

Annual Meeting of
AGNI YOGA SOCIETY, INC.
Wednesday, January 29, 1947

Present were: Sina Fosdick, Chairman
I. Mourontseff
J. J. Weed
Dudley Fosdick
Ingeborg Fritschi

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:45 P.M.
2. Mr. J. J. Weed moved that same officers be re-elected for next year. The motion was seconded by Miss Fritschi and unanimously carried.
3. Treasurer's report, ^{as attached,} was read by Dudley Fosdick, moved for acceptance by J. J. Weed. The motion was seconded by Miss Fritschi and unanimously carried. Also, Mr. Fosdick presented the Form 990 financial report for the Government which was signed by Mr. Weed and Mr. Fosdick.
4. Minutes of November 6th, 1946 meeting were read, acceptance moved by Mr. Weed seconded by I. Mourontseff and unanimously carried.
5. Report of current activities was read by the Chairman, as follows:

"The total amount of members at present amounts to 108. Last season the amount of members were approximately 110; dropped out 22, a few gave various reasons such as financial inability and belonging to other organizations. However, we have gained quite a number of new members, some of whom were recommended through Mr. Jones.

The monthly gatherings of Agni Yoga Associates continue; the last gathering was held on January 11, 1947. The average attendance is 18-20. "Fiery World", vol. 2 is being read and discussed at these gatherings. Early part of October 4 pages "Letters of the Mahatma" were mailed to the Agni Yoga Associates. "Fiery World", volume 2 is being sold very rapidly. "Aum" - entire edition has been exhausted. We added to our list of books "A Master of the Mountains" by Barnett D. Conlan and "Roerich" by R. Rentz which are sold respectively \$1.00 and 75¢ each. It has been decided to first sell all undamaged books and later make a decision about those which are damaged and shopworn".

At this point in the reading Mr. Weed moved to prepare an inventory of all books with an estimated value, as assets of Agni Yoga Society. Miss Fritschi seconded it and it was unanimously carried.

Mrs. Fosdick continued:

"Thursday, from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M., during which time Miss Lou Jennings is in attendance, proves to be quite useful - a number of Associates usually come on that day to purchase the books and have a talk with Miss Jennings and whoever of the Directors is present.

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"The library in the Agni Yoga Room is being brought into order. Miss Jennings is cataloging the books as they are assembled. This Library will be at the service of the Associates on Thursdays and on special evenings, by previous arrangement with those who cannot come during the day. There will be also a Russian section in the Library.

"Mrs. Campbell received several letters from Miss Frances Grant in which the latter claimed that she had expended certain sums of money for the storage of books and publications belonging to the former Roerich Museum Press and Roerich Museum. Inasmuch as Mrs. Campbell herself and Mr. and Mrs. Fosdick have spent considerably larger sums of money in handling the storage of these books and publications since 1938, and desiring to terminate all such controversies with Miss Grant, who has long since detached herself completely from Roerich Museum and its affiliated institutions, it was decided to offer Miss Grant the sum of \$150 in settlement of her claim for storage disbursements. After correspondence between Mrs. Campbell and Miss Grant, the latter agreed to accept the sum of \$150, relinquishing forever any claims on any books, assets and publications of the former Roerich Museum Press, Roerich Museum, Agni Yoga Publications or Agni Yoga Press. Agni Yoga Society Inc., assuming responsibility for this payment to Miss Frances Grant, sent a check to Mrs. Campbell for \$150.00 on January 24, 1947".

Miss Fritschi protested that this does not exactly describe what took place, and also that Mrs. Campbell wishes to pay the sum of \$150. herself. After discussion it was decided that this matter be deferred until the next meeting, at which time Mrs. Campbell might present her own considerations.

6. The Chairman informed the Board that a draft of an Agni Yoga pamphlet has been prepared by her and Mr. Fosdick, sent to Prof. and Mme. Roerich and approved by them. Copies will be made of it and sent to Directors prior to printing.
7. Having no further business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

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AGNI YOGA SOCIETY
Treasurer's Report for Calendar Year 1946

CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1st 1946 \$1,586.36

Income

Donations

Robert Horniman	\$ 2.50	A. J. Oshinski	\$ 2.00	
Norman Flook	25.00	K. L. Larson	10.00	
Estelle Clifton	1.00	Eugenie Farnham	2.00	
Leora Fitch	1.00	C. A. Klebsattle	7.00	
Stephanie Bogdanoff	2.00	Stephen Sikorski	2.00	
Magdalene Lehrer	50.00	Ann Poeller	5.00	
Lawrence Duszkiewics	5.00	F. W. Doherty	.60	
Helen Stark	3.00	Ina Williams	3.10	
Haijoochi Sexton	9.00	Hallie Lampl	11.50	
Crystal Anderson	10.00	Elsie Klieforth	.40	
Frank Derenski	7.00	Flora Warden	2.12	
Stanley Trella	1.55	Gibbs Raetz	1.20	
Elizabeth Weig	1.20	Pearl Motter	1.65	
				\$ 166.82

Memberships

8 Directors		\$ 40.00	
20 Associates @ \$1.00		20.00	
4 years advance subscription @ \$1.		4.00	
90 Associates @ \$3.00		270.00	
2 years advance subscription @ \$3.		6.00	340.00

<u>Sale of Publications</u>	\$1,596.35		
Tax and postage surcharges	55.04	1,651.39	\$2,158.21

Disbursements

Part time secretarial services (Paid to ARCA)	\$ 650.00	
Sales tax (1st, 2nd & 3rd quarter - by check)	3.54	
Stamps & Supplies (The \$30.93 spent in addition to the sur- charges collected, plus \$3.54 plus \$4.80 for 4th quarter, paid in January, shows a petty cash loss of \$39.27)	85.97	
Research Grant (to Miss Jennings)	100.00	
Bookcase	13.86	
Printing	1,830.69	\$2,684.06

Decrease in cash balance \$ 525.85

CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1946 \$1,060.51

Meeting of AGNI YOGA SOCIETY, INC.

Wednesday, May 28, 1947

Present were: Sina Fosdick, Chairman Eugene Fosdick, Proxy
J. J. Weed
Dudley Fosdick
Mrs. Katherine Campbell
Miss Ingeborg Fritsch
Col. I. Mourontseff

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M.
2. Minutes of January 29, 1947 meeting were read and approved as read.
3. Miss Fritsch reported that the inventory of books which was to be prepared for this meeting has not yet been made by her due to weather conditions in Connecticut, since the books are stored in a barn. Miss Fritsch plans to complete the inventory during the summer and also to set, upon consultation with the other directors, the approximate value on damaged books as well as on the other books. Also, Miss Fritsch has promised to send in a report of books sold in Connecticut.
4. The 8 monthly meetings of Agni Yoga Associates, which ended with the last one in May, were very satisfactory as to the interest shown and attendance. There usually were 19 or 20 members at these meetings. Mr. Weed expressed his gratification at the results since he was present at many of the meetings and witnessed the sincere interest of the members present.
5. The Chairman reported about the Thursdays from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. which were held open for Agni Yoga Associates and their friends during the winter. She suggested to discontinue them since they tend to become social events, and besides Miss Jennings was ailing during the last few months and will not be able to continue. Mr. Weed proposed to take up the question of these weekly open days in the fall. A discussion arose as to whether instead of daytime to chose an evening for those members who would be interested to visit the library. In connection with this thought, it was proposed to consider Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., asking Mr. Houston and Miss Peter to alternate, if they would be free to give their time on that day.
6. Mr. Sikorski not being usually free for the post of Librarian, due to his occupation, it was decided not to elect a new librarian, but invite volunteers for one evening a week, such as suggested above, but without, however, any title being given to them.
7. The chairman reported that payment of the grant of \$200.00 to Miss Lou Jennings was completed during the summer. Miss Jennings was present Thursdays and began work on compilation of Psychic Energy. In her recent letter acknowledging the receipt of a \$100.00 check, (second half of grant) Miss Jennings mentioned that she hopes to return the entire sum of \$200.00 sometime in the future to Agni Yoga Society "to fill some need".

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8. The Chairman reported that the Associate members at present number 111, and that since January 1, 1947, 285 books were sold, including 61 "Fiery World", vol. 2. Also, that we have mailed out three sendings of certain pages of the "Letters of the Mahatma" to Agni Yoga Associates.
 9. Regarding the point in the previous meeting which had to do with the correspondence between Mrs. Campbell and Miss Frances Grant, in the course of which Mrs. Campbell sent a check for \$150.00 on January 24, 1947 to Miss Grant in settlement of Miss Grant's claim for reimbursement of storage on books paid by her in the past, Mrs. Campbell suggested that in order to clear up our record of the transaction the actual correspondence, copies of which she had brought to this meeting, be made a part of these minutes.

In one of the letters of this correspondence, copy attached hereto, Miss Grant states that she is ready to accept the \$150 and consider the books the property of Mrs. Campbell, but perhaