles within that schedule.

The Meeting was adjourned to meet again May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Klaas C. Kobes, clerk

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting, held May 1<sup>st</sup> 1983**

The Meeting opened with silence and the reading of section 161 in Christian Faith and Practice.

Present were Carl Thomas, Marilyn Thomas, Chester and Florence Brown, John and Chio Kumagai, Evert Kobes, Jim Zavitz, George Webb, Joice Holwerda, Elsie V. Cutler, Jadwiga Bennich, Eric Moore, and Klaas C. Kobes.

#### London Free Press ad

Evert reported the cost of London Free Press ads and the Meeting chose the weekly ad for \$5.88. Enquiries will be made if monthly payments are possible.

Florence Brown reported on the Monthly Meeting. Arrangements were made through the monthly meeting to have Betty Polster visit with us this week-end to share her experiences with Quakers abroad (Britain, Palastine, Holland)

The clerk advised the Meeting that his term of office has expired and asked the Meeting to appoint a Search Committee for a new clerk. The Meeting appointed Carl Thomas, John Kumagai, and Jadwiga Bennich and asked for a progress report at the next Preparative Meeting

The Meeting reviewed Ministry and Counsel's report of the April Preparative Meeting and each member was asked to express his personal concerns. Members responded well to this request and

Ministry and Counsel will assess the needs and concerns of individual members and make a presentation at the next Preparative Meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned to meet again June 5.

Klaas C. Kobes, clerk.

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held June 5, 1983, 9:15 a.m.**

The Meeting commenced with silence and the Reading of section 230. (: “Worship is essentially an act of adoration, adoration of the one true God in whom we live and move and have our being. Forgetting our little selves, our petty ambitions, our puny triumphs, our foolish cares and fretful anxieties, we reach out toward the beauty and majesty of God...”)

Present were Carl Thomas, Marilyn Thomas, Chester Brown, Florence Brown, John and Chio Kumagai, Florence Cutler, Jim Zavitz, Elsie Vivian Cutler, Jadwiga Bennich, Evert Kobes, George Webb Klaas Kobes.

The clerk commented on the excellence of the folding partition in the Junior Sunday School room made by George Webb, installed by George and Carl. Louis Muma installed new fluorescent lights.

The Search Committee for a new clerk expressed thanks to the outgoing clerk for his good efforts during his term of office and proposed the name of Carl Thomas with a request that an assistant clerk be appointed also.

#### New Clerk

The Meeting approved the appointment of Carl Thomas for a two year term. Appointed as assistant clerk was Chester Brown, also for a two year term.

#### Earl Muma

One of our faithful members, Earl Muma, died after a short illness on May 17, in his 77<sup>th</sup> year. Earl was a birthright member who's presence will be missed. He was a quiet + good natured Friend who was always present when help was needed. He served on the House and Grounds Committee until last year and was also a past clerk. He was buried here at the Coldstream Quaker Cemetary.

Ministry and Counsel submitted a report of their recent meeting in regards to problems encountered with our present schedule for Sunday School and for Worship

#### 45 Minutes for Junior Classes

The Meeting approved for the Junior Sunday School to allow itself forty five minutes of uninterrupted time. Further concerns regarding the present schedule will be dealt with at the next Preparative on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 9:00 a.m.



Chester was asked to obtain a repair assessment on the Meeting House organ and to consult with appropriate members to decide if the cost for repairs is warranted.

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Evert Kobes will report on the possibility of making monthly payments for the weekly London Free Press ads.

Appointed as representatives to the June Monthly Meeting are: Elsie Vivian Cutler, John Kumagai and Chio Kumagai.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Klaas C. Kobes clerk.

**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1983.**

The Meeting opened with silence and the reading of section 228 in Christian faith and practice. (All true worship is inspired by God)

Present were Jim Zavitz, Chester and Florence Brown, Klaas Kobes, Evert Kobes, George Webb, John and Chio Kumagai, Florence Cutler, Elsie Cutler, and Marilyn and Carl Thomas.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Retirement of Dorothy Muma

Dorothy Muma is retiring this year after more than a quarter of a century of service to Canadian Friends. A letter from Canadian Yearly Meeting requesting donations for a gift was read. Our Meeting will donate one hundred dollars as well as individual donations. Jim Zavitz will forward this money by July 15, 1983 along with a list of names of contributors.

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London Free Press ads

Evert Kobes reported that the weekly ad in the London Free Press will cost \$5.88/100 per week payable on a monthly basis. Meeting expressed a desire to have the ads begin immediately. Jim Zavitz, our treasurer, will sign a contract with the London Free Press for a twelve month period.

Appointed as representatives to the July Monthly Meeting are Marilyn Thomas and John Kumagai.

Organ repairs

Mr. Bright has repaired our organ. The cost of repairs was one hundred and fifty dollars of which twenty-five was a contribution.

Directory for Travelling Friends

A Directory for Traveling Friends is now available. This directory is promoted by Friends General Conference. Meeting approved the purchase of one copy of this directory for the use of meeting.

#### Order of Worship

Meeting discussed the Bible reading. It was decided that the superintendent read from the Bible at the beginning of the discussion period. The leader of the adult discussion may also wish to read a passage from the Bible or arrange to have the superintendant read it for him/her.

The Order of Worship schedule was discussed at length. Meeting was unable to reach a feeling of unity. It was decided that it should be placed before the meeting again in September.

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The meeting was adjourned after a period of silence.

Carl Thomas clerk

#### **Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1983.**

The Meeting opened with silence and the reading of section 244 in Christian faith and practice.

Present were Chester and Florence Brown, Elsie Cutler, and Marilyn and Carl Thomas.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

#### Picnic – Monthly Meeting

Next Monthly Meeting will take the form of a picnic at the home of Edward and Kathryn Willson. It will be held on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 1983 at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

#### Newsletter

The Coldstream Meeting Newsletter was discussed. Support was expressed for the continuation of the Newsletter. The committee will discuss it and bring recommendations to the September Preparative Meeting.

#### Peace Education Program

Marilyn Thomas reported on a proposal for a Peace Educational Program planned for this fall. This program would take the form of outreach into the community as well as providing information for local peace groups. Meeting approved the use of the Meeting House for this program.

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Meeting was asked to consider providing a loan for the purchase of books. This will be discussed at the September Preparative Meeting.

Actual expenses for the program would probably not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars to pay for film rentals and advertising. Several members of meeting expressed an interest in making a donation towards this expense.

#### Marriage breakdown weekend.

George Webb was asked by Keith Greenham of the Baha' if we would be interested in joint sponsorship of a weekend this fall on marriage breakdown. It was suggested that Gordon and Janet Keith could be valuable participants in a weekend such as this because of their experience with marriage enrichment retreats.

Preparative meeting requests that George bring more information to the Sept. Meeting.

The meeting was concluded with a few moments silence.

Carl Thomas, clerk.

#### **Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1983.**

The Meeting opened with silence and the reading from "Something Beautiful For God" – Mother Teresa of Calcutta – "Make us worthy, Lord to serve our fellow men throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands this day their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give peace and joy.

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Present were: Florence and Chester Brown, Elsie Cutler, Jim Zavitz, Klaas Kobes, Evert Kobes, George Webb, Lorna Bycraft, Jadwiga Bennich, and Marilyn and Carl Thomas.

The minutes of the August Meeting were read and approved.

Appointed as representatives to the September Monthly Meeting are Florence Brown and Evert Kobes.

#### Newsletter

The Coldstream Meeting newsletter was discussed and Meeting approved the continuation of the Newsletter. Meeting recommended that there be three bulletins over the next year. (Possible two short bulletins and one larger one)

It was suggested that copies of our bulletin be sent to the Canadian Friend.

Appointed to compile the Meeting Bulletin were Klaas Kobes, George Webb, and Florence Brown.

#### Memorial Minute – Earl Muma

This is in appreciation of the life of Earl Jesse Muma – 7 month 20 1906 to 5 month 17, 1983.  
(Florence Brown presented)

Earl was a birthright member of Lobo Monthly Meeting and a faithful Friend, serving on committees and for a time Clerk of our Preparative Meeting. Our meeting feels the vacancy left in his passing.

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As part of this agricultural community Earl was always ready and willing to co-operate and neighbour freely with all.

He leaves three brothers – Louis, Kenneth, and Robert; is especially missed by his son Oliver and daughter-in-law Sandra, and grand daughter Amanda.

He was predeceased by his wife Elizabeth Nielsen and sister Ellen Brown.

#### Kathleen Hertzberg

The social committee will contact Kathleen Hertzberg to see if it would be possible for her to visit our meeting.

#### Peace Education Program

Marilyn Thomas reported on the proposal for a Peace Education Program planned for October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1983. in Coldstream Meeting House.

Meeting agreed to sponsor this program and provide one hundred and fifty dollars for expenses.

#### Marriage Breakdown

George Webb asked Meeting to consider supporting a weekend this fall on “Marriage Breakdown”. The Baha’ have approached us concerning a joint sponsorship of this weekend.

Meeting felt that we could not support this program at this time.

#### Sunday School Partition

The total cost of the Sunday School renovation was six hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-five cents. This included new lights and a folding partition. Special thanks to George Webb and Louis Muma for taking on this project.

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#### Roof condition

The House and Grounds Committee will check the condition of the Meeting House roof and get estimates for repair work if it is necessary.

#### Income Tax re: fiscal year change

Jim Zavitz reported that we have changed our fiscal year and the government wants an explanation as to why they were not notified.

Jim Zavitz will write them with an explanation of the change.

### Order of Service

Meeting approved changing the present Order of Worship schedule to allow for a discussion period to precede the Meeting for Worship. Quaker Dialogue will replace discussion period on the first Sunday of each month with the Junior and Adult Sunday Schools together. It was felt that we needed to discuss in more detail when to have our Bible reading, hymn, Junior class return and announcements. These will be discussed at the October Preparative Meeting.

Meeting will continue with silent worship first until after the October Preparative Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned after a few moments of silence.

Carl Thomas  
Clerk

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1983.**

The Meeting opened with silence and the reading of section 394 from the chapter on the art of living in Christian faith and practice.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Chester Brown reported on the September Monthly Meeting. (Jamie Zavitz reported on the “Quaker Pilgrimage” at Lobo Monthly Meeting)

### Lobo Monthly Meeting

Appointed as representatives to the October Lobo Monthly Meeting are Chester Brown and Elsie Cutler.

Present at today's Meeting were Evert Kobes, Elsie Cutler, Jadwiga Bennich, Chester Brown, George Webb, Jim Zavitz and Carl Thomas.

### Peace Education Program.

George Webb reported on the Peace Education Program to be held October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1983 at the Meeting House.

The theme of the program is “Towards a Consciousness of Peace”. Films to be shown include “Gods of Metal” – the arms race analyzed from a religious and moral perspective.

Books to be displayed and sold include: Christian perspective on peacemaking; Canada's role in world militarism; food and justice and parenting for peace.

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The community and churches in London and the surrounding area have been invited to attend this program.

#### House and Grounds

Evert Kobes reported for Klaas on the condition of the Meeting House.

The roof covering was found to need replacing. Also, the fascia boards, soffit, and roof boards need extensive repairs. The Sunday School addition also needs to have missing boards replaced. Temporary repairs have been made to the roof to make it last until next year. It is hoped that enough volunteers will supply the labour.

Evert Kobes was asked by meeting to get an estimation for a steel tile roof.

#### Friends Journal and Ploughshares Monitor

The Meeting approved a subscription to Friends Journal for three years and the Ploughshares Monitor for one year. Jim Zavitz will send in the money for these subscriptions.

#### Donation to Ploughshares London

Meeting approved a fifty dollar donation to Ploughshares London. The Meeting also directed the treasurer to accept charitable donations to "Ploughshares" up until the end of October, 1983.

#### Order of Worship

Meeting approved the following order of worship.

- 10:30 a.m. – Hymn ( ) all present for opening
- Bible Reading ( )
- 10:35 – Discussion Period for junior and adult classes

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- 11:00 – Superintendent (5 min. reminder to adult class)
- 11:05 – Meeting for worship
- 11:30 – Junior class returns for Meeting for Worship
- 11:50 – Announcements

#### Canadian Friends Service Committee

A letter from Canadian Friends Service Committee was read. They have three major new projects this year -- the Peace Brigades International, Peace Tax Fund and the Peace Education Person.

#### Kathleen Hertzberg

The social committee reports that Kathleen and Fritz Hertzberg will be with us on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 1983 They will share with us during morning discussion period as well as in the afternoon.

#### Committee Reports

The clerk reminded the Meeting that reports of the various committees are due for the November Preparative Meeting. Also, new appointments are to be made at that time.

The Meeting was adjourned to meet again on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 1983.

Carl Thomas  
clerk

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**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 1983.**

The Meeting opened with silence and the reading of section 605 in Christian faith and practice.

Present were Chester and Florence Brown, Elsie Cutler, Jadwiga Bennich, George Webb, Joyce Holwerda, Marj & Louis Muma, and Carl Thomas.

The minutes of the October Meeting were read and approved.

Florence Brown reported on the October Monthly Meeting.

Donations to Ploughshares London

Jim Zavitz sent in a total of one hundred and eighty dollars to Ploughshares London. This was made up of a fifty dollar donation from Meeting and one hundred and thirty dollars from individual donations.

Fiscal year date

Jim Zavitz reports that Meeting has received permission from the government to continue our fiscal year end date of November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Half yearly meeting in Coldstream April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 1984

Meeting approved April 28<sup>th</sup> and April 29<sup>th</sup> as a suitable time to hold Half Yearly Meeting in Coldstream

Peace Education Program

Correspondence was received from Carl Stieren, Canadian Friends Service Committee regarding our program "Towards a Consciousness of Peace". Carl hopes someone will come to CFSC General Meeting on Friday afternoon, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> to share our experience. George Webb and Joyce Holwerda plan to be present for this General Meeting.

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Peace Tax Fund Committee

A letter concerning the peace tax fund was read. Donations are needed to help advance a testimony which Quakers have held at least since 1756.

Order of Worship

The clerk proposed that Discussion Period be extended 10 minutes to end at 11:15 a.m. and Meeting for Worship end at 12 o'clock rather than 11:50 a.m. Meeting approved this change.

#### Kathleen Hertzberg

Kathleen Hertzberg will be giving a report on the meeting of the World Council of Churches on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1983. at our Meeting.

Jadwiga Bennich made the following suggestions:

1. that the book display used for the peace education program be used again on this day
2. that all churches in the area be notified so members can attend in the afternoon
3. that the social committee look after special arrangements for that day including a donation toward their expenses

#### Peace Education Position

Meeting approved the above suggestions. George Webb is applying for the short term peace education position with Canadian Friends Service Committee.

George is proposing to them that he is willing to put together a Peace Resource kit to be used in Meetings and communities.

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The clerk was directed to write a letter of support for George. The clerk's letter will accompany George's letter to the Canadian Friends Service Committee.

The Meeting was adjourned to meet again the first Sunday of December.

Carl Thomas  
clerk

### **Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1983**

The Meeting opened with silence and the reading of section 351 in Christian faith and practice.

Present were Jim Zavitz, Chester and Florence Brown, Marilyn Thomas and Carl Thomas.

The Meeting approved the November minutes.

#### Sarah Danforth Collection

We have taken a collection for Sarah Danforth to help out her community over the past few years. Meeting agreed that we should continue this. Florence Brown will take all donations to Sarah after December 14<sup>th</sup>. (Collection Three hundred and fifty dollars)

#### Lobo Monthly Meeting

Appointed as representatives to the December Lobo Monthly Meeting are Marilyn and Carl Thomas.



Our Meeting has been invited to the home of Edward and Kathryn Willson for a pot luck dinner and a time of fellowship.

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It will be held at 1 p.m. on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 1983

#### Trudeau Peace Mission

Meeting supports Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's attempt to lessen the world tension through his recent peace mission.

The clerk was directed to write a letter of support and sent it to the Pierre Trudeau.

#### Kathleen Hertzberg

Our Meeting appreciated the excellent presentation by Kathleen Hertzberg. Her report on the World Council of Churches sixth assembly was a wonderful experience for her and us.

Jim Zavitz was directed to sent thirty dollars to her to help cover her expenses. The clerk was directed to write a letter of appreciation to her for sharing her experience with us.

#### Committee Reports

George Webb was reappointed to serve on the Finance Committee until December, 1986.

The Social Committee report was reviewed. We have no terms of reference for this committee, but we will discuss these at the March, 1984 Preparative Meeting. This committee has been very active and we appreciate their contribution to Meeting.

Lorna Bycraft was appointed to serve on the Religious Education Committee until December, 1986.

Bev. Hamacher was appointed to look after the cemetery plan. Bev will eventually assume responsibility from Chester Brown. Meeting appreciates the work of Chester Brown for his service as custodian of the cemetery plan.

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Jamie Bycraft was reappointed to serve on the House and Grounds Committee until December, 1986.

Marjorie Muma was appointed to serve on the Religious Education Committee until December, 1984.

The clerk was directed to contact all new appointments for committees as well as people to prepare memorial minutes for Laura Zavitz and Ronald Cutler.

The Meeting was adjourned to meet again on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1984.

Carl Thomas

Clerk

**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1984 at 9:15 a.m.**

Present were John & Chiyo Kumagai, Marjorie and Louis Muma, George Webb, Elsie Cutler, Florence Cutler, Jadwiga Bennich, Chester and Florence Brown, Evert Kobes, Jim Zavitz and Carl & Marilyn Thomas.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Appointed as representatives to February Monthly Meeting are Joyce and George Webb, Jadwiga Bennich, Elsie Cutler, and Marilyn and Carl Thomas.

Finance Report

Jim Zavitz presented us with a financial statement for the December 1, 1982 – November 30, 1983 year. Meeting appreciates the care and time Jim puts in to maintaining accurate records.

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Budget 1984

George Webb presented the expanded budget for 1984. The operating budget will be approximately \$5700.00 This will allow for 2,500.00 to replace the present roof with coloured steel in the spring of this year.

Dishes and cutlery

Meeting approved the purchase of three dozen cups and saucers for use of Meeting. Elsie Cutler was directed to purchase 3 dozen knives, forks, and spoons to supplement our present supply. Meeting thanks Elsie for looking after this.

State of Society Report

Marilyn Thomas read the State of Society Report and discussion followed. It was felt that it generally was a reflection of the spiritual condition of our meeting. It was suggested that something be added concerning our attempts at outreach into the community.

The State of Society Report of  
Lobo Preparative Meeting.

We feel this was an active year as we were seriously searching for a fuller life and deeper meaning for our activities.

The needs of individuals and groups are never static, there are times when we have “dry periods”, when we seem to be lying fallow, when the spirit is restless and searching for truth.

We spent some time last year experimenting with changes in our First Day School and Meeting for Worship. This proved to be a difficult exercise for our meeting and we are still uncertain of its results.

We are aware of some of the difficulties we had in decision making and look to learn from our mistakes.

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Many of our members and attenders are involved in peace issues. Our wider interests also included a meeting with Betty Polster who familiarized us with study materials from Woodbrooke and Kathleen Hertzberg who shared with us her experiences at the six session of the World Council of Churches and interpreted our Quaker relationship to this body.

We have had several spontaneous meetings in a Friends home, to study outstanding individuals who have sought and lived deeply spiritual lives.

In our meeting we are aware that silent worship is difficult for our children. We feel the need within our meeting to seek creative ways to spark spiritual development in them.

We are still searching, and trusting that as time goes on our Meeting for Worship will be increasingly filled with the Spirit of God.

#### House and Grounds

Meeting thanks Louis Muma and Chester Brown for repairing the water valve. Also, meeting appreciates the efforts of Bob and Ron Brown in keeping our yard clear of snow. Meeting directs the clerk to write letters of appreciation to Bob and Ron Brown.

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#### Memorial Minute – Ronald Cutler

Elsie Cutler presented the following Memorial minute.

This is in appreciation of the life of Ronald Ruthvin Cutler a member of Coldstream Friends Meeting who passed away on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1983 in his seventy seventh year after a lengthy illness.

In his earlier years he was actively involved in the meeting but in later years he was unable to take much part because of a hearing handicap. He was, however, interested in and gave the meeting support.

He had attend S. S. #3 Lobo school and Lobo Continuation school. After leaving school he farmed in the community with his brother Elis. He was much interested in music and good literature and had taken part in some community affairs

Ron was a caring man. He was much interested in the welfare of his family, friends, and neighbours. He had helped care for an invalid father for many years until the father's death.

Those of us that knew Ron well respected and appreciated him for his knowledge and ability, but most of all we enjoyed his friendship and good humour.

The meeting was adjourned after a few moments of silence.

Carl Thomas clerk.

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1984**

The Meeting opened with silence and the reading of section 128 in Christian faith and practice Present were Elsie Cutler, Florence Cutler, John and Chiyo Kumagai, Klaas Kobes, Julian Davies, George Webb, Joyce Holwerda, Jim Zavitz, Louis and Margorie Muma, and Carl and Marilyn Thomas.

Appointed as representatives to March Monthly Meeting are John and Chiyo Kumagai.

The minutes of the February Meeting were read and approved

#### Letter of introduction

John and Chiyo Kumagai are visiting Japan this year. A "letter of introduction" was read and approved for John and Chio. Meeting wishes John and Chiyo a pleasant and enjoyable trip.

#### Social Committee Terms of reference

The Social Committee prepared a report with terms of reference for their committee. It was decided that one member of this committee should be from Ministry and Counsel.

#### Cemetery Report

Marilyn Thomas presented a financial report concerning care of the cemetery and money available for improvements and perpetual care.

#### All One Family Weekend

Meeting is reminded of this special weekend to be held at Camp Nee Kau Nis this summer

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#### Memorial Minutes

The committee of Ministry and Counsel have responsibility for funerals. It is their request that Ministry and Counsel ask someone to write the memorial minute and then Ministry and Counsel will forward it to Monthly Meeting.

A letter was read concerning the awarding of \$5,200 to Friends to be used for Peace Education.

#### Canadian Friends Service Committee

Canadian Friends Service Committee Executive has enclosed the Peace Petition Caravan Campaign and Friends are encouraged to help in whatever way they can with the campaign.

### Quaker Dialogue

Quaker Dialogue was discussed. It was felt that Quaker Dialogue was and still is very meaningful for Friends. Alternatives to Quaker Dialogue were suggested. These suggestions will be given to Ministry and Counsel to discuss and we will decide if we want alternatives to Quaker Dialogue at our next Preparative Meeting in April.

### Education Certificate

Jim Zavitz, our treasurer reports that a \$2 500 certificate is due and he recommends renewing it for a five year term. Meeting approved this renewal.

The Meeting was adjourned after a few moments of silence.

Carl Thomas  
clerk.

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1984.**

The Meeting opened with silence and the reading of section 113 in Christian faith and practice.

Present were Florence and Chester Brown, George Webb, Jim Zavitz, Florence Cutler, Elsie Cutler, Evert Kobes, and Marilyn and Carl Thomas.

Appointed as representatives to April Monthly Meeting are Florence and Chester Brown.

The minutes of March Preparative Meeting were read and approved.

### Connie Mangall Visit to Monthly Meeting the last week of May

Connie Mangall, from Ottawa Monthly Meeting is taking a one year leave of absence to do a project for the Canadian Friends Service Committee. She will be visiting meetings to assist in peace education among Friends in Canada.

Meeting agreed to give Connie Mangall one hundred dollars towards her expenses. Jim Zavitz will accept additional donations for Connie Mangall and her special project.

George Webb, Chester Brown and Carl and Marilyn Thomas will have slides of our Peace Education Program for Connie Mangall. This will enable Connie to show other meetings what represents our Peace Testimony.

### Memorial Minute for Laura Zavitz.

Chester Brown prepared a Memorial Minutes for Laura Zavitz.

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### Laura Zavitz

Laura Zavitz (1900-1983) a birthright member of Lobo Monthly Meeting.

Laura grew up in our Meeting and Sunday school. She will be long and lovingly remembered for her devoted service to this rural community in her years as telephone operator in the business which her grandfather pioneered. She prized the opportunities for kindly accomodation which she so gladly provided.

While she didn't become especially active in the meeting she certainly demonstrated a truly caring attitude for others in every day living.

In later years she sought opportunities for fulfilling needs by housekeeping for elderly ones, enabling them to continue living in their own homes. It was in this service that she died suddenly Sept 20, 1983.

Laura is especially loved by her sister Beryl, her brother Raymond, sister in law Hazel, nieces Sharon, Bonnie, and Joanne, three grand nieces and two grand nephews.

### Trees for Spring Planting.

Meeting prefers that cedars be planted along the border of our grounds, but not planting too close to make a complete barrier.

Some spruce or pine trees may be planted among the oaks and hardwoods on the grounds as well.

### Interest on money

Jim Zavitz, our treasurer reports that some of our funds could be reinvested at a better rate of interest. Meeting approved the reinvestment of money by Jim Zavitz.

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### Memorial to Ethel Bycraft

Anna Ward wishes to establish a memorial in memory of Ethel Bycraft. Friends are asked to forward their suggestions to Jim Zavitz before the May Preparative Meeting.

Meeting was adjourned after the reading of Queries 1 and 6 and a period of silence.

Carl Thomas  
Clerk.

**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on May 6<sup>th</sup> 1984.**

The Meeting opened with silence and the reading of section 396 in Christian faith and practice.

Present were Florence and Chester Brown, Elsie Cutler, Florence Cutler, Jadwiga Bennich, George Webb, Joyce Holwerda and Marilyn and Carl Thomas.

Appointed as representative to May Monthly Meeting was George Webb.

The minutes of April Preparative Meeting were read and approved.

#### Donation to Friends Journal

Meeting approved a thirty dollar donation to Friends Journal. Jim Zavitz will send the money to help with this publication.

#### Conscience Canada

Edith Adamson recently visited our Meeting and told about her work with Conscience Canada and the peace tax fund. Meeting approved a fifty dollar donation for general expenses. Jim Zavitz will accept individual donations for Conscience Canada up until the end of May.

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#### Memorial to Ethel Bycraft

Anna Ward donated one thousand dollars to Meeting to establish a memorial in memory of John E. Bycraft and Mary E. Bycraft and their families.

A committee of Florence and Chester Brown, Elsie Cutler and Klass Kobes are to meet and bring back suggestions regarding how this thousand dollars donated by Anna Ward might best be used.

#### Transportation of London Friends

Several London Friends have difficulty getting to Meeting because they don't drive. It was decided that we would have a sign up sheet so we can be responsible for transporting them one month at a time.

#### July and August Discussion Group

Many Friends are away in July and August. It was decided that during these two months there would be no discussion group [for] the adult class, but classes will continue for our children. Meeting for worship during the summer would be from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Meeting was adjourned after the reading of querie 13 and a period of silence

Carl Thomas  
Clerk.

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**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1984.**

The Meeting opened with silence and the reading of the state of the Meeting report of University Friends Meeting.

The minutes of May Preparative Meeting were read and approved.

Present were Chester and Florence Brown, George Webb, Joyce Holwerda, Evert Kobes, Klass Kobes, Elsie Cutler, Florence Cutler, Jadwiga Bennich, John and Chiyo Kumagai, Patrick Hailstone, Jim Zavitz, Lou and Margorie Muma, Marilyn and Carl Thomas.

Appointed as representatives to June Monthly Meeting were Jadwiga Bennich, Joyce Holwerda, and George Webb.

#### Constance Mungall

Constance Mungall from Ottawa Meeting is travelling from Meeting to Meeting on a Peace Soujourn. She is being sponsored by the Canadian Friends Service Committee

Connie will be in our community for several days visiting Friends. (and) Meeting decided to have a “pot luck” dinner on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. All Friends will be invited to take part in the evening of discussion and to see the slide presentation by Connie.

#### Memorial Fund Committee

The Committee reported on their suggestions for a Memorial Fund for Meeting.

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Their report was discussed and it was decided to give Meeting a chance to consider all alternatives over the next month.

#### El Salvador Refugees

George Webb reported to Meeting about the refugees in London from El Salvador. Friends are needed to help support these refugees.

Meeting agreed to approve three hundred dollars this month for the support of these refugees. Also, Meeting wants to be up-dated in July about the financial status of this project.

Meeting was adjourned to meet again in July.

Carl Thomas  
Clerk.

### **Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on July 1<sup>st</sup> 1984.**

The Meeting opened with silence and the reading of section 400 in Christian faith and practice.

The minutes of June Preparative Meeting were read and approved.



Present were Florence Cutler, Elsie Cutler, Lou and Margorie Muma, Evert Kobes, Jim Zavitz, Edith Zavitz, George Webb, Patrick Hailstone, Marilyn and Carl Thomas, Chester and Florence Brown

Appointed as representatives to July Monthly Meeting were Elsie Cutler and Marilyn and Carl Thomas.

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#### El Salvador refugees

George Webb reported that the El Salvador refugees in London need no further assistance at this time.

The three hundred dollar donation from Meeting was very much appreciated. We will review the needs of the refugees in the fall of this year.

#### House and Grounds Committee re: roof

A report from House and Grounds Committee was read.

This committee recommends that we postpone roof replacement until the summer of 1985.

Klaas Kobes feels that he will have more time to organize this project next summer.

Meeting approved that roof repairs be postponed unless there are problems with the roof this summer.

#### Memorial Fund

Establishment of a Memorial Fund was discussed.

Meeting does not wish to accumulate excessive funds. It was felt that we should give money to Canadian Friends Service Committee and other groups and organizations that can use this money to further their work.

Proposals will be brought forward at our August Preparative Meeting for approval.

#### Woodbrooke – On the Road

A weekend at Camp Nee Kau Nis has been arranged as a study weekend for Friends. Aug 31-Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> is the date for this years Woodbrooke – On The Road program.

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Friends are urged to attend if possible.

Meeting was adjourned to meet again in August.

Carl Thomas

Clerk.

**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on  
August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1984**

The Meeting opened with silence and the reading of section 397 in Christian faith and practice.

Present were Florence Cutler, Elsie Cutler, Florence and Chester Brown, Klass Kobes, Jim Zavitz, Patrick Hailstone and Marilyn and Carl Thomas.

Picnic – Monthly Meeting

Appointed as representatives to August Monthly Meeting were Marilyn and Carl Thomas. This meeting will take the form of a picnic at the home of Edward and Kathryn Willson on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 1984 and 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Woodbrooke – On The Road

Meeting approved providing funds for the Woodbrooke On The Road conference at Camp Nee Kau Nis.

Registration of \$45.00 per adult and transportation cost of 45.00 for each car will be paid by Meeting.

Argenta Friends Press

Appointment calendars for 1985 are available from Argenta Friends Press. Marilyn Thomas will accept orders for these calendars.

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Memorial Fund.

Meeting discussed proposals for the thousand dollars recently donated. It was decided that the finance committee would meet and bring back a proposal for the use of this money. Also, the finance committee will suggest uses for the accumulated funds presently in our treasury.

Frank and Pat Miles

Meeting wishes to have Frank and Pat Miles visit our Meeting this fall. The Clerk was directed to contact the Miles family to arrange a visit.

Meeting was adjourned to meet again in September.

Carl Thomas  
Clerk

**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1984.**

Meeting opened with silence and the reading of a passage from John Woolman's writing entitled "A Plan for the Poor".

The minutes from the last Meeting were read and approved.

Present were Chester and Florence Brown, Florence Cutler, Elsie Cutler, Jadwiga Bennich, Patrick Hailstone, Lou and Margorie Muma, Jim Zavitz, Klaas Kobes, Evert Kobes, and Marilyn and Carl Thomas.

Representatives to the September Monthly Meeting are Klaas Kobes, Elsie Cutler and Jadwiga Bennich.

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#### Central American Refugees via the Overground Railroad

A letter was read from the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting in North Carolina. They have established an overground railroad as a legal means of helping Central American refugees to find a safe home. They are requesting our help to make this project become a reality.

Meeting approved five hundred dollars for this project after checking with the Canadian Friends Service Committee.

#### Casa de los Amigos (Mexico) – Central American Refugees

There are between 45 and 50 thousand Centre American Refugees in the central are of Mexico. A letter was read from Casa de los Amigos concerning the plight of these refugees.

The refugees need shelter, food and medical care while they are waiting for a chance to begin their lives again in another country.

Meeting approved five hundred dollars to assist with the aid for the refugees. This money will be forwarded by our treasurer. The clerk was directed to get more information from Canadian Friends Service Committee.

#### Monthly Meeting

We reviewed the function and purpose of Monthly Meeting. These suggestions will be forwarded to the Clerk of Monthly Meeting for review during the October Monthly Meeting.

Carl Thomas, clerk.

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1984.**

Meeting opened with silence and the reading of queries six and seven.

The minutes from the last Meeting were read and approved

Present were Jadwiga Bennich, Elsie Cutler, Florence Cutler, Klaas Kobes, Evert Kobes, Florence and Chester Brown, Hazel Zavitz, Lou and Margorie Muma, John Kumagai, Patrick Hailstone, Jim Zavitz, George Webb, and Marilyn and Carl Thomas

Representatives to the October Monthly Meeting in Sparta are Elsie Cutler and Jadwiga Bennich.

#### Use of Meeting House

Meeting approved the use of our Meeting House for a wedding. Evert Kobes was directed to make contact with those requesting the use of our meeting House to see that there are no conflicts on that day.

#### Overground Railway Project

The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with Nancy Pocock regarding the request for funds by the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting.

Nancy feels that there is no urgent need for funds for the project

Meeting decided not to send money to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting at this time.

#### Casa de los Amigos

It was decided that since there was such an urgent need for food, shelter and medical care for the refugees in Mexico that we should send additional money to Casa de los Amigos Meeting.

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Meeting directed the treasurer to send five hundred dollars to Casa de los Amigos Meeting in early December of this year.

#### Memorial Fund

The Finance Committee presented a proposal for the use the thousand dollars recently donated by Anna Ward.

They suggested that five hundred dollars be used towards a new roof for our Meeting House and five hundred dollars be sent to Jane Zavitz to be used towards a vault to preserve Friends records for the future. (Pickering College)

Meeting approved the proposal presented by the finance committee.

#### Strathmore Age Dispatch Ad

Meeting approved putting the same ad in the Age Dispatch that we have in the London Free Press. Meeting asked Marjorie Muma to place the ad in the Age Dispatch and have the bills sent to our treasurer.

#### Heating System

Evert Kobes expressed concern that our present heating system may need inspection to see that it is safe.

The House and Grounds Committee will be asked to check our present system and look into alternative systems if necessary.

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#### Frank and Pat Miles

The Clerk reported that Frank and Pat Miles will be with us on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

Meeting decided to have a “pot luck” dinner on Saturday evening at 6 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. Frank and Pat will discuss their new roles with us and invite us to ask them questions about how they can improve this service. All Friends are invited.

#### Baptism, Eucharist

Monthly Meetings have been asked to study a document on Baptism, the Eucharist and Ministry. Our Preparative Meeting is to study this document to bring their suggestions to Monthly Meeting in January.

Meeting was adjourned to meet again in November.

Carl Thomas  
Clerk.

### **Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on November 4 1984.**

The Meeting opened with silent worship.

The minutes of our last meeting were read and approved.

#### October Monthly Meeting

Jadwiga Bennich reports that fourteen were present at the October Monthly Meeting. Christine Lundy reporting from Yearly Meeting at Monthly Meeting that, as she is a delegate to F.W.C.C. triennial in Mexico 1985, she will find it difficult to totally represent Canadian Yearly Meeting. She finds some Friends promoting an idea that Friends are not strictly a Christian body. It has been brought to the attention of this meeting that Ministry and Counsel has invited Christine to discuss this matter with them, which we approve.

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Our delegates to next Monthly Meeting are George Webb and Klaas Kobes.

#### Donation Ploughshares London

We approved a donation of \$200.00 from our treasury plus any private donations which the treasurer may receive, for this purpose, to Ploughshares London.

#### Monthly Meeting Alternatives

In dealing with the problem of Monthly Meeting attendance, etc., one suggestion brought forward is to simplify and or facilitate, in some way, Monthly meeting business. However, discussion didn't provide any specific solution.

Another suggestion brought forward is separating into two Monthly meetings – Yarmouth and Lobo – and discontinue Preparative meetings. To overcome a lack of visiting between meetings, which this plan might encourage, frequent joint gatherings should be considered. We don't have unity in this matter. We suggest Friends hold the problem in mind and prayer, discuss privately, and bring opinions to the next Preparative Meeting.

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#### Heating System

We approve the recommendation of House & Grounds Committee to install two propane wall furnaces at an approximate cost of \$2000.00 less government grant. We authorize the committee to proceed with installation and arrangement for fuel.

We invite Nancy Pocock to be with us on November 25 to speak on refugees. Possibly she may bring a refugee with her.

The meeting closed with a period of worship and adjourned to meet on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m.

Chester Brown,  
Acting Clerk

#### **Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1984.**

The Meeting opened with a period of worship and the reading of queries nineteen and twenty.

The minutes of our last meeting were read and approved.

Present were Klaas Kobes, Florence and Chester Brown, Elsie Cutler, George Webb and Marilyn and Carl Thomas.

Representatives to the January Monthly Meeting in Sparta are George Webb, Florence Brown, and Chester Brown.

#### Nancy Pocock

Nancy Pocock is unable to be with us on November 25, but she will be willing to come to Coldstream early in the new year.

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Klaas Kobes reported that no decisions were reached in the discussion concerning Monthly Meeting, but there will be further discussion at the January Monthly Meeting.

#### Monthly Meeting Suggestions

In dealing with the problem of Monthly meeting, several suggestions were made. Since there is a desire to continue to keep in contact with one another we need to discuss topics of mutual interest and concern. The clerk was directed to meet with the Monthly Meeting Clerk and Yarmouth Preparative

Meeting Clerk to simplify and or facilitate, in some way, Monthly Meeting business in order to provide time for speakers, social concerns or topics of mutual interest.

#### House and Grounds Committee

Klaas Kobes reported to Meeting concerning the purchase of a propane wall furnace. He suggested that we only purchase one large wall furnace now and continue to use the oil space heater when required.

The committee was authorized to purchase the wall furnace at a cost of \$1415.00. Meeting appreciates the work of this committee.

Meeting approved a suggestion that the old oil space heater be given to George Webb.

#### House and Grounds Report

Klaas Kobes reported on behalf of the House and Grounds Committee

In his report he mentioned a tree-planting bee held in the spring.

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Pine, cedar, and spruce trees were planted in border areas. Participating were Florence Cutler, Louis Muma, Chester Brown, Evert Kobes, Carl Thomas, and Klaas Kobes.

Oliver Muma also planted a few blue spruce on the Grounds.

Klaas Kobes was reappointed to serve on the House and Grounds Committee until December, 1987.

#### Religious Education Committee

The Religious Education Committee reported that there will be a co-operative Christmas Caroling program again this year. This will be held at the Baptist Church on December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Marjorie Muma was reappointed to serve on the Religious Education Committee until December, 1987.

Lou Muma was appointed to serve on the Finance Committee until December, 1985

#### Burial and Burial Grounds Committee

Chester Brown reported for the Burial and Burial Grounds Committee. The map of the burials is now cared for by Beverly Hamacher.

Jim Zavitz, Bev Hamacher and Chester Brown were reappointed to serve on the Burial and Burial Grounds Committee until December, 1989.

#### Sarah Danforth Collection

Florence Brown reported that there is a need for funds to help provide Christmas packages for Sarah Danforth's community. Meeting agreed that we should continue to provide this support. Donations

will be made on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting approved a donation from our treasury, if necessary, to bring the amount up to two hundred and eighty-five dollars.

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Meeting was adjourned to meet again in December.

Carl Thomas, clerk

**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 1985.**

The Meeting opened with worship and reading from the Advices section IV, last three paragraphs.

Present were Marilyn Thomas, Florence Brown, Chester Brown, Jadwiga Bennich, Elsie Cutler and Patrick Hailstone.

Marilyn Thomas was added to the number of delegates from this meeting to attend Monthly Meeting in Yarmouth this month.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Nancy Pocock visit

The suggestion was made that on account of the uncertainty of winter weather that perhaps the visit of Nancy Pocock ought to be delayed. Jadwiga Bennich was asked to make arrangements with Nancy as to a suitable time.

Our clerk, on account of his accident has been unable to meet with the Monthly Meeting and Yarmouth Preparative Meeting clerks re: structuring of Monthly Meeting.

Florence Brown reported re: Sarah Danford Christmas fund which amounted to donations of \$347.00 which was greatly appreciated by Sarah and the community there.

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The treasurer gave his report showing a balance on hand of 11,916.76

The meeting approves this report and commends our treasurer at this time.

Upon the reading of several appeals in the correspondence received, the meeting approves sending 300.00 to Oxfam to be used for Ethiopian famine relief.

Having received from the Yearly Meeting Discipline Committee a first draft regarding Committees of Care and Clearness Committees for our study and comments the meeting approves forwarding this work to our Ministry and Counsel.



The meeting closed with silent worship and was adjourned to meeting on February 30, 1985.

Chester Brown  
Clerk for this meeting.

**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1985.**

The Meeting opened with worship and the reading of section 128 from Christian faith and practice.

Present were John and Chiyo Kumagai, Elsie Cutler, Florence Cutler, Jadwiga Bennich, George Webb, Klaas Kobes, Jim Zavitz, Florence and Chester Brown, Marilyn and Carl Thomas

The minutes of our last meeting were read and approved.

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Monthly Meeting Format

Florence Brown reported that the format of Monthly Meeting was discussed. It was decided that each Preparative Meeting should do their own Monthly Meeting Business. The Clerk of Monthly Meeting and the Preparative Meeting Clerks should discuss Monthly Meeting Business prior to their Preparative Meetings.

Representatives to the February Monthly Meeting in Coldstream are George Webb and Marilyn Thomas.

Nancy Pocock has been invited to the March Monthly Meeting in Sparta.

Jim Zavitz read a letter from Casa de los Amigos expressing their thanks for our support of refugees.

Care and Clearness Committee Report

We received a first draft of a report on Committees of Care and Clearness Committee from the Yearly Meeting Discipline Committee. Chester Brown reported from Ministry and Counsel regarding this report and he read the full report. Meeting would like copies of this report to be made available to our Meeting.

State of Society Report

Florence Brown read the State of Society Report for 1984 for Lobo Preparative Meeting (Coldstream)

Meeting for Worship is held each Sunday morning and Meeting for Business is held monthly. We have appreciated visits from Friends whose contributions enriched our knowledge of Quaker concerns.

Through our weekly study and discussion group we gained a better understanding of Quaker principles and experienced a deepening of our own faith. Also, during the study times there seemed to

develop some growth in our acquaintance with each other and a warmth of fellowship which has been reflected in Meeting for Worship.

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We do regret the fact that we haven't been successful in maintaining the interests of some of our adolescent Friends

Current problems that have been of interest to the Meeting are Peace and Justice (Disarmament, Jails, Native concerns) refugee relief and famine relief, community development in Tanzania and community work with our local native people.

Thanks were given to Evert and Klaas Kobes and Chester Brown for cleaning up the Sunday School after the water pipes broke. House and Grounds Committee will investigate installing a drain valve in the floor to prevent the Sunday School from flooding if this happens again.

Louis Muma has spent extra time wiring and installing an electric heater in the Sunday School. We are grateful for his contribution.

Meeting appreciates the efforts of Bob and Ron Brown in keeping our yard clear of snow. Meeting directs the clerk to write a letter of appreciation to Bob and Ron Brown.

Correspondence was read concerning Friends peace witness and the peace tax funds. Meeting is asked to consider whether they would like to study these issues and possibly invite Edith Adamson to visit our Meeting.

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The meeting closed with silent worship and the reading of queries 19 and 20.

Carl Thomas clerk.

**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1985.**

The Meeting opened with worship and the reading of section 380 from Christian faith and practice.

Present were Evert Kobes, Klaas Kobes, Fred Parent, Florence Cutler, Jadwiga Bennich, Jim Zavitz, George Webb, Lou and Margory Muma, and Marilyn and Carl Thomas

The minutes of our last meeting were read and approved.

Monthly Meeting re- Constance Mungall

Marilyn Thomas reported that Monthly Meeting discussed a proposal to have a Peace Education Coordinator. Monthly Meeting decided it would prefer to have money spent on several smaller projects. As a result of discussing this proposal we would like to invite Constance Mungall to bring a

report of her peace sojourn to us. It was felt this would be of interest to both Coldstream and Sparta. Meeting directs the clerk to contact Kathryn Willson re: a return visit of Constance Mungall

Representatives to the March Monthly Meeting in Sparta are Lou and Marjory Muma

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#### Oxfam donation

A thank you letter was received from Oxfam-Canada for our donation to help with food and emergency supplies being distributed in Ethiopia, the Sudan and Eritrea.

#### Budget '85

George Webb presented the expanded budget for 1985. This will be discussed at the April Preparative Meeting.

The Meeting closed with silent worship.

Carl Thomas clerk

### **Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on April 7<sup>th</sup> 1985.**

The Meeting opened with readings from the booklet "For Conscience Sake"

Present were Chester and Florence Brown, Jim Zavitz, George Webb, Lou and Marjory Muma, Marilyn and Carl Thomas.

The minutes of our last meeting were read and approved.

Marjory Muma reported on March Monthly Meeting. Frank and Pat Miles will be invited to meet with us again.

#### Peace Tax Fund

Chester Brown reported on his personal involvement with the Peace Tax Fund. Chester has withheld 12.6% of his taxes. This portion of the tax dollar is used for military -related expenditures. Presently there are 229 peace trusters with a bank balance of \$66,604.30 in the trust account.

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#### Budget '85

George Webb presented the budget for 1985. The operating budget will be approximately \$3740.00. This does not include the cost of installing a new roof on the Meeting House. Mention will be made of this expense in the budget statement sent to Friends.

#### Casa de los Amigos

Correspondence was read concerning the refugee program in Casa de los Amigos in Mexico. They continue to aid refugees from Central America.

Gordon and Janet Keith have organized a retreat at Camp Nee Kau Nis for couples. Registration is required before June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1985.

An open gathering for study and worship with the New Foundation Fellowship will be held at Camp Nee Kau Nis on the weekend of June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting closed with silent worship.

Carl Thomas, clerk

**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on April 28<sup>th</sup> 1985.**

The Meeting opened with worship and the reading of section 400 from Christian faith and practice.

The minutes of our last meeting were read and approved.

Half-Yearly Meeting

Friends are encouraged to attend Pelham Half-Yearly Meeting at the Sparta Meeting House on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of May. The main topic of discussion will be religious education.

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Representatives to the May Monthly Meeting at Sparta are Elsie Cutler and Jadwiga Bennich.

Friends World Committee for Consultation

Christine Lundy will be attending the 16<sup>th</sup> World Committee for Consultation in Mexico this August. Meeting approved a contribution of \$250.00 from our treasury plus any private donations, which the treasurer may receive to help Christine with her expenses.

Casa de los Amigos

Correspondence was read concerning the refugee program work being done by the Casa de los Amigos Meeting in Mexico. Meeting directed the treasurer to receive individual donations towards Casa de los Amigos during the month of May. Our Meeting will make an additional contribution at the June preparative meeting.

Canadian Food Grain Bank

Meeting has supported Oxfam with funds to help with the Ethiopian famine relief. Don Lanford, a director of the Canadian Food Grain Bank, recently visited Africa. A proposal was discussed to have Don Lanford as a guest speaker this summer at our Meeting. The community would also be invited to hear Don speak and see slides and video tapes of his visit to Africa. Meeting approved having Don as a guest speaker. The social committee will make the necessary arrangements for this program.

Camp Nee Kau Nis Programs (Monthly Meeting)

Chester and Florence Brown reported that Ministry and Counsel would like to encourage Friends to attend programs held at Camp Nee Kau Nis. Friends will be given One hundred and fifty dollars from Lobo Monthly Meeting to help with their expenses when attending programs at Camp Nee Kau Nis.

Task Force on Poverty

The Canadian Yearly Meeting has been participating with a newly formed Task Force on Poverty and Unemployment held under the auspices of the Canadian Council of Churches. Meetings have been asked to comment on the situations in our community.

Florence Brown and Klaas Kobes agreed to do some research on poverty in the community. Joyce Holwerda will be contacted to see if she has any information on the topic.

Canadian Friends Service Committee a) Capital Punishment b) low level jet flights over the homes of Inuit families in Labrador

George Webb gave a report on the current involvement of the Canadian Friends Service Committee. Meeting approved sending letters to Elmer MacKay the Solicitor General, Prime Minister Mulroney, Sid Fraleigh and John Crosby, Minister of Justice and Attorney General concerning Capital Punishment in Canada. In this letter we stated that we believe that our government should clearly state that killing people is not an acceptable way of solving problems.

Low level jet flights over Labrador

Meeting also approved sending letters to Eric Nielsen, Minister of Defence, Joe Clark, Minister of External Affairs and Sid Fraleigh our local member of parliament, concerning the low level jet flights over the homes of the Inuit families in Labrador. In this letter we stated that Canada should discontinue these flights in this area because they are so destructive to the environment of Labrador.

George also reported on the review of administrative costs of the Friends Service Committee.

Meeting was adjourned to meet again on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1985.

Carl Thomas, clerk.

**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1985.**

Meeting opened with worship and the reading of section 643 in Christian faith and practice.

Present were Jadwiga Bennich, John and Chiyo Kumagai, Elsie Cutler, Florence Cutler, Chester and Florence Brown, Fred Parent, Jim Zavitz, Patrick Hailstone, Marilyn and Carl Thomas.

The minutes of our last meeting were read and approved.

Casa de los Amigos

The Casa de los Amigos Meeting is active in assisting refugees from South America. Meeting approved sending two hundred dollars plus donations to the Casa de los Amigos Meeting. Our treasurer will forward these funds by the end of June.

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Sunday School during July and August (new hours)

Many Friends are away during July and August. During these months there will be no adult discussion group, but the primary and junior-intermediate classes will continue to have Sunday School.

Meeting for Worship during the summer will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Representatives to the June Monthly Meeting at Coldstream are Klaas Kobes and Marilyn Thomas.

Marilyn Thomas reported on Half-Yearly Meeting.

A letter from Donald Laitin was read. Barbara and Donald Laitin appreciated the warmth and hospitality of our Meeting and are grateful for their visit with us.

A letter from Elmer MacKay, Solicitor General of Canada was read. In it he expressed his appreciation for our view of capital punishment.

Meeting was adjourned to meet again on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1985

Carl Thomas, clerk.

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**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1985.**

Meeting opened with worship and a reading from the Friends Journal. (Rufus M. Jones)

Present were Elsie Cutler, Florence Cutler, Chester and Florence Brown, George Webb, Klaas Kobes, Evert Kobes, Marjorie and Lou Muma, Marilyn and Carl Thomas.

The minutes of our last meeting were read and approved.

Representatives to the July Monthly Meeting at Sparta is Carl Thomas (George Webb acted as representative)

Monthly Meeting Picnic

The September Monthly Meeting will take the form of a picnic at the home of Marjory and Lou Muma. It will be held on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1985 at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

### Meeting House Repairs

The Meeting House roof covering and fascia boards, soffit and roof boards need extensive repairs. Cost of replacing our present roof with coloured steel and putting steel covering on the fascia and soffit as well as extending the porch roof and covering it with steel has been estimated to cost \$7,653.00

Meeting approves this expenditure plus up to an additional \$500.00 for repair costs. The House and Grounds Committee are to proceed with having the building repaired as soon as possible. Every effort has been made to have the building repaired without changing the original character of the building. We are satisfied that effort has been made to maintain the building's character as well as getting a good repair job.

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### Building Information Letter

An information letter will be sent out by the finance committee informing members and attenders of the additional costs of repairing our building and requesting donations towards this expense.

Klaas Kobes and Marilyn Thomas reported on June Monthly Meeting.

### Capital Punishment and Low level jet flights in Labrador

A letter was received from Sid Fraleigh, M.P. Lambton-Middlesex. In it he thanked us for expressing our view about capital punishment and over the question of low level jet flights in Labrador.

A letter was received from Erik Nielsen, Minister of National Defence in answer to our concern over the low level flying training in the Goose Bay, Labrador area.

Erik Nielsen feels that every effort is being made to minimize any adverse affect on the surrounding area.

Meeting was adjourned to meet again at the call of the clerk.

Carl Thomas, clerk.

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1985.**

Meeting opened with worship and the reading of section 90 in Christian faith and practice.

Present were Elsie Cutler, Florence Cutler, Chester and Florence Brown, Evert Kobes, Klaas Kobes, George Webb, Jim Zavitz, Lou and Marjory Muma, Patrick Hailstone, Jadwiga Bennich, Marilyn and Carl Thomas.

The minutes of our last meeting were read and approved.

Representatives to the September Monthly Meeting at Coldstream are Chester Brown and Jadwiga Bennich.

#### Ploughshares Monitor

Meeting approved a subscription to Ploughshares Monitor for one year. Jim Zavitz will forward the money for this subscription.

#### Peace Brigades

Correspondence was read concerning Peace Brigades International. They are asking for donations to help with their programs. This will be discussed in greater depth at a later date.

#### Ad in the Age Dispatch

Meeting approved putting the same ad in the Age Dispatch that we have in the London Free Press beginning in January, 1986. Meeting felt that with the ad in the London Free Press we should only advertise in the Age Dispatch every other year.

#### Half-Yearly Meeting May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1986

Meeting approved May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> as a suitable time to hold Half-Yearly Meeting in Coldstream. The Clerk is directed to notify Frank Miles at the Yearly Meeting office of our 1986 Half Yearly Meeting time.

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Meeting was adjourned to meet again at the call of the clerk.

Carl Thomas, Clerk.

### **Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1985.**

Meeting opened with worship and a reading from the Conscience Canada Newsletter.

Present were Chester and Florence Brown, Elsie Cutler, Florence Cutler, George Webb, Evert Kobes, Klaas Kobes, Jadwiga Bennich, Jim Zavitz, Marilyn and Carl Thomas

The minutes of our last meeting were read and approved.

Representatives to the October Monthly Meeting at Sparta are Marilyn and Carl Thomas.

#### New Appointments – Search Committee

The clerk advised the Meeting that his term of office has expired and asked the Meeting to appoint a Search Committee for a new clerk.

New appointments are also needed for the Finance Committee and Religious Education Committee.



The Meeting appointed Jadwiga Bennich, Klaas Kobes and Jim Zavitz to the Search Committee and asked for a progress report at the next Preparative Meeting.

Donation Ploughshares London

Meeting approved a donation of \$200.00 from our treasury plus any private donations which the treasurer may receive for Ploughshares London.

Conscience Canada

Meeting approved a membership fee of 10.00 and a donation of \$50.00 towards Conscience Canada. The treasurer will also accept individual donations for Conscience Canada during October.

Sunday School Room

Evert Kobes reported that the Sunday School room needs storm windows. Meeting approved the purchase and installation of storms on the two windows in the Sunday School room.

The exterior of the Sunday School Room is badly in need of cleaning and painting. Beginning Saturday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Evert will organize work bees for those who are able to help.

George Webb and Evert Kobes will supervise the removal of excess materials stored in the Sunday School Room.

Letter of introduction

A letter of introduction was received from the Syracuse Monthly Meeting. We are pleased to have Sequoia Edwards, Mark Kinnucan and their children, Elspeth, Alison, and Challis attending our Meeting.

House and Grounds Committee

The Meeting expressed its appreciation for the work done by Jamie Bycraft, Oliver Muma, Klaas Kobes and Evert Kobes. Each contributed to the recent roof and porch repairs. The clerk will contact Jamie and Oliver to convey our thanks.

Peace-Elders

Chester Brown reported that Yearly Meeting hopes to appoint Peace Elders. Their duty would be to help Friends to continue to re-examine our traditional Peace Testimony and deepen our awareness and understanding of the Peace Testimony. This will be discussed in greater depth at a later date.

Friends World Committee for Consultation

The clerk was directed to contact Christine Lunday. Meeting would like to have Christine report on the 16<sup>th</sup> Friends World Committee for Consultation held in Mexico.

Meeting was adjourned to meet again at the call of the clerk.

Carl Thomas, clerk.

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**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1985.**

Meeting opened with worship and the reading of "A Prayer of Abandonment" by Thomas Merton.

Present were Klaas Kobes, Chester and Florence Brown, Florence Cutler, Jadwiga Bennich, John and Chiyo Kumagai, Jim Zavitz, Hazel Zavitz, George Webb, Marilyn and Carl Thomas

The minutes of our last meeting were read and approved.

Representatives to the November Monthly Meeting at Coldstream are Klaas Kobes and Marilyn Thomas

Religious Education and Finance Committee Appointments

The Search Committee for new appointments reported to Meeting. They proposed the name of Marilyn Thomas for a three year appointment to the Religious Education Committee. Mark Kinnucan and Jamie Bycraft were suggested as new members to the Finance Committee for a period of three years and two years respectively.

Meeting approved these appointments and thanks the Search Committee for bringing forth their names

Search Committee for a new clerk

The Search Committee also reported that they were unable to bring forth a name for the position of clerk. They suggested that a new Search Committee be appointed. It was also suggested that the terms of reference for the clerk should be reviewed.

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The Meeting appointed Elsie Cutler (subject to her approval), Chester Brown, and Joyce Holwerda to the Search Committee and asked for a progress report at the Dec. or Jan. Preparative Meeting.

House and Grounds Committee

Klaas Kobes reported on behalf of the House and Grounds Committee. In his report he mentioned the major renovations to the Meeting House and the two painting-bees.

Sarah Danforth Collection

Florence Brown reported that Sarah Danforth is unable to provide Christmas packages to her community because of illness. Meeting agreed that we should continue to provide support if we can find someone to carry on her work. George Webb volunteered to try and find someone to continue

this project. Donations will be made on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> if arrangements can be made for the distribution of Christmas packages.

#### Film Series Proposal

Meeting approved the use of our Meeting House for a film series beginning in January, 1986. George Webb reported that a program of films and games is in the planning stage for friends and neighbours in our community. These family gatherings would be useful to ourselves as well as an outreach into the community.

#### Donation of Books

Julian Davies left the Meeting many of his books. Ria has made these books available to Elsie Cutler and we appreciate the generous addition to our library. Meeting directed the clerk to send a letter of appreciation to Ria Alessio Davies.

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Meeting was adjourned to meet again at the call of the clerk.

Carl Thomas, clerk.

### **Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1985.**

Meeting opened with worship and the reading of section 113 in Christian faith and practice.

Present were: Evert Kobes, Klaas Kobes, Patrick Hailstone, Jadwiga Bennich, Florence Cutler, Elsie Cutler, John and Chiyo Kumagai, Jim Zavitz, Ria Davies, George Webb, Fred Parent, Marilyn and Carl Thomas.

The minutes of the Nov. Meeting were read and approved.

Representatives to the December Monthly Meeting at Sparta are Carl Thomas and Jadwiga Bennich.

#### Sarah Danforth Collection (Carol Morrison) Chippewa Band

George Webb reported that he has contacted Carol Morrison of the Chippewa Band. She is willing to distribute Christmas packages in her community. Donations will be made to Jim Zavitz on Dec. 1 and Dec. 8 and George Webb will see that Carol Morrison gets the donation. Meeting approved a donation from our treasury, if necessary, to bring the amount up to two hundred and eighty-five dollars.

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Jadwiga Bennich was appointed for a 1 year term to schedule discussion leaders for the adult class.

Christmas Carolling Program (Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m.)

Marilyn Thomas reported to Meeting that a Christmas Carolling program will be held at the Coldstream Meeting House on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. The Christian Church and the Baptist Church will contribute to the program.

#### Friday Night Program

George Webb reported that a program of films has been planned. This will begin on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1986 and will consist of six evenings. Meeting approved \$100.00 for advertising and rental expenses for this program. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

#### New Clerk

The Search Committee for a new Clerk proposed's the name of Evert Kobes. Meeting accepted the proposal [illegible] approved Evert Kobes for a two year term.

#### Donald Laitin report of Canadian Yearly Meeting

The Clerk read a letter written by Donald Laitin, Clerk of Canadian Yearly Meeting. This letter gave an overview of the 1985 Canadian Yearly Meeting.

#### George and Elizabeth Watson Visit

The clerk read a letter from Home Mission and Advancement Committee. We have been asked to consider whether we would like a visit with George and Elizabeth Watson – American Friends travelling in the Ministry. George Webb, Joyce Holwerda, Marilyn Thomas, and Carl Thomas will see if a visit to this area can be arranged. Proposals will be presented to Preparative Meeting in the New Year.

Jawiga read a letter she received from Labrador about the low level jet flights in Labrador.

Queries 22 and 23 were read and Meeting was adjourned to meet again at the call of the clerk.

Carl Thomas, clerk.

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting, Jan. 5, 1986**

Meeting opened with silence and the reading of section 229 in Christian Faith and Practice.

Present were Chester and Florence Brown, Carl and Marilyn Thomas, Jadwiga Bennich, Florence Cutler, George Webb, Fred Parent, Mark Kinnucan, Sequoia Edwards, and Klaas Kobes

The Meeting appointed Klaas Kobes as clerk for the day.

Minutes of the previous Meeting were read.

Appointed as representatives to the January Monthly Meeting were Chester and Florence Brown

#### 1985 Christmas Carolling

Members expressed their appreciation to those who organized the Christmas Carolling Service held at the Coldstream Meeting House. The Service was well attended and many complimentary comments were received.

Financial Statements were distributed.

Meeting House available for Ministry & Counsel Conference Jan. 18

The Meeting makes the Meeting House available to the conference of representatives of the various Ministry and Counsels in this area of the province. This conference is initiated by Lobo Ministry and Counsel and will be held on Saturday, January 18.

Young Friend liason person

(YFM. CampNee-Kau-Nis) asked for a liason person from our Meeting, preferably a young Friend. Marilyn Thomas agreed to look for a suitable and willing candidate.

Watson visit, USA.

The Monthly Meeting has accepted responsibility for arranging a visit with George and Elizabeth Watson, travelling Friends from U.S.A. Members of our Meeting will collaborate in the planning.

Nursery Care Marilyn Thomas

The need for providing nursery care during Meeting of Worship was discussed. Marilyn Thomas was appointed to approach members to take turns in providing this service when required.

The Meeting was adjourned and concluded with a period of silence.

Klaas Kobes

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**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on Februari, 2<sup>nd</sup> 1986.**

Meeting opened with silence and a reading of section 349 in Christian Faith and Practice. Present were: James Zavitz, Fred Parent, Chester Brown, Florence Brown, Jadwiga Bennich, Florence Cutler, Carl Thomas, Marilyn Thomas, and Evert Kobes.

The minutes of the January Meeting were read and approved.

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Representatives to the February Monthly Meeting at Sparta are Evert Kobes and Klaas Kobes, subject to his consent.

Chester Brown reported on Jan. Monthly Mtng.

Y.F. Liason Person.

Marilyn Thomas agreed to serve as a liaison person from our Meeting for Y.F.M Camp Nee-Kau-Nis.

Financial Statement Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 84 to Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> '85

James Zavitz presented us with the Financial Statement for Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 1984-Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 1985. Meeting appreciates the care and time Jim puts into maintaining accurate records.

State of Society Report

Jadwiga Bennich read the State of Society Report, which were accepted as such.

The State of Society Report of Lobo Preparative Meeting.

Meeting for Worship is held weekly. We have First Day School for children, young adults and adults. We have grown a little in 1985 with new attenders. The concern of Ministry and Council for our spiritual life, vocal and silent worship was shared with the Meeting. This sharing was appreciated and will continue. We had several community outreach programs such as Christmas carolling, participating in the shipping of grain to famine stricken areas, support of and participation in Ploughshares programs and activities and financial assistance to native people.

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We have been pleased with having seemingly being guided to a spiritual level in which we feel able to conduct memorial meetings in an atmosphere of support and worship.

We trust that we do extend a welcoming and friendly spirit toward all interested folk.

Ministry & Council,  
Lobo Prep. Mtng.

Half-Yearly Mtng. '86

Volunteers for the social aspects of the upcoming Half Yearly Meeting are Jadwiga Bennich and Marilyn Thomas.

R.C. School Funding.

Florence Brown brought up the subject of the R.C. School funding. Meeting decided to consider this matter at the next Preparative Meeting

After silence the Meeting was adjourned to meet again on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1986.

Evert Kobes, CLERK.

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**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1986.**

Meeting opened with silence and a reading from section 168 in Christian Faith and Practice.

Present were: Chester Brown, Florence Brown, Jadwiga Bennich, James Zavitz, Klaas Kobes, Elsie Cutler, Carl Thomas, Florence Cutler, Mark Kinnucan, Sequoia Edwards, Fred Parent, Louis Muma, Marjorie Muma and Evert Kobes.

The minutes of the February Meeting were read and accepted.

Representatives M. Mtng.

Representatives to the March Monthly Meeting at Coldstream are Klaas Kobes and Jadwiga Bennich.

Report of the Monthly Meeting held at Sparta was brought forward by Jadwiga Bennich.

Ad in the London F. Press & Age Dispatch.

It was brought forward that the wording in the Age Dispatch should read the same as in the London Free Press. (From the Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> September 1985)

R.C. School Funding

The issue of the R.C. School funding was discussed and laid down.

House & Grounds Comm.

House and Grounds Committee reported on Meeting House maintenance. Special needs for improvement, if any, will be ([s]) discussed at the next Preparative Meeting.

Pendle Hill Subscription

Meeting approved to continue the Pendle Hill subscription for another 2 years. It was decided to schedule the budget presentation for the next Preparative Meeting. The meeting was adjourned to meet again April 6<sup>th</sup> 1986.

Evert Kobes Clerk

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**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream on April 6<sup>th</sup> 1986.**

Meeting opened with silence and a reading from Christian Faith and Practice section 157.

Present were: Carl Thomas, Marilyn Thomas, James Zavitz, Mark Kinnucan, Sequa Edwards, Fred Parent, John Kumagai, Chiyo Kumagai, Louis Muma, Wayne Muma, Klaas Kobes, Florence Cutler, Elsie Cutler, Geo Webb & Patrick Hailstone (E. Kobes)

Minutes of previous meeting were read.

Appointed as representatives to the April Monthly Meeting in Sparta were Marilyn & Carl Thomas & Mark Kinnucan

Lobo & East Williams S.C.

Meeting will pay \$20.00 for the Lobo & East Williams Sunday School Convention The importance of community interaction was discussed and the meeting will continue their support.

House & Gr. Committee (Stove)

House and Grounds Committee will obtain prices for a new stove and make a recommendation at the next Preparative Meeting. Instalation of a window or vent to be considered for washroom.

Final Budget 1986

Meeting approved the final budget for 1986, presented by Geo. Webb on behalf of the Finance Committee. As in other years the meeting does not think it advisable to budget for charitable donations.

Contribution to M.M.

Members were asked to consider whether the annual contribution to the Monthly Meeting should be raised from \$50.00 to \$75.00.

The meeting was adjourned to meet again 4<sup>th</sup> 1986

Evert Kobes (CLERK)

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**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream May 4<sup>th</sup> 1986.**

Meeting began with the section being read from Christian Faith and Practice on the life everlasting. (Section 189):

Present were Carl Thomas, James Zavitz, (Ch. Brown,) Florence Brown, Marj. Muma, John Kumagai, Chiyo Kumagai, Geo. Webb, Elsie Cutler, Kl. Kobes, Florence Cutler, Patrick Hailstone & Evert Kobes.

A period of worshipfull silence followed in which special memory was given to Louis Muma who passed away Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1986. The clerk commented on the loss to our Society of a highly valued member. Louis was always readily available whenever there was need. He was still actively participating in our preparative meeting a month ago.

The clerk welcomed as guests Tammy Muma and David Hanson.

Carl Thomas reported on last Monthly Meeting held at Sparta.

The M.M. has appointed a committee of Care to support the recently established Windsor Worship Group. Members of Sparta and Coldstream Meeting are asked to take turns in visiting the Windsor Worship Group every other month. Monthly Meeting also requests address updating of its membership list. Carl noted that Lobo has 104 members as of this date.



Rep. M.M.

Appointed as representatives to the May Monthly Meeting were Elsie Cutler and Evert Kobes.

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House and Grounds Committee reported on its findings regarding the prices of a new range for our Meeting House. The Meeting recommended some further investigation or a possible wholesale purchase and empowered the House and Grounds Committee to make a decision and proceed with the purchase.

Marjorie Muma would like the stove to be acquired as a memorial to Louis Muma, using donations received in his memory. The meeting welcomed and approved this memorial, recalling how Louis had recommended and advised the purchase as necessary in previous meetings. The meeting gave approval to the use of the Meeting House in Aug. for the wedding of Tammy Muma & David Hanson.

Carl Thomas and Geo. Webb informed the meeting that the P.U.C. of the city of London has approved in principle the proposal of Ploughshares London to create a Peace Garden and promenade in Victoria Park. Donations are being accepted for this cause. Geo. Webb also reported on the Service Committee General Meeting held in March. The C.F.S.C. is reconstructing its program, has moved from a financial deficit to a surplus and is reinstating cuts made previously in the program.

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Geo. Webb further presented to the meeting information in regard to the London Refugee Claimant Support Group. He referred to a letter from Donald Laitin (clerk of Y.M.) who suggested that Friends become involved in assisting the work being done to help refugees cross the U.S.A. border to Canada. Specific information will be handed out at the next Preparative Meeting for support.

Marilyn Thomas appointed member of the Half Yearly Meeting Program Committee, asked the meeting about the feasibility of sponsoring Edith Adams as a speaker. The meeting suggested that due to the high cost of travelling expenses, it would be preferable to contact people involved in Refugee Support and ask them to give presentations about their work.

Correspondence was read after which the clerk adjourned the meeting to meet again on the first of June 1986.

Evert Kobes CLERK

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**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream June 1<sup>st</sup> 1986.**

Meeting opened with a period of silence and a reading from Advice & Queries.

The clerk commented on the Pelham Half Yearly Meeting held at Coldstream May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and the work contributed by our members, to make it a successful weekend. It was a well attended meeting with 15 members present.

Minutes of the last held meeting were read and approved.

Marjorie Muma reported in behalf of Tammy Muma & David Hanson that there had been a change in their wedding plans and that the use of the Meeting House would no longer be required. Elsie Cutler reported on the Monthly Meeting held in (Sparta) Coldstream Representatives for the June Monthly Meeting in Sparta are Chester & Florence Brown.

#### Minutes Instead of Memorial Plaques

The subject of memorial plaques was brought to the attention of the meeting. The Meeting reaffirmed decisions made at earlier Prep. Mtngs. that all memorial donations be clearly minuted, but that no memorial plaques be mounted.

The new range has been installed in the Meeting House and we are pleased to document it as a memorial to Louis Muma. Members asked the clerk to send a letter of appreciation to the Muma family

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#### Refugee Support Committee

Carl Thomas presented to the meeting information in regard organizational structure and the work of the London Refugee Claimant Support Group. The Meeting was asked to consider a 3 part proposal in which a) Volunteers are asked to become active in a Refugee Committee b) One of our members be appointed to establish a liason with the London Refugee Claimant Support Group on a regular basis c) to make available an emergency fund of \$1000.00 The meeting approved this proposal in principle Appointed to form a Refugee Support Committee were Mark Kinnucan, Sequoia Edwards, Carl & Marilyn Thomas, Joyce Holwerda & Geo. Webb. Appointed as chairperson to the Committee was Carl Thomas.

#### Bulliton Board

Chiyo Kumagai recommended that a bulliton board be purchased and the meeting approved.

#### No Adult S.S. Class During July & Aug.

It was decided that during the summer months of July and August no adult discussion session would be held. Meeting of Worship will be from 10.30 to 11.30, commencing with the usual Bible reading and hymn.

Correspondence was read and dealt with. Meeting was adjourned to meet again on the first Sunday in July 1986.

Evert Kobes (CLERK)

**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream July 6<sup>th</sup> 1986.**

Meeting opened with silence and a reading from Faith & Practice Section 355.

Present were: Carl Thomas, Marilyn Thomas, James Zavitz, Chester Brown, Florence Brown, Geo. Webb, Ida Stabler and Evert Kobes.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Representatives to the July Monthly Meeting at Coldstream are Geo. Webb and Evert Kobes.

Meeting report by Chester Brown: The 1987 C.Y.M. budget was discussed. We would accept the increase of the Y.M. quota. Also to keep in membership with the W.C. of churches. We would like to see a delegate attend, if its held at a location near enough, that the traveling expenses could be held at a suitable level. To us it seemed that visits from the Y.M. clerk would be beneficial, and that in some instances the local meeting would contribute to the traveling expenses The Clerk was instructed to send our response to C.Y.M.

The meeting was adjourned to meet again Aug. 3 – 1986 and concluded with a period of silence.

Evert Kobes (CLERK)

**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream August 3-1986.**

Meeting opened with a reading from “Organization and Procedure” Ch. 9 the last part. Period of silence followed.

Present were: James Zavitz, Florence Cutler, Chester Brown, Florence Brown, Mary Dell Balderston, Carl Thomas, Marilyn Thomas, Klaas Kobes, Elsie Cutler, and Evert Kobes, Mark Kinnucan, Sequoia Edwards, ~~Geo. Webb~~,

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Correspondence was read.

Funds La Casa De Los Amigos Mexico

An appeal for funds from La Casa de los Amigos, Mexico, led the meeting to approve a \$200.00 donation to be sent to them by the treasurer.

Support Battered Women London

Sequoia Edwards recommended that the meeting support the London Battered Women Adoo Centre, and the meeting approved a donation of \$100.00.

Time Schedule Prep. Mtng.

Chester Brown expressed concern about the limited time allowed to meeting for business, using the present schedule. (Every first Sunday of the month from 9.30 to 10.30) Chester suggested that the meeting consider alternative schedules with more time available for the agenda. Members agreed to give serious thought to alternatives and discuss proposals at the next Meeting for business on Sept. 6-1986.

Trees Burial Grounds.

House and Grounds Committee reported that John & Chiyo Kumagai donated and (planted two Japanese Cherry trees to beautify the Grounds,) organized the planting of two Japanese Cherry trees on the grounds, in memory of the Friends who have done so much for our meeting and the world at large.

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House and Grounds Committee also asked that funds be made available for a new vacuum cleaner. It was decided that \$300.00 should be set aside for this purpose. Evert Kobes the appointed representative to last Monthly Meeting read a letter received from the Unitarian Fellowship of London, which resolved a concern of the M.M. regarding adequate representation of beliefs and practices of the Society of Friends.

Appointed as delegates to the next Monthly Meeting combined with our annual pick-nick to be held in Sparta, were Mark Kinnucan and Sequoia Edwards.

Refugee Support Claimant Group.

Marilyn Thomas spoke on the present needs of the Refugee Support and Claimant Group (sp.) of London and asked members to contribute items that would be of use to a 27 yr old El Salvadorian refugee in the first 4 to 6 weeks of his stay in Canada.

Painting & Cleaning Bee

Marilyn also suggested a painting + cleaning bee and members selected Saturday for this occasion.

Change Monarch Propane to Superior Propane

James Zavitz informed the Meeting Superior Propane will serve us now, since Monarch Propane which we have been dealing with is no longer in business.

The meeting was concluded with a period of worshipful silence to meet again Sept. 7-1986.

Evert Kobes (CLERK)

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**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends was held at Coldstream  
September 7<sup>th</sup> 1986.**

Meeting opened with a reading from Faith and Practice section 524.

Present were: Elsie Cutler, Florence Cutler, James Zavitz, Florence Brown, Chester Brown, Jadwiga Bennich, Carl Thomas, Marilyn Thomas, Geo. Webb, Mary dell Balderston, Patrick Hailstone, Mark Kinnucan, John Kumagai, Chiyo Kumagai, Klaas Kobes, Heather Burke, and Evert Kobes.

Representatives to the next monthly meeting to be held at Coldstream October 12<sup>th</sup> are Geo. Webb and Mark Kinnucan.

#### Vacuum Cleaner

Correspondence was dealt with and also explained that a vacuum cleaner was bought on a trial basis.

#### Rep. C.Y.M.

Geo. Webb reported on the Yearly Meeting held at Rothesy N.B. which he attended as Monthly Meeting's representative. He is preparing a written report for the September meeting.

#### R.C. School Funding

Florence Brown reported on the Ontario School Funding issue. As a member of the Committee of Concern, she is still disquieted by use of public money to promote one particular religion and the fact that the Ontario government has allowed religious education to disappear in public schools. Even though the Yearly Meeting has decided on no further action, members of our Preparative Meeting were interested in discussing the issue in more detail at the next Preparative Meeting.

#### Time Schedule

The time schedule for the Preparative Meeting was discussed and several proposals made. Members favoured keeping the present time schedule of 9.30-10.30 a.m. every first Sunday, but to allow the clerk a) to call an additional meeting when ever there are issues which require more time than available or b) to handle the overflow of a Preparative Meeting after worship to provide an extra half an hour.

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A special request was made to hear more detailed reports from the various P.M. committees, so that all members would be better informed of the work being done. The meeting agreed to make time available to meet this need.

#### Transportation Committee

The meeting appointed a Transportation Committee for the members of the London area in response to a need expressed. Appointed were Jadwiga Bennich, Mark Kinnucan, Ida Stabler (pending her approval of this appointment in her absence) Carl Thomas and Klaas Kobes. The clerk thanked Elsie Cutler for her outstanding record of providing transportation for London Friends & attenders. Appointed as representatives to the next monthly meeting were Geo. Webb and Mark Kinnucan.

The meeting closed with a period of worshipful silence.

Evert Kobes (CLERK)

**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held at Coldstream September 28<sup>th</sup> 1986.**

Meeting commenced with the reading of section 349 from Faith & Practice, dealing with meetings for church affairs, followed with worshipful silence.

Present were: Geo. Webb, Joyce Holwerda, Marjorie Muma, Chester Brown, Florence Brown, Jadwiga Bennich, Carl Thomas, Marilyn Thomas, Florence Cutler, Fred Parent, Elsie Cutler, Klaas Kobes, Gordon Hay, Janet Piper, and Evert Kobes.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Transportation Comm.

Carl Thomas reported for the Transportation Committee, informing the meeting of various proposals considered and the short term transportation arranged in which car owners take turns driving.

Geo. Webb gave an account of the September monthly meeting.

Appointed as representatives to the Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting at Sparta were Marjorie Muma and Evert Kobes.

Friends Journal 3 yrs.

Correspondence was dealt with and the Meeting approved a three year renewal subscription of the Friends Journal.

A meeting of the Canadian Friends Historical Association will take place Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> at Pickering College.

It was also announced that Ed and Kathy Willson of the Sparta Meeting are celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 1986, with an open house at their own place. The wedding took place at Coldstream Meeting House, which several members of the members present remember attending.

Social Comm. on Providing Lunches.

Joyce Holwerda reported for the Social Committee in regard to providing lunches on special occasions, pointing out that the burden on weekdays often fell on members living near the meeting House. The meeting directed the Social Committee not to feel obliged to provide lunches unless requested.

Clerk to be Informed of All Activities

The meeting approved a suggestion that the Clerk be informed of all activities planned, before these take place, including funerals at the cemetery with or without the use of the Meeting House. This way

custodial courtesies and hospitality can be extended when appropriate. Bev. Hamacher of the Cemetary Committee is to be notified.

#### Storm Windows M.M.

Carl Thomas proposed that storm windows be bought for the 5 South & West windows of the Meeting House. House and Grounds Committee will inquire about the cost and present it to the next Preparative Meeting.

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Janet Piper offered 4 ornamental pine trees and a globe cedar for the Grounds if these could be picked up. Several members volunteered their time with Evert Kobes providing his pick up truck. No date was set.

#### R.C. School Funding

The discussion period was scheduled and used for an extended Preparative Meeting to discuss the R.C. School Funding. Florence Brown proposed that the meeting write a letter to the Minister of Education of Ontario indicating our displeasure with government policies regarding R.C. School funding. This proposal was discussed at length. Since not all the members had an opportunity to fully express their feelings on the topic and no unity was apparent, it was decided to continue this discussion the following week at 10.30 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned after a period of worshipful silence.

Evert Kobes (CLERK)

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(11<sup>th</sup> mo. 1986)

### **Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held at Coldstream November 2<sup>nd</sup> 1986.**

The reading of Section 124 from Faith & Practice preceded worshipful silence.

Attending the meeting were: Geo. Webb, Jim Zavitz, Carl Thomas, Marilyn Thomas, Chester Brown, Florence Brown, Florence Cutler, Klaas Kobes, John Kumagai, Chiyo Kumagai, Jadwiga Bennich, Elsie Cutler, Fred Parent, Mark Kinnucan, Patrick Hailstone, Ian Soutar, & Evert Kobes.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Appointed as representatives to the Monthly Meeting are Chester Brown and Jadwiga Bennich.

A letter of thanks from Casa de los Amigos – Mexico, was read to the meeting and the appropriation of our donation was questioned by some members. The treasurer Jim Zavitz said his annual report should be due at the next Preparative Meeting.

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House & Grounds Storm Windows Mtng. House

House and Grounds Committee reported on the progress made in obtaining estimates for the storm windows for the South & West side of the Meeting House. The meeting allowed a cost of \$750.00 or lower suitable tender. Members expressed preference for a light color. House and Grounds Committee thanked Mark Kinnucan, Carl Thomas and Greg Thomas for picking up and planting the trees for the grounds donated by Janet Piper. A note of thanks will be sent by the clerk.

Geo. Webb explained the work and activities of Ploughshares The meeting approved a \$200.00 donation for Ploughshares plus individual donations.

Re: Catholic School Funding

The Catholic School Funding discussion was resumed from the last Preparative Meeting. Concerned members were asked to compose a letter to the Ontario Government, as they would like it to read. At the next Preparative Meeting these letters will be compared and further decisions made. Meeting ended with worshipful silence, to meet again December 7<sup>th</sup> 1986

Evert Kobes (CLERK)

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**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held at Coldstream December 7<sup>th</sup> 1986.**

Meeting began with a reading from Faith & Practice Section 206 and 555 and worshipful silence.

Present were: Elsie Cutler, John Kumagai, Chiyo Kumagai, Jim Zavitz REGRETS Jadwiga Bennich, Patrick Hailstone, Klaas Kobes, Chester Brown, Florence Brown, Carl Thomas, Marilyn Thomas, Marjorie Muma, Mark Kinnucan and Evert Kobes.

Minutes of the last Preparative Meeting were approved as read.

Jadwiga Bennich reported on the November Monthly Meeting.

Half Yearly Mtng. May 30 '87

Half Yearly Meeting is to be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> 1987, at Sparta. Rep. to M.M. Sparta Dec. 14th Carl & Marilyn Thomas

John & Chiyo Kumagai and Rose Carey visited the Windsor Meeting and John presented a brief report to Prep. Mtng.

The local Baha'i group requested the use of the Meeting House on December 16, for a discussion on Education & Peace. The Meeting approved. The Meeting also approved [sic] a contribution to the Canadian Yearly Meeting stipulating the same amount and designation of funds as previous years.



Discussion on Public School funding for Catholic & Private Schools was resumed from last Preparative Meeting. Since the Bill for Catholic School Funding has already been passed as law and members views are not clearly established as to extending funding to other private schools, the Meeting decided to lay the topic down and let concerned individual members make their own presentation to members of Parliament or elected representatives.

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The Financial Report was postponed until the next Preparative Meeting.

Good will offering will be collected Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> for the Chippewa Band Christmas gifts.

Marilyn Thomas asked for a refugee food basket collection and the meeting approved. It was reported that no arrangements have yet been made this year for Christmas Caroling in combination with the Baptist and Christian Churches in Poplar Hill.

Florence Brown asked the meeting to receive the books and Sunday School material kept in storage at their place and the meeting approved.

Meeting was closed with worshipful silence to meet again Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1987

Evert Kobes (CLERK)

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**Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held at Coldstream Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 1987.**

Reading of section 522 from Faith & Practice preceded period of worshipful silence.

Present were: Florence Cutler, Marjorie Muma, Klaas Kobes, Jim Zavitz, Chester Brown, Florence Brown, Jadwiga Bennich, Patrick Hailstone, Mark Kinnucan, Fred Parent, Carl Thomas, Marilyn Thomas, Evert Kobes.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Marilyn Thomas reported as representative to last Monthly Meeting at Sparta.

Crafts Tanzania Project H.Y.M.

Coldstream Sunday School is invited to make craft projects for a sale to be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> to gather funds for the Tanzania project.

Representatives to the January M.M. in Coldstream are Jadwiga Bennich & Klaas Kobes

Our Christmas Collection for the Oneida Chippewa amounted to \$266.00 and was delivered by Geo. Webb and Chester Brown. Good results were reported and about 100 parcels were prepared and distributed.

The local Bahai group sent a note of thanks for the use of the Meeting House

The original error in advertising, regarding sponsorships, had been corrected.

#### Louis Muma Memorial Fund

Marjorie Muma informed the meeting that a memorial gift of \$7000.00 plus, would be made by her on April 1<sup>st</sup> 1987, to the House and Grounds Committee, fulfilling the wishes of her late husband Louis Muma, birthright member of the Society of Friends for 75 years. Louis had also expressed the wish that some of the money be appointed for flowering shrubs on the grounds. Klaas Kobes on behalf of the meeting and the House and Grounds Committee, expressed appreciation for the generous memorial donation. The suggestion that the treasurer be appointed as the custodian of the Louis Muma Memorial Fund, will be considered at a later Preparative Meeting.

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#### Financial Report Treas.

Treasurer Jim Zavitz presented the Financial Report of 1986, which was accepted by the Meeting with thanks. The auditory report is still forthcoming. Chester Brown encouraged the Financial Committee to make an effort to have the presentation of the auditing report with that of the Financial report. Reports of all the Committees for the year 1986 are still to be presented to the Meeting. Members appointed to form a nominating committee are Florence Brown, Mark Kinnucan, and Elsie Cutler, subject to her consent. Those whose term were completed in December were asked to serve on their respective committees until new members have been appointed

The Meeting closed with a period of silent worship to meet again Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 1987

Evert Kobes (clerk)

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#### **Lobo Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 1987, held at Coldstream from 9.30 to 11.15. a.m.**

Meeting began with worshipful silence and the reading of section 381 from Faith & Practice.

Present were: Chester Brown, Florence Brown, Joyce Holwerda, Patrick Hailstone, Carl Thomas, Marilyn Thomas, Marjorie Muma, Elsie Cutler, Jim Zavitz, Klaas Kobes, Florence Cutler, Jadwiga Bennich, Mark Kinnucan, F. Parent, Guests were: Sherita Clark, Arthur Clayton, David Pollard, Bertha Pollard, Mira Pollard EVERT KOBES and (Evert Kobes)

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Klaas Kobes reported on the January Monthly Meeting held at Coldstream.

Monthly Meeting asks the Preparative Meeting to discuss the Richmond Meeting “Declaration of Faith” Joyce Holwerda volunteers to provide copies for members to study.

Representatives for next Monthly Meeting in Sparta are Jadwiga Bennich and Geo. Webb.

#### Louis Muma Memorial Fund

The treasurer was appointed as custodian of the Louis Muma Memorial Fund. and the House and Grounds Committee in consultation with Marjorie Muma and treasurer Jim Zavitz, will make a minute to stipulate the use of this fund and report back to the meeting.

The nominating committee presented the names of the following nominees: Carl Thomas for the Finance Committee, Jadwiga Bennich for the House and Grounds Committee, Sequoia Edwards for the Religious Education Committee, Lorna Bycraft for the Social Committee and Elsie Cutler as librarian. The meeting approved the appointment of the selected nominees to the respective committees.

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The position as Convenor Supervisor of Adult Discussion is still open. The Social Committee will be reduced in members, with Joyce Holwerda appointed as the convenor, Florence Cutler the assistant convenor and Elsie Cutler and Lorna Bycraft also serving on the committee. The clerk expressed thanks to the Nominating Committee for its work, and also thanked each appointed member for their willingness to serve on the committees. The nominating committee would like the meeting not to ask anyone to serve for more than 6 years on any Committee, but recognizes that this is not always practical or feasible.

#### Annual Reports (1986)

Joyce Holwerda presented the Social Committee annual report for 1986.

#### Rel. Education Committee

Marilyn Thomas presented the Annual Report of 1986 for the Religious Education Committee and

#### House & Grounds Committee

Klaas Kobes presented the House & Grounds Committee report for 1986. The meeting accepted these reports with thanks.

Annual Report of the Finance Committee is still to be received.

Klaas Kobes asked for a temporary snow-fence to be put up on the North Side of the Meeting House, to keep people away from the snow, falling of the roof. Geo. Webb and Evert Kobes volunteered to assume responsibility for this task. “Snow dogs” will be mounted on the roof before next winter.

#### State of Society Report

Fred Parent on behalf of the Ministry & Counsel, presented the revised State of Society Report, which incorporated the members’ suggestion made at the last Preparative Meeting and which have now been forwarded to the Monthly Meeting.

Marilyn Thomas led the meeting in a discussion of its role in aiding refugees, pointing out that a change in U.S.A. laws is likely to stimulate a huge influx of new refugees into Canada.

The meeting closed with a short break before silent Worship to meet again March 1<sup>st</sup> 1987.

Evert Kobes (CLERK)

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#### STATE OF SOCIETY REPORT – Coldstream Meeting

We hold meeting for worship every week, also First Day School for all ages. We have some increased attendance for both of these. A number of inquirers have attended our meeting for worship. Although they did not all continue, we trust that their introduction to Friends was a rewarding experience for them. We also hold mid-week meetings which are enjoyed by Friends.

A major concern of Ministry and Counsel was the quality and devotion of the meeting for worship. Much thought and prayer was given to the deepening of worship.

From time to time we shared this leading with the whole meeting, praying that the Lord may be drawing everyone into the strong desire to realize the feeling of the Presence in Meeting.

“As we worship together, opening our hearts and minds to the source of all grace and power, we shall experience that living unity with God and with our fellow men from which all true caring springs”.

Christian Faith and Practice #328

In such a spirit, we believe, we may be led to greater and more effective service in the world.

At present we continue our contact with a native band and assist them in their celebration of Christmas each year.

An opportunity to assist Refugees ~~help~~ has become available to us recently. At present 3 refugees from Central America are in school here for language training. Members are expressing our concern for our Peace Testimony in the work of Peace Elders and Ploughshares London.

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#### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held at Coldstream, March 1<sup>st</sup> 1987.**

Meeting opened with the reading of section 126 from Faith & Practice and a period of worshipful silence.

Present were Geo. Webb, Florence Cutler, Carl Thomas, Marilyn Thomas, Marjorie Muma, Klaas Kobes, Fred Parent, Mark Kinnucan, Elsie Cutler, Patrick Hailstone & Evert Kobes

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Geo. Webb presented a report of the Februari Monthly Meeting. The appointment of a special national refugee committee of the Canadian FSC had been considered, but it was resolved that existing arrangements are sufficient to meet present needs.

Representatives for the March Monthly Meeting are Fred Parent and Elsie Cutler.

#### Budget 1987

Carl Thomas presented the 1987 budget to the meeting on behalf of the Finance Committee. A discussion followed with the Meeting expressing its satisfaction and approval of the proposed Budget. A question was raised if it would be feasible to indicate on the Budget statement, how much of the remaining funds was originally set aside for special purposes. Meeting decided to leave this for future consideration.

#### New Policy Concerning Refugees

Marilyn Thomas expressed a concern about the new Government policy restricting the entry of refugees into Canada. The Meeting approved for Marilyn to compose a letter(s) to be sent to the Federal Government regarding this concern.

#### Donation Ref. Claimant Support Group

The Meeting also approved a donation of \$300.00 to the Refugee Claimant Support Group, London (On)

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Correspondence was dealt with, raising the issue of Capital Punishment. Concerned members were asked to write a letter to reach the appropriate Government Ministry, before the upcoming vote in Parliament.

Meeting was adjourned after a period of silence to meet again April 5<sup>th</sup> 1987.

Evert Kobes (CLERK)

### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held at Coldstream, April 5 1987.**

Meeting opened with a period of silent worship.

Klaas Kobes was appointed as Clerk for the day.

Present were: Florence Cutler, Jadwiga Bennich, Carl and Marilyn Thomas, Florence and Chester Brown, Fred Parent, George Webb, Jim Zavitz, Elsie Cutler, Lorna Bycraft, Marjorie Muma, and Klaas Kobes.

Regrets, Evert Kobes, clerk, due to illness.

Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Refugee Committee \$1000 – emergency fund.

It was clarified that the \$1000.00 set aside on the June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1986 P.M. as an emergency fund for the use of the Refugee Committee was not to be drawn upon for donation made to Refugee Organizations.

All Committees: \$50.- – emergency fund.

It was also brought to the attention of all Committees that they have the consent of the Meeting to spend up to \$50.00 in emergency without going to the Prep. Mtng.

The Refugee Committee was asked to report to the Preparative Meeting every third month, or as activities occur.

Jim Zavitz read a note of appreciation from the Refugee Claimant Support Group in London for the donation sent to them by Friends' Meeting.

Capital Punishment letter.

Marilyn Thomas read a letter to be sent to various political representatives regarding the Meeting's recommendation against Capital Punishment. Marilyn was asked to compose the final draft of this letter and to forward it to the appropriate ministers and representatives.

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Fred Parent and Elsie Cutler reported on the March Monthly Meeting. Representatives for the April Monthly Mtng. are George Webb and Fred Parent.

Florence ~~Cutler~~ BROWN submitted a final report in behalf of the Nomination Committee. The Committee has found George Webb to be willing to take responsibility for arranging discussion leaders for adult Classes. The presiding clerk expressed the Meeting's appreciation for the work performed by the Committee.

Coldstream Library

The Corporation of the Township of Lobo made a request to the Lobo Preparative Meeting asking for the use of part of the Meeting House for the Coldstream Library. This arrangement would be on a temporary basis while a new building for the Library is being constructed.

A discussion developed in which the Meeting expressed its wish to be of service to the community. A list of certain conditions and stipulations were compiled and a Committee of Investigation was appointed to meet with the representatives of the Lobo Township and Library Board.

Appointed to the Library Investigation Committee are Marilyn Thomas, Chester Brown, Jamie Bycraft, George Webb, and Lorna Bycraft.

The Committee was asked to report back to the Preparative Meeting at a Special Meeting for that purpose to be held at Coldstream Meeting House on April 15 at 7:30 p.m.

“Peace Pilgrim” donation

Elsie Cutler asked for a donation to be made available for a dozen copies of the book entitled “Peace Pilgrim”. Copies are to be presented to interested and receptive members, attenders, and visitors. A donation of \$100.- was approved

The Meeting was adjourned after a period of worshipful silence, to meet again on April 15 for a Special Meeting and on May 3<sup>rd</sup> for its regular preparative Meeting for Business.

Klaas Kobes (acting clerk)

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**Lobo Preparative Meeting held at Coldstream, April 15<sup>th</sup> 1987.**

This was a special Meeting to discuss L. Townships request for the part of the Meeting House Present were: James Zavitz, Klaas Kobes, Lorna Bycraft, Geo. Webb, Chester Brown, Florence Brown, Elsie Cutler, Carl Thomas, Marilyn Thomas, Florence Cutler and Evert Kobes.

Special Minute Regarding Temporary Library At Our Meeting House.

as a temporary library. The Committee of investigation presented its findings and reported that the representatives of the Lobo Township and the library were in agreement with all the conditions and stipulations compiled by the Meeting. The Township will carry its own Liability Insurance and the library section can be used when needed on special occasions. The Meeting will look after heating, [illegible] and custodial services. The fee to be paid to the Meeting will be \$936.00 annually. Meeting approved of the arrangement and the clerk was instructed to write to Mrs. McMillan Clerk of Lobo Township and advise her of the Meeting’s approval.

Evert Kobes (CLERK)

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**Lobo Preparative Meeting, held at Coldstream Meeting House on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1987.**

Meeting opened with the reading of Section 236 from Faith & Practice.

Present were: James Zavitz, Florence Brown, Marilyn Thomas, Carl Thomas, Klaas Kobes, Florence Cutler, Marjorie Muma, Geo. Webb, Elsie Cutler, Jadwiga Bennich, Patrick Hailstone, Fred Parent, Mark Kinnucan and Evert Kobes.

Regrets Ch. Brown

Minutes of the April 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting were read and approved.

Regarding Coldstream Library.

Minutes of the special meeting dealing with the temporary Lobo Township Library arrangement were also read and approved. Marilyn Thomas said she received a call from Mary Higgs for a copy of the letter sent by the clerk to the Township clerk, which advised the Township of the Meeting's agreement.

Carl Thomas suggested that pamphlets regarding the Society of Friends be displayed in the Library Section and Geo. Webb added that the Library Bulletin board should also be made use of.

Representatives to the April Monthly Meeting presented their reports to the meeting.

Pelham Half Yearly Meeting is to be held at Sparta on the weekend of May 30 and 31<sup>st</sup>. The clerk read a letter to the meeting from Christine Lundy, outlining the program. Appointed as representatives to the May Monthly Meeting are Jadwiga Bennich and Mark Kinnucan.

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#### Fence around Cemetery & Grounds

Klaas Kobes presented the House and Grounds Committee's report in regard to the cost of a new wire fence around the cemetery and Grounds. Total estimated cost of a new wire fence material and labor is \$2500.00. Volunteers to help with labor would be welcome. A discussion ensued in which members present voiced a preference for a regular wire fence, with shorter than usual distances between posts. Since the nature and cost of a more decorative fence as an alternative, has not been investigated, Klaas suggested that members wishing it, present a statement of details for the Meeting's consideration. The Meeting approved that the fence should run on the North side of the Ground from the road to the back, along the back of the cemetery and from the back of the South side to where the First Day School addition begins.

#### Louis Muma Memorial Fund

House and Grounds Committee also reported on the Louis Muma Memorial Fund and prepared the following minute, which was approved by the Meeting:

Lobo Preparative Meeting has received a certified cheque of \$7500.00 from Marjorie Muma, which was deposited by the treasurer to open a special Louis Muma Memorial Fund. The Funds are to be used entirely for the House and Grounds' upkeep, and improvements. Especially mentioned are a new fence and the planting of flowery shrubs.

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This donation and the stipulations for its use fulfill the wishes of Marjorie's late husband Louis Muma, birthright member of the Religious Society of Friends for 75 years. The Meeting expressed its appreciation to Marjorie for this Special Fund.

#### Newmarket Harry M. Beer Memorial Fund

The clerk read a letter received from Pickering College Association, Newmarket, Ontario, informing the Meeting that the Headmaster Emeritus, Harry M. Beer, had passed away. A fund to aid students



has been established to honour Harry's memory. A request for support was extended to the Meeting It was decided to give fuller considerations to the request at the next Preparative Meeting.

New Superintendent Needed.

The clerk informed the Meeting that Hazel Zavitz was unable to continue her function as superintendent, and the Meeting decided to respond to Hazel's resignation at the next preparative Meeting. and that perhaps the Religious Education Committee could be called upon to make a suggestion in regards to this vacancy.

Meeting was adjourned after a period of worshipful silence to meet again June 7<sup>th</sup> 1987.

Evert Kobes (CLERK)

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**Lobo Preparative Meeting, held at Coldstream Meeting House on June 7<sup>th</sup> 1987.**

Meeting opened with the reading of the last section 353 from Faith and Practice.

Present at this meeting were: Florence Brown, Chester Brown, Florence Cutler, Jim Zavitz, Klaas Kobes, Sequoia Edwards, Mark Kinnucan and Evert Kobes. Regrets: Jadwiga Bennich.

Minutes of the May Preparative Meeting were read and approved.

\$200.00 Donation to the Harry M. Beer Memorial Fund

Meeting approved a \$200.00 donation to the Harry M. Beer Memorial Fund New-Market Ontario.

Vacancy New Superintendent.

The Religious Education Committee will consider a new candidate to fill the function of superintendent, left vacant by Hazel Zavitz and report to the next Preparative Meeting. The committee will appoint a temporary substitute for the month of June. The clerk will write a letter of appreciation to Hazel for her more than 25 years of service to the meeting as superintendent.

Fence House & Grounds Comm. to Meet with Foreman of the Conservation Area.

The clerk reported that he had contacted Ralph Cogh of the St. Clair Region Conservation Office on behalf of the House and Grounds Committee and that they readily agreed to share the cost of a new fence. The House and Grounds Committee will contact the local foreman Earl Copeland, for further discussion regarding the construction of the fence, and the hiring of a professional contractor. The Committee will report to the next Preparative Meeting.

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No Adult First Day School for July & August.

Meeting decided that there would be no Adult First Day School during July and August.

Meeting for worship will begin at 10.30 a.m.

The clerk reported that Fred Parent had left to attend the FUM gathering North Carolina and had requested the Meeting's support of \$75.00 to cover some of the financial expenses.

The clerk consulted with the appropriate members and allowed a \$50.00 contribution. Elsie Cutler donated an additional \$25.00 Meeting approved the clerk's decision

Mark Kinnucan reported on the Monthly Meeting held in Coldstream.

Appointed as representative for the June Monthly Meeting is Evert Kobes

Correspondence was dealt with.

Meeting was adjourned after a period of worshipful silence.

Adult First Day School time was used to discuss Friend's Ministry and Institutional Chaplaincy

Evert Kobes (clerk)

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held at Coldstream July 5<sup>th</sup> 1987.**

Present were: Florence Cutler, Marjorie Muma, Elsie Cutler, Florence Brown, Chester Brown, Marydel Balderston, Fred Parent & Evert Kobes.

Regrets: James Zavitz & Klaas Kobes

Meeting opened with worshipful silence followed by the reading of 2 verses from Matthew Chapter 21 the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> verse, dealing with the parable of Jesus about a certain man with his two sons (Asking the first one to do some kind of a job and received a snotty arrogant reply "I will not" But felt foolish afterwards and did what his father asked him to do in the first place. The reply of the second son was much more pleasing to the ear. His cheerful reply to his father was: Sure Dad "no problem" But in the mean time, no dice. And than of course Jesus' question in verse 31, "Which of the two boys would you rather deal with?")

Evert Kobes reported on the June Monthly Meeting held at Sparta. Arising from the Minutes was the fence question. The clerk reported on behalf of the House and Grounds Committee, saying that they had obtained an estimate of \$2,100.00 from Orland Nichols of Adelaide, fencing contractor, which included materials and labor for a new fence. The clerk further reported that Klaas Kobes had made several promising contacts with the St. Clair Region Conservation Authorities, but that at the end they had declined to share the cost of the fence, saying that it was of no benefit to them. The Committee recommends that instead of doing the fencing job ourselves, it be contracted out to Orland Nichols.

House and Grounds Committee also suggested that the cost be split 50/50 between the Louis Muma Memorial Fund and the Cemetary Fund. After some discussion Meeting felt that 50% should be

carried by the Cemetary Fund, 25% from the Louis Muma fund and the Meeting the remaining 25% and if there be extra cost involved, that it should be picked up by the Meeting also. Approved.

Representatives to the next Monthly Meeting to be held at Coldstream are Marjorie Muma & Fred Parent.

Chester Brown reported on behalf of the Ministry & Council and its responsibility regarding Meeting for Worship. Suggested was that:

1. A minimal amount of greeting upon arrival.
2. That any items which have been preceding worship be carried out after meeting or some other time
3. That Sunday School children worship with adults at beginning of meeting 10-15 minutes before their lesson. (and retire quietly)

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4. Approximately 1 hour for Meeting
5. A trial period of two months.

Meeting approved and adjourned to meet again August 2<sup>nd</sup> 1987.

Evert Kobes (CLERK)

### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held at Coldstream, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 1987.**

Meeting began with worshipful silence and the reading of section 230 from Faith and Practice.

Present were: Carl Thomas, Marilyn Thomas, Florence Brown, Chester Brown, Elsie Cutler, Florence Cutler, James Zavitz, Fred Parent, Evert Kobes & Klaas Kobes.

The meeting appointed Klaas Kobes as recording clerk.

The treasurer reported that the fencing contractor Orland Nichols had sent an invoice of \$1,7800.00, well below the estimated price. Since a discount had been given because the work done was for a cemetery and a Religious Society, it was suggested that a bonus be given to the contractor for excellent workmanship and cooperation. The meeting approved to send a cheque of \$1,900.00.

A letter from Kathy Willson was read which requested that worship on Sunday Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>, be held as a Memorial service for three, Harold Zavitz, and Camilla Hamilton (Zavitz) Lorena Zavitz  
Refreshments to be served afterwards (Painter)

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Though no appropriate request has been made, Meeting approved that the library section may be used as polling booth for the Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Provincial Election.

A letter from Janet Neiss-Miller was read in response to a get-well card sent to her and was read to the meeting.

Carl Thomas explained the Ploughshares shadow project to the meeting to commemorate the Hiroshima atomic bomb devast of Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> 1945.

Meeting gave permission for the water (solluable) shadows to be applied on the front porch of the Meeting House for that date.

Since the term of clerk ends in December a search committee was appointed to search for a clerk for the next two years term, beginning December. Appointed to serve on the said committee were Fred Parent, Elsie Cutler & Carl Thomas. The meeting was reminded of the Monthly Meeting Pick-Nick to be held on the premises of Evert & Grace Kobes on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August.

Chester Brown suggested a painting bee to be organized before the fall and the Meeting decided on the latter part of August, dates to be announced later.

Meeting was concluded with worshipful silence.

Klaas Kobes Recording Clerk.

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held at Coldstream, September 6<sup>th</sup> 1987.**

Meeting opened with worshipful silence and the reading from Scriptures H I Kings Chapter 19 the verses 11 to 13.

Present were: Klaas Kobes, James Zavitz, Marjorie Muma, Chester Brown, Florence Brown, Geo. Webb, Carl Thomas, Marilyn Thomas, Mary-dell Balderston, Patrick Hailstone, Florence Cutler, Elsie Cutler, Sequoia Edwards, Mark Kinnucan, and Evert Kobes. Lorna Bycraft, Fred Parent.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Dates for the painting bee were set for September the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Term Clerk

The search committee recommended that Evert Kobes be appointed as clerk for a second term. It also recommended that Geo. Webb be appointed as Recording Clerk. Both terms will commence Jan. 1988. The meeting approved both appointments. This dissolves the Search Committee, and the clerk expressed the Meeting's appreciation for its work.

#### House & Grounds Committee

House and Grounds Committee was asked by the meeting to replace the carpet in the back hall.

The Ministry & Counsel's proposal to change the order of worship was discussed

### Report Education Committee

The Education Committee likes to have the children to attend the first part of the meeting of worship, suggests that Adult discussion be scheduled after worship, and also proposes hymn sing after worship once a month. It makes no firm recommendation as to singing and Bible reading before Worship.

### Time of Worship

It hopes that 2 teachers for children Secondary School can make themselves available instead of one.

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Changing the time from 10.30 to 10. 00 a.m. for meeting for Worship was also discussed Most members seeming to favour the present 10.30 a.m. time.

Meeting decided to continue the trial period for another month, with a post-meeting added during the month to further discuss the order of Worship.

The time of the Preparative Meeting and its infringement on the meeting for Worship will also be discussed. The results of the discussion will be considered at the next Preparative Meeting

Representatives to the September Monthly Meeting are Sequoia Edwards and Mark Kinnucan.

Reports of the Canadian Yearly Meeting will be presented during future Adult Discussion sessions.

Meeting was adjourned to October 4<sup>th</sup> 1987 after a period of Worshipful silence.

Evert Kobes (CLERK)

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### Re- House and Grounds Committee

House and Grounds Committee also that top soil be ordered to even the surface at the back of the Meeting House. Meeting approved expenses up to \$250.00

E.K.

### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held at Coldstream, October 4<sup>th</sup> 1987.**

Meeting began with worshipful silence and the reading of the Queries 7 & 8.

Present were: Jim Zavitz, Klaas Kobes, Marilyn Thomas, Carl Thomas, Chester Brown, Florence Brown, Geo. Webb, Florence Cutler, Sequoia Edwards, Mark Kinnucan, Elsie Cutler.

Regrets: John Kumagai, Chiyo Kumagai and Fred Parent.

Sequoia Edwards reported on the Monthly Meeting held at Sparta.

Meeting approved that George Webb could start as recording clerk immediately rather than waiting

for the new term in January 1988.

The suggestion is made to have both Lobo & Yarmouth preparative meetings held on the same day to reduce conflicts which arise when monthly meeting must be shifted from the 2<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month.

The Meeting empowers its representatives to the Oct monthly meeting to speak on our behalf to resolve this concern.

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Representatives to monthly meeting are Carl Thomas & Marilyn Thomas.

A report from Christine Lundy on Canadian Yearly Meeting is forwarded to the clerk.

#### Meeting for Worship

Meeting for worship will continue to be at 10:30 AM for 45 minutes. This will be followed by the adult discussion group.

Ministry & Council and the Sunday school committee will continue to examine the question of bible reading, hymn singing and the childrens participation in the meeting. They will report to preparative meeting at a later date.

Preparative meeting is extended to 10:55AM [~~illegible~~] for this meeting only

A letter from the Monthly Meeting Ministry & Council was read. The letter suggests a visit to our meeting from the M & C committee to help strengthen our sense of community and spiritual life. Meeting accepts this invitation and asks representatives to Oct M.M. to work out details of scheduling for a 1<sup>st</sup> day in the 11<sup>th</sup> month.

Meeting approves of sending \$25 to the National Project Ploughshares for continuation of its membership.

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Donations to Casa De Los Amigos and the London Ploughshares group will be reviewed in Nov.

Meeting appoints Mark Kinnugan and Florence Brown to meet with the clerk and bring forth new committee [~~appointments~~] nominations.

Meeting is adjourned to meet again at 9:30 1<sup>st</sup> day 11<sup>th</sup> month 1987

Meeting closed with a few moments of silence.

Clerk Evert Kobes.  
recording clerk George Webb.

## Lobo Preparative Meeting held at Coldstream 1<sup>st</sup> day 11<sup>th</sup> month 1987.

Meeting opened with a period of silent worship.

Those present Chester and Florence Brown, Carl and Marilyn Thomas, John & Chio Kumagai, Florence Cutler, Jim Zavitz, Margary Muma, Jadwiga Bennich, Patric Hailstone, Fred Parent, George Webb, Sequoia Edwards, Mark Kinnucan and Elsie Cutler.

Minuets of the last preparative meeting were read and approved.

Carl Thomas reported on the October Monthly Meeting. The meeting was quite small. A suggestion was made to look into the possibility of having two monthly meetings with a joint Ministry and Council. During this discussion the suggestion was made that we consider a quarterly meeting instead of a half yearly meeting.

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Report from a joint Ministry and Counsel and Sunday School committee concerning our order of worship. The report was given by Chester Brown and Fred Parent. The committee was of the opinion that meeting for worship should be first in importance and in scheduling and that it should be held ~~first~~ first from 10.30 to 11.15. This would be followed by introduction of guests and announcements. The discussion period would be from 11:20 to 12 noon. This would be opened with a bible reading. If desired the bible reading could be co-ordinated with the discussion group topic.

The adult discussion group is intended to enrich the individual spiritual journey and nurture the quality of Worship.

~~We should have the flexibility~~

It could offer the opportunity for the presentation of special reports or items of special interest or if no discussion topic is available silent worship could be extended.

The exception to this would be on the first Sunday of the month.

This ~~will~~ could continue to be preparative meeting Sunday with Preparative meeting beginning at 9:15 AM or 9:30 at the discretion of the clerk and ending at 10:25 AM. Discussion period on these Sundays would be taken up with group hymn singing.

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Young people would be expected to spend the first 15 minutes of worship in the meeting with their parents. Junior Sunday School would be from 10:45 to 11:45 at 11:45 the children could either join the adult discussion group, ~~illegible~~ hymn singing or play [quirelly] in the sunday school room. The meeting accepts the committee recommendations and asks its monthly meeting representatives to report on this schedual to the November monthly meeting.

Nominating committee brought forth a list of names of Friends to fill several committee vacancies. It was suggested that these names be brought forward as part of the individual committee reports.

Sunday School Committee – this report was given to preparative meeting in Sept and they have nothing further to report at this time.

The House & Grounds committee report was read and is appended.

Nominating Committee has recommended that Klause Kobes be appointed to House & Grounds Committee for another 3 year term. The [illegible] meeting accepts this report and nomination and thanks the committee for its work and care of the meeting house.

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Library report – new addition to the library are Barclays Apology and several copies of Peace Pilgrims book. These are for distribution to others who are interested in her life. We are missing several books which have not been signed out. We ask Friends to brouse their own libraries in case they have inadvertently overlooked returning books.

Nominating committee recommends the name of Mark Kinnucan as the new librarian to serve for the next 3 years.

Meeting approves this recommendation and thanks Elsie Cutler for her work over the last several years.

Religious Education committee reports there is an average attendance of 5 children taught in two groups, readers and non readers.

Fred Parent and Lorna Bycraft will continue as superintendents.

Curriculum materials and childrens books have been purchased. Assistance with teaching classes is always appreciated. Nominating committee recommends the name of Florence Brown to serve on the Religious Education committee.

Meeting accepts this report and approves the recommendation.

Social Committee report was not available but meeting approved nominating committee's recommendation that Wendy Thomas and Florence Cutler be appointed to the social committee.

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Other reports and appointments are to be laid over until the next meeting.

Representatives to monthly meeting are Fred Parent and Jadwiga Bennich.

The meeting is ajourned to meet again at 9:30 6<sup>th</sup> day 12<sup>th</sup> month 1987



Meeting closed with a short period of silence.

Recorded by George Webb.

### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held at Coldstream 6<sup>th</sup> day 12<sup>th</sup> month 1987.**

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship and a reading from Sec 410 of Christian Faith and Practice.

Those present Marjorie Muma, Elsie Cutler, Jim Zavitz, Marydel Balderstone, Florence and Chester Brown, Carl Thomas, Florence Cutler, Mark Kinnugan, Everet Kobes, Patric Hailstone, Fred Parent, Jadwiga Bennich, Hazel Zavitz, ~~Mary~~ Marilyn Thomas and George Webb. Regrets John & Chio Kumagai

Minutes of the Nov 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were read and with minor adjustments approved by the meeting

#### PloughShare

George Webb and Carl Thomas gave a report on the activities of Ploughshares London. Meeting agreed to donate \$200 plus donations of individual members. The treasurer will send this after the preparative meeting Jan 3<sup>th</sup> 1988.

#### Finance Committee

The nominating committee's recommendation for a new member of the Finance committee will be included with the finance committee report. Finance committee will try to meet prior to the Jan preparative meeting.

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#### Unsolicited Requestes for Funds.

The meeting ~~requested~~ rejected a request ~~for~~ funds from a            of New Jersey. It was felt that we didn't have enough information and was unsolicited without the support or recommendation of a local Quaker meeting. Everet Kobes will forward our reply.

#### Public Library.

The public library in the other half of the meeting house is too cold for the librarian. We will leave the heat on all the time in an effort to solve the problem. Evert will see if the storm windows we ordered can be put on.

Ministry and Council would like to meet with the meeting on a Sunday afternoon in the first few weeks of 1988.

#### Discussion Group ~~Leader~~ Co-ordinator

Marjorie Muma is recommended by Nominating Committee to be the adult discussion co-ordinator for 1988 The co-ordinator is not expected to to lead the discussion if no-one is available. If there is no discussion topic meeting for worship could be extended.

Meeting accepts this recommendation.

Monthly Meeting will be a pot luck lunch with hot dishes provided by the social committee

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This will be Sunday Dec 13.

The meeting closed with silence and adjourned until Jan 3 1988 at 9:30 A.M.

Clerk Everet Kobes  
Recorder George Webb

Missed from the minuets.

The treasurers report was submitted for the fiscal year ending Nov 30 1987. The report shows a balance of \$6571.12 in the general account and \$7793.19 in the Lou Muma memorial fund.

George Webb  
recorder

### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held at Coldstream 3<sup>rd</sup> day 1<sup>st</sup> month 1988.**

The meeting opened with silent worship and a reading from section 523 of Christian Faith and Practice.

We remember and give thanks for the life of Edith Zavitz a life long Friend born and raised in our community who passed away in 1987 6 months before her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The minuets of the December meeting were read and approved.

Those present are Jim Zavitz, Klause Kobes, Chester Brown, Everet Kobes, Carl Thomas Marilyn Thomas, Marydel Balderston, Jadwiga Bennich, Florence Cutler, George Webb and Marjorie Muma

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Everet Kobes reports that the storm windows ordered for the meeting house have been put on.

Thanks to Chester Brown for putting snow dogs on the east side of the roof.

Representatives to the Jan 10<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting are Klause Kobes, Everet Kobes and Marydel Balderstone

Finance Committee reports they have audited the treasurers report and found it correct. The name of Joyce Holwerda is recommended by the [illegible] nominating committee to serve on the finance committee for a 3 year term

The operating budget for 1988 of \$4930.25 was submitted.

The meeting approves the treasurers report, the nomination of Joyce Holwerda and the budget.

It is noted that fire insurance coverage has been substantially increased to \$100 000 on the building. House and Grounds committee is asked to review the fees paid for custodial care of the meeting house and upkeep of the grounds.

House and Grounds are asked to supply information concerning the cost of upgrading the washroom facilities to provide wheelchair access as well as possible storage for cleaning supplies.

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Jadwiga Bennich, Marydel Balderstone, and Marilyn Thomas are appointed to plan the program for Half Pelham Half yearly meeting in May.

Chester Brown reports that Ministry and Council has met with the Sparta meeting. They attended meeting for worship had lunch and an open Ministry and Council meeting in the afternoon.

The date for meeting with Coldstream will be considered at the February Monthly Meeting.

On Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup> Ministry and council will host an open regional meeting at the Coldstream meeting house. Meet at 11 o'clock lunch at 12 o'clock. Topic for the afternoon meeting is spiritual nurturing and counselling.

Meeting closed with silent worship and is adjourned until 7<sup>th</sup> day 2<sup>nd</sup> month 1988.

Everet Kobes Clerk

George Webb recorder.

### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held at Coldstream 5<sup>th</sup> day 2<sup>nd</sup> month 1988.**

Meeting opened with a period of silence and a reading from section 675 of Christian Faith and Practice.

Those present were Klause Kobes, Marydel Balderstone, Patric Hailstone Fred Parent, Carl Thomas Marilyn Thomas Jadwiga Bennich, Everet Kobes, Florence Cutler, Mark Kunnucan, Elsie Cutler, George Webb

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Minuets of the January meeting were read and approved.

Ministry and Council's request to have an open meeting with Coldstream Friends is held over to March due to the large turn out from Coldstream at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Ministry & Council regional meeting.

Klausa Kobes reports that the House and Grounds committee have met with the caretakers and they are satisfied with the present level of remuneration.

They suggest that any money left over after expenses from the rental of the meeting house to the public library be given to Everet Kobes because of extra time he had to put in for cleaning and heating the library. The meeting approves this suggestion and authorizes the treasurer to forward this money.

The state of society report was read by Jadwiga Bennich. The meeting accepts this report and ~~forward~~ forwards it to Lobo Monthly Meeting.

A letter has been sent from Ministry and Council to the Canadian Friend asking that 2 or 3 state of society reports be published each issue so that meetings may learn more of each other.

Klausa Kobes reports that Sparta is having an open house on Feb 20<sup>th</sup> with a craft sale.

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The clearness committee on the possible separation of Coldstream and Sparta meeting is still working on this. There doesn't seem to be clearness to proceed with this step although the trustees are asked to research the legal requirements of such a move.

It is noted that to a large extent we already function as two meetings and that some changes in format be considered. One suggestion is that while monthly meeting would continue to be an open meeting representatives would be appointed for a year.

George Webb Carl Thomas and Marilyn Thomas are appointed to a committee to look into the ~~the~~ meetings possible participation in the 100th annual Lobo School Picnic.

A letter from the Monthly Meeting in Madison Wisconsin introducing us to a project called Trade for Peace was received. George Webb will draft a reply for the preparative meeting to consider in [illegible] the next meeting.

Margret Hope Beeton a Quaker author travelling in the ministry under the auspices of FWCC with the support of HMAM Visitation Committee. She would like to organize visitation dates for the fall of 1988 We will consider this at the next meeting

Representatives to the Feb M.M. are Jadwiga Bennich and Mark Kinnucan.

The meeting is adjourned until 6<sup>th</sup> day 3<sup>rd</sup> month at 9:30 and closed with a period of silence.

Everet Kobes Clerk

George Webb recorder.

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held at Coldstream 6 day 3<sup>rd</sup> month 1988.**

Present Klause Kobes, Marjorie Muma, Jim Zavitz, Florence Brown, Chester Brown, Marydel Balderstone, Jadwiga Bennich, Florence Cutler, George Webb, Marilyn Thomas Carl Thomas, Mark Kinnucan, Everet Kobes.

The meeting opened with silence and a w reading from sections 389-390 of Christian Faith and Practice.

The minuets of the previous meeting were read and approved.

#### Correspondence

A letter from John and Chio Kumigai was expressing their appreciation of correspondence and best wishes to the meeting was read.

Margret Hope Bacon a Quaker author is is travelling in the ministry under a concern for gender equality. The meeting extends an invitation to have her visit us and asks Marilyn Thomas to correspond with Margret Smith of Home Mission and Advancement Committee to arrange this.

The best weekends for the meeting would be the 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> of Sept the 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> of Oct. If this is not possible a mid week meeting could be considered

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A letter from Todd Kummer clerk of Madison Wisconsin Monthly Meeting was read. The letter introduced an organization called Trade for Peace which is working for Peace in Central America by importing goods from [N] Nicaragua to try and help their economy. To do this they must work through Canada. The meeting supports an offer of travell accomodation to members of Trade for Peace.

A letter from David Hurdon of the Unitarian Fellowship was read. He asks if the meeting would consider renting the meeting [N] house to them for a retreat March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The meeting approves the use of the meeting house for this event and will not charge rent.

Report of the Feburary Monthly Meeting was submitted by Jadwiga Bennich and is appended.

The meeting extends an invitation to Ministry and Council to hold an open meeting of M&C on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Marilyn Thomas reported on the Cemetary Committee. There are two funds The Perpetual Care fund which is not usable by the meeting is at \$10,720. Interest from this fund may be transfered to the

General Fund. The general Fund is used for maintenance of the cemetery. It has a total of \$10,477. The expenses this year were \$370 for grounds and \$950 for fencing.

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Carl Thomas passed out forms to be used for outlining our requests for funeral arrangements. We are encouraged to complete these forms and keep them on file and/or give a copy to Ministry and Council.

Chester Brown reports that the fire insurance has been increased to \$100,000 for the building and 10,000 for contents with 500,000 liability insurance. The premiums for this are \$3 55 per year.

Meeting is adjourned until 9:30 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> day 4<sup>th</sup> month 1988.

George Webb  
Recording Clerk

Rep. Jadwiga Bennich

The February Monthly Meeting was held at Coldstream Meeting House, Sunday Febr. 14 1988

Business arising:

(1) Kathy informed us about the Trustees for our region: they are: Jim Zavitz, Elsie Cutler, Chester Brown, Bob Willson, Kathy Willson, Danny Zavitz.

(2) Rick Curtis reported on behalf of the marriage committee: (Rick Curtis, Ann Aloboda, Joyce Holwerda, George Webb). The Committee met with Janice Lundy and Paul ?. Paul has no church affiliation but attended several Friends meeting for worship) and supports their request to be married according to the manner of Friends. The marriage will take place April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1988. The Committee will continue meeting with Janice and Paul while they are preparing for marriage..

(3) State of Society report should be submitted to MM in March

(4) Katht consulted a lawyer regarding administrative changes in our MM. The situation does not seem as complicated as feared. – does not involve bank accounts, only property, which will require a survey – title search to go back 40 years. Lobo will be able to keep name “Lobo Monthly Meeting (Religious Organizations Lands Act)

(5) Committee appointments:

Representative Meeting: Carl Thomas – 1992

Discipline Cee: Kathy Willson – unable to continue

Tor. Mis. Board: Christopher Willson 1989

Camp Cee:

CFSC: George Webb unable to attend mtgs

H.M.&Ad Fred Parent

M.&C Ed Willson 1990

Nom Cee Chris Willson 1988

YM Cee (program) ?

FWCC Christine Lundy

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## **Lobo Preparative Meeting held at Coldstream Meeting house 3<sup>rd</sup> day 4<sup>th</sup> month 1988.**

Those present Sequoia Edwards Mark Kunnucan, ~~John~~ Chio Powers Florence Brown, Chester Brown, Klaus Kobes, Florence Cutler George Webb, Everet Kobes, Elsie Cutler, Fred Parent, Marjorie Muma.

The meeting opened with silence and a reading from section 222 of Christian Faith and Practice.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Unitarian Fellowship did not use the Meeting House for their retreat weekend but would like to do so in the future.

Fred Parent reports from the March MM that separation of the Preparative Meetings would mean a Title search and survey of the Sparta meeting house property. This would cost about \$1200 unless a friend ~~or~~ would donate legal services.

The May monthly meeting will be held in Sparta on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May rather than the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Representatives to the April MM are Klaus Kobes and George Webb.

~~Report~~ George Webb reported for the Committee ~~to Participate~~ to investigate participation in the Lobo School Picnic Parade. The meeting could have a float in the parade and the committee ~~urge~~ suggests a float featuring a large globe with a theme of concern for the environment we live in. The meeting accepts this suggestion. Contribution of ideas and props for the design of the float are [illegible] encouraged.

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Correspondence. A ~~letter~~ letter was read from the county library board ~~for~~ thanking the meeting for the use of the meeting house ~~while it~~ as a temporary library while construction was proceeding on the new library and township offices.

Halifax MM requests a report on the meetings activities for peace. George Webb is asked to respond to this and report to the next preparative meeting. Everet Kobes and George Webb will meet to look at the correspondence and to suggest guidelines for dealing with correspondence particularly funding requests ect.

Sequoia Edwards, Ida Stabler and George Webb will look into the problems of transportation for London Friends and report to the meeting.

Clearness Committee re Separation of the Preparative Meetings reports it has no clear direction to proceed A report to the monthly meeting and a letter to individual friends are being prepared.

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Sequoia Edwards raised a concern that the meeting respond to a Yearly Meeting requests for input concerning same sex couples. She was not aware that any discussion had taken place

Ministry and Council had looked at this issue and made a report to the Monthly Meeting which had forwarded it to Yearly Meeting This report should be available to interested Friends through the minuets of Ministry and Council.

The meeting is adjourned to May 1s 1988 and 930 AM

George Webb.  
Recording Clerk.

### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held at Coldstream May 1s 1988.**

Present Klause Kobes, Patrice Hailstone Fred Parent, Florence Brown, Chester Brown, Marilyn Thomas, Carl Thomas, Florence Cutler, Elsie Cutler George Webb Everet Kobes, Marjorie Muma Ida Stabler, Mark Kunugan.

Regrets Jim Zavitz, Jadwiga Bennich

The meeting opened in silent worship. Section 504 of Christian Faith and Practice was read. Minuets of the meeting held ~~March~~ April 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> [Initials] 1988 were read and approved.

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Mark Kunnugan reports that he and Sequoia Edwards will act as a clearing house to co-ordinate rides from London. Anyone needing a ride from the city should contact them. Their phone number will be posted on the bulletin board.

Everet Kobes and George Webb suggested the following procedure for dealing with mail (1) Correspondence from travelling friends and special appeals of topical interest (ie refugees, Casa De Los Amigos) which require meeting response will be brought to the meeting

(2) Canadian Yearly Meeting mailing updates and information requests are to be dealt with by the Clerk.

(3) Appeals or advertisements of known concern to ~~non-member~~ attenders of the meeting will be passed on to that person.

(4) A mail bin will be built with slots for (A) information on Quaker activities around the world, (B) Quaker appeals for money. (C) general appeals.

These bins ~~€~~ will be a [illegible] hold the mail for two months and then be cleared monthly on a roatating basis. It will be each individuals responsibility to check the bins to keep informed.

The Questionnaire from Halifax Monthly Meeting concerning our peace activities was read and ~~app~~ the answers approved George Webb will forward to Halifax



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A letter from Norman Head ~~outlining~~ of North Bay was read. He is travelling in the ministry talking to children and young people in meetings. The clerk will contact Ann Slobota of Yarmouth preparative meeting to arrange a visit

A letter from Harold Nicholes outlining plans for the Quaker tapostry was read. We will reply offering hospitality and asking for more details.

We approve the travelling expense & honorarium of \$150 for Murray Thompson and \$100 for Pearl & LeRoy Jones for their ~~visit~~ visit to Pelham half yearly meeting to be held at Coldstream May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

Report from April Monthly Meeting. Christine Lundy is to receive \$200 from the Monthly Meeting to help with her trip to Tokyo Japan to attend the FWCC Trienal meeting in August 1988. She is in need of additional funds and the Preparative meeting approves a subsity of \$200 to Christine.

Regarding the possible ~~seperation of Lobo~~ restructuring of Lobo Monthly Meeting the Monthly Meeting approved the following minuet.

“As a result of extensive discussions on the problems we face with respect to some members strong feelings for our historical links and the focus of other members to deal with the business affecting most directly thoes people with [~~whome~~] whom they worship the Monthly Meeting feels lead to recommend that Lobo and Yarmouth Preparative Meetings become Monthly Meetings.

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To meet our expressed needs of keeping a strong spiritual and social connection between Lobo and Yarmouth we propose the establishment of four gatherings a each year.

The programs for these gatherings would be focused on enriching our spiritual lives while providing an opportunity to maintain our social contacts. The form and timing of these gatherings are yet to be decided

We refer this recomendation to the Preparative Meetings for their consideration and lay the question over to the May M.M

Lobo Preparative Meeting seems to generally favour this proposal but lays it over to a specially Called meeting May 8<sup>th</sup> for further discussion.

The report to Monthly Meeting by the Clearness Committee on the future of the meeting is appended.

Representatives to Monthly Meeting are Carl and Marilyn Thomas.

Individual donations to Casa de Los Amigos ar \$140 to date.

Meeting is adjourned to May 8<sup>th</sup> at 9.30

Everet Kobes clerk  
George Webb recorder

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**Minutes of the Lobo Preparative Meeting held at Coldstream 1988-05-08.**

Special Called Meeting for Reorganizing the Monthly Meeting.

This meeting was held for the express purpose of discussing the reorganization of the Monthly Meeting.

Meeting was opened with a period of silence and the reading of Isaiah 40-31.

Present were: Sequoia Edwards, Jadwiga Bennich, Klaas Kobes, Marydell Balderston, Fred Parent, Florence Cutler, Marilyn Thomas, Elsie Cutler, Patrick Hailstone, and Evert Kobes.

Regrets: John & Chiyo Kumagai.

As a basis for discussion the clerk read the report of the Committee of Clearness for the Future of the Lobo Monthly Meeting, presented to the Monthly Meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> 1988.

Members discussed the subject thoroughly, also presenting the views of those absent.

The Meeting felt led to compose the following minute, which was recorded by Sequia Edwards and approved by the Meeting.

It is the sense of this Meeting that Lobo Preparative Meeting supports the creation of two (2) Monthly Meetings.

We strongly support the ongoing close contact between the members of both new Monthly Meetings and trust that the structure for this contact will evolve.

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We suggest the formation of a joint planning committee to facilitate of the co-operative activities of the Meeting.

Meetings for Ministry and Counsel from both Meetings to continue to meet monthly.

Monthly Meetings should be welcome to send representatives to each others meeting.

A copy of this minute was given to our representative to present to the next Monthly Meeting at Sparta May 15<sup>th</sup> 1988.

Meeting closed with worshipful silence

Evert Kobes (CLERK)

Lobo Preparative Meeting held at Coldstream June 5, 1988.

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship readings from page 30 Chapter 2 of Organization and Procedure and section 317 of Faith and Practice were read.

Present. Fred Parent, Carl Thomas Marilyn Thomas, Florence Cutler, Elsie Cutler, Mark Kunnigan Sequoia Edwards, Everet Kobes & George Webb.

Regrets Jim Zavitz and Jadwiga Bennich and Klause Kobes.

Everet Kobes will contact Ann Solbota clerk of Yarmouth Preparative Meeting concerning the arrangements of for the Quaker Tapestry ~~which ar~~ and visit of Harold Nicholas on Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1988.

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#### Report from Monthly Meeting

Lobo Monthly meeting approved the establishment of two monthly meetings. A minuet to that effect has been sent to Pelham ½ yearly meeting for consideration.

Ministry and Council is asked to decide if it will continue to meet jointly.

It is suggested that from an historical point of view Lobo Monthly Meeting should be dissolved and new names selected for the new monthly Meetings.

A committee has been formed to meet with any members who may still have concerns.

#### Report from Pelham Half Yearly Meeting.

Halt yearly Meeting approves the request from Lobo Monthly Meeting that ~~Lob~~ the monthly meeting be dissolved and that Lobo and Yarmouth Preparative meetings become Monthly Meetings

Marilyn Thomas, Martha Laing

Blodwin Reitz, Guca Coffin, Ed Willson, Sequoia Edwards and Marydel Balderstone are asked to form a committee to oversee the dissolution of Lobo MM and the establishment of 2 new monthly Meetings. The committee is to look after the seperation of property, location of membership for existing members and ensure that all records including financial be placed in the archives.

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Suggestions for new names.

It is the sense of the meeting that we accept the suggestion that Lobo Preparative meeting become Coldstream Monthly Meeting.

Mark Kunnugan, Fred Parent and George Webb are representatives to the June Monthly Meeting.

✠ Correspondence from Home Mission and Advancement committee of Canadian Yearly Meeting indicates that Margret Hope-Bacon will not be touring in Ontario.

The parade committee reports that Lobo Preparative [illegible] meeting will have a float with an ecological theme in the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary parade for the Lobo Union School Picnic. ~~The next m~~ The meeting is adjourned until 9 30 July 3, 1988

Everet Kobes Clerk.  
George Webb Recorder.

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held at Coldstream July 3, 1988 9.30 A.M.**

The meeting opened in silent worship a reading from section 545 of Christian Faith and Practise was read.

Present were Oliver Muma, Florence Brown Chester Brown, Everet Kobes, Florence Cutler, Marydel Balderstone, Klause Kobes, George Webb Carl Thomas, Marilyn Thomas, Elsie Cutler.

Regrets James Zavitz.

Everet Kobes reports that the Quaker Tapistry will be set up at Ann Solbotas in Sparta on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting has no young people in the age range that Norman Head wishes to address.. Because of this we will not pursue his visit further.

The meeting was represented in the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lobo Union School ~~pick~~ picnic with a float in the parade. The float had banners urging people to be ecologically aware and to look after our environment so we may pass on a healthy world to future generations. Children from the meeting rode on the float demonstrating ways to care for the earth. The meeting thanks those members who worked on this project.

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The Womens Institute would like to use the meeting house to hold a meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 1988. The meeting approves this request.

House and Grounds Committee may need some additional funds for leveling the property on the west side of the meeting house. Meeting approves the additional expenses of \$100.00.

The Clerk will contact Kathy Willson to clarify who is on the Cemetary Committee. The cemetary committee is asked to investigate the ways of repairing some of the grave markers which have come

loose on their bases. The clerk will contact members of the ~~eeemb~~ cemetery committee of Ivan United Church to see what their experience has been.

A request for travel funds, Support for Janet Neiss-Miller, and consideration of Friends response to bills C55 and C84 are laid over to a specially call meeting June 24<sup>th</sup> at 1 P.M.

~~Sun~~

Summer hours will be meeting for worship from 10:30 to 11:30

Meeting is adjourned until 1 PM July 24<sup>th</sup>

Everet Kobes clerk.  
George Webb Recorder.

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held at Coldstream July 24, 1 PM.**

The meeting opened with silent worship.

Present: Elsie Cutler, Carl Thomas Marilyn Thomas Marydel Balderston, Klause Kobes Chester Brown, Florence Brown, Jim Zavitz Ida Stabler, Patric Hailstone, Mark Kinnugan George Webb

Regrets Everet Kobes.

For our information the minuets of the July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting were read. They will be read again at the regular August Preparative Meeting.

Margaret Chapman and Janet Neiss-Miller have asked if friends from Coldstream would be willing to travel to Sarnia occasionally for Meeting for Worship with them. Several Friends have offered to do this and the meeting supports this request. George Webb will act as a contact person to arrange times. It was noted that if they were able to come to a preparative meeting it might be easier to establish convenient times.

A request for travel funds to Canadian Yearly Meeting from George Webb was approved. [illegible]  
The meeting approves the expenditure of \$376.00 for travel and room expense.

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Friends Response to Bills C55 and C84 concerning refugee claimants and their support workers in Canada.

We are uneasy about the initiation of legal action challenging this legislation. Without a detailed understanding of the legislation we feel it is better to see how the law is applied and to fully support any of our members who might be charged under these laws. We encourage the continued dialogue with the government to try and have the laws changed to reflect a more humanitarian position.

Meeting is adjourned to meet again August 7<sup>th</sup> 1988 at 9.30 A.M.

George Webb  
acting clerk

### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held at Coldstream meeting house Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 1988**

Meeting opened with silent worship. [illegible] Section 319 of Christian Faith and Practice was read.

Present Florence Brown, Chester Brown, Klause Kobes Carol Wilkins, Marydel Balderstone, Florence Cutler, Mark Kinnugan, Everet Kobes, George Webb Paterick Hailstone Fred Parent.

Regrets Jim Zavitz

The minuets of the July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting were read.

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Everet Kobes reports that ~~the~~ he has been unable to contact Kathy Willson. Koop Moraal of the Ivan United Church was unsure who had done the restorative work on the Ivan cemetary. The matter of cemetary restoration is laid over until the September preparative meeting.

The house and grounds committee reports that the leveling of the ground on the south side of the meeting hous has been completed. ~~except for seeding~~ Seeding of the ground will be done in Sept. Thanks those people who worked on this project.

Minuets of the specially called Preparative Meeting held July 24<sup>th</sup> were read.

George Webb reports that Janet Neiss-Miller and Margaret Chapman will try to get to a preparative meeting so that we may better discuss possible times for Coldstream Friends to travel to Sarnia for meeting for worship.

The Committee working on the establishment of two monthly meetings reports that it would like approval for the concept of dual membership. Any member of Lobo Monthly Meeting ~~will~~ would be offered the option of having membership in ~~both~~ both of the new monthly meetings. Only one meeting will be counted for Yearly Meeting Statistics. Those wishing to exercise this option should do so in writing as soon as possible.

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The meeting approves the concept of dual membership for present members of Lobo Monthly Meeting.

Representatives to the Aug monthly meeting are Chester Brown, Marydel Balderstone and Fred Parent.

### The Sacred

George Webb, Florence Brown and Jadwiga Bennich ([illegible]) are ~~ma~~ named to a committee to coordinate the meetings support for Greg Thomas in his preparations for his trip to the Solviet Union next year.

The meeting is adjourned until Sept 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM

Everet Kobes Clerk.  
George Webb recorder.

### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held at Coldstream Sept 4 1988**

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship. Section 172 of Christian Faith and Practice was read.

Present Carl Thomas John & Chio Kumagai Florence Cutler, Jim Zavitz, Marydel Balderstone Klaus Kobes, Chester Brown Florence Brown George Webb. Marjorie Muma Elsie Cutler.

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### M.M.

The Aug monthly meeting was largely taken with discussion of the formation of the two monthly meetings. A letter to the members will be going out shortly asking them for their preference of membership.

### CYM

The new General Secretary of Canadian Yearly Meeting will be Anne Thomas of Ottawa. The yearly meeting office will move to Ottawa.

A slide presentation of the visit of S young [illegible] adults from the Solviet Union is being ~~pe~~ assembled and will be available to the meeting if we wish to ~~use~~ see it.

The ~~ph~~ pamphlet from London Yearly Meeting called Questions and Council is to be circulated to monthly meetings. This is an update of [illegible] advises and Quiries and Canadian Yearly Meeting would like our response.

CYM was asked and agreed to right a letter to Friends United Meeting expressing its concern for what appears to be a discriminatory hiring practice of F.U.M. with regards to Quakers who are ~~hom~~ gay.

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Yearly Meeting is not clear concerning the issue of prison chapling. [~~a com~~] The meeting named a committee to look at this in the coming months in the hope that they can bring new light to CYM 1989.

The CFSC evening included a presentation by Bernard Omniack chief of the Lubicon Lake Cree band. Yearly Meeting was move by the plight of a people who in the space of just eight years have gone from being a self sufficient people to being a broken people living on welfare and suffering a high incidence of disease and infant mortality. This is the result of large oil exploration in their traditional hunting lands.

Yearly Meeting [illegible] is making representations to Federal Government on behalf of the Lubicon Cree. Yearly Meeting also endorsed the presence of a Quaker Peace Witness [when] as the Lubicon people confront the exploration crews when drilling starts in the fall

Lobo Preparative meeting will send \$500.00 plus any individual donations to CFSC to help support this peace [wh] witness.

George Webb will write letters to local Papers on behalf of the meeting

Representatives to Monthly Meeting

Marydel Balderstone.

The Quaker Tapestry is expected to be at Anne Slobotas place on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>

George Webb.

acting clerk.

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held at Coldstream Meeting house Oct 2, 1988.**

Those Present [Jim] Zavitz Marydel Balderstone, Klause Kobes Elsie Cutler, Marilyn Thomas Everet Kobes, George Webb, Florence Cutler. Fred Parent Paterick Hailstone, Carl Thomas

~~The meeting opened with silent worship a reading from the booklet [illegible] life Faith & Thought~~  
Meeting opened with silent worship. A reading from Christian Life, Faith & Thought in the Society of Friends was read.

The meeting approves the draft of a letter to the editor expressing our concern over the plight of the Lubicon Cree of Northern Alberta.

Monthly Meeting report. Monthly Meeting will be held at Coldstream on the third sunday of October because Thanksgiving weekend is the second weekend of the month.

There will be an FWCC retreat weekend at Sparta Oct [21]-23 for people who are under stress at work.

Lobo Monthly Meeting has sent letters to the Prime Minister & Minister of Indian Affairs concerning the land claims issue of the Lubicon Cree.

Continued support has been given to the family of Julian Davies since his death three years ago. This has primarily been through contact with Marydel Balderstone.

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Report of the oversight Committee for the establishment of the two new Monthly ~~Met~~ Meetings:

Each member will have been contacted to establish where there membership is to be held.



The October MM may be the last meeting of Lobo Monthly Meeting. The preparative meeting will have to meet in November to reaffirm its committees. These would then become committees of Coldstream Monthly Meeting.

To date there have been about 25 requests for membership to Coldstream Monthly Meeting. About eight people have requested their membership be discontinued.

The cemetery committee of Jim Zavitz, Bev Hammacher and Chester Brown will inspect the cemetery and report on how extensive the repairs need to be to stones which are loose and if any other work needs to be done.

Half Yearly Meeting will be Oct 30<sup>th</sup> in the home of Walter and Elma Haight in Norwich.

We have received an invitation to attend Young St half yearly meeting which will be in Hamilton Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.

A response to a request for support of the appeal by the Bishops of Guatemala is [illegible] laid over

Everet Kobes clerk.  
George Webb recorder.

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### **Lobo Preparative Meeting held at Coldstream November 6<sup>th</sup> 1988.**

Present: Jim Zavitz, Everet Kobes, Klaus Kobes, Marydel Balderston Florence Brown Chester Brown, Jadwiga Bennich, Elsie Cutler, Florence Cutler, Marilyn Thomas, Carl Thomas George Webb, Fred Parent, Patrick Hailstone, Mark Kinnugan

The meeting opened with silent worship a reading from Exodus 18 vs. 3 was given

#### Cemetery

Chester Brown reports that the cemetery committee has made an initial inspection of the cemetery but are not yet certain of the amount of work necessary to do necessary repairs. We lay this matter over for future consideration

#### Klomp.

A memorial service was held in the Meeting House on Sunday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3.00 pm, in memory of Wijnanda Dirkje Lugtigheid Klomp, who was buried here in 1950. Family members of the deceased came from Barrie & Brantford. Members of Lobo Preparative Meeting were also present. The family made a donation of \$600 to the meeting to be used at the meetings discretion.

#### House & Grounds

The House and Grounds Committee year end report is appended.

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### Sunday School Committee

The Sunday School Committee has met several times this year. An innovation this year was to have the intermediate class [illegible] with the supervision of an adult take responsibility for its own lessons for 1 month.

In the coming year goals are to try and have greater continuity through a meeting of Sunday school teachers and to have a retreat in conjunction with Yarmouth for school age children.

### Social Committee

Didn't arrange any gatherings this year but maintained supplies and supported meeting house events.

### Librarian Report

We have acquired about 12 new books and pamphlets this year.

### Monthly Meeting

Transition to the new monthly meetings is progressing but some replies from members have not come in. These people will be contacted again. Lobo monthly Meeting will meet again in November to transfer the names of members to Coldstream and Yarmouth Monthly Meetings. This will be the last meeting of Lobo Monthly meeting. We will meet again in December as Coldstream Monthly Meeting. We will need to appoint our Clerk and committees. When this is done Lobo Monthly Meeting will meet again in December to be laid down

### Half Yearly Meeting

Norwich is having a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the old meeting house in Norwich Lobo Monthly Meeting Ministry and Council has offered to help with planning a meeting to be held in the Norwich meeting house which is presently under the care of the Norwich historical Society.

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A committee has been formed to look into the possibility of an Ontario region Summer Gathering in 1990.

Bill McMechan has just returned from Tanzania. He reports that our current projects are being completed and that there are two new projects for the ½ yearly meeting to consider.

Representatives to Monthly Meeting in Sparta are Marydel Balderson, Fred Parent and Jadwiga Bennich.

Lobo Preparative Meeting closed with a few minutes of silent worship.

### **Annual Report of the House and Grounds Committee to Lobo Preparative Meeting November 6, 1988.**

This past year the Committee has focussed mainly on regular maintenance of the House and Grounds.

Thanks are due to the many members who have given of their time in this effort.

Gravel was added to the driveway and top soil was brought in to level the ground south of the Meeting House. Some trees, too close to the Meeting House, were removed.

The Committee is still gathering information to assess the cost of a possible renovation of the Sunday School addition. The washroom facilities could hopefully be enlarged and the kitchen counter moved to the addition from the main building.

James Bycraft  
Oliver Muma  
[Signature] Klaas Kobes

Coldstream Monthly Meeting will be held at 9.30 AM December 4 1988.

Everet Kobes Clerk.  
George Webb Recorder.

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CLERKSHIP

2 year appointment

Appointed in Jan, 1981: Klaas Clarence Kobes

Appointed to 5, 1983: Carl Thomas until June 1985

Chester Brown as assistant clerk.

Appointed in Dec. 1985: Evert Kobes until Dec 1987

RE-APPOINTED DEC 1987 until 1989

FINANCE committee

3 year term

George Webb till Dec. 1983\*– reappointment Dec. 1986

Carl Thomas till Dec. 1982 (retired)

Louis Muma till Dec. 1984 – reappointed – Dec. 1985 (one yr. re special)

Evert Kobes till Dec. 1985

Mark Kinnucan – Dec., 1987

Carl Thomas – Dec, 1989

Trustees Friends Cemetary Fund

Marilyn Thomas

Bev Hamacher

Librarian

Elsie V. Cutler. Appointed April 26, 1981.

Mark Kinnucan appointed Oct. 26 1987.

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House and Grounds Committee

Three yr. term

Jamie Bycraft until Dec. 1983\* RE-APPOINTED DEC. '89

Earl Muma until Dec. 1982 (retired)

Klaas C. Kobes until Dec. 1984 reappointed – Dec. 1987

Oliver Muma until Dec. 1985 reappointed – Dec. 1988

KLAAS C. KOBES reappointed – Dec. 1990

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE (3 appointed)

Three yr. term

Carl Thomas until Dec. 1982

Evert Kobes until Dec. 1982 (retired)

Jim Zavitz until Dec. 1983\*(retired)

Beryl Zavitz until Dec. 1982 (retired)

Thelma Bycraft until Dec. 1983 (retired)

Dec. /82

Carl Thoma until Nov. 1985

Lorna Bycraft until Dec., 1986  
Marjorie Muma until Dec., 1984 – reappointed until Dec., 1987  
Marilyn Thomas until Dec., 1988  
Sequoia Edwards until Dec. 1989

#### TREASURER

Jim Zavitz. Jan 25 1981 appointed.  
Florence Brown                      Dec. 1989

#### **ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP – 1 yr. term**

Jawiga Bennich – until Dec. 1986  
George Webb – appointed April, 1987  
Marjorie Muma – APP Oct. 26 1987

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#### **BURIAL & BURIAL GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Five-year appointments (5 yr.)

	Reappointed
Chester Brown Dec. 1984	Dec. 1989
Jim Zavitz Dec. 1984	Dec. 1989
Bev, Hamacher Dec. 1984	Dec. 1989

Social committee – (one member from Ministry & Counsel – Mar. /84)  
( 3 yr)

Dec. /82 Chio Kumagai –  
March 84 Jadwiga Bennich –  
Dec /85 Joyce Holwerda –  
    Florence Brown – Re-appointed 1990  
    Elsie Cutler –  
    Marjorie Muma –  
    Florence Cutler –  
    Lorna Bycraft –   Dec. 1989

#### Monthly Meeting Trustees of Property

entered on April 5<sup>th</sup> 1987

(Life-time appointments)

Appointed in 1972: Chester Brown, James Zavitz

Appointed in 1983: Elsie Cutler (for Coldstream)

    Robert Willson, Daniel Zavitz, Kathryn Willson, (for Yarmouth)

(taken from the 1987 minute by Kathryn Willson, clerk)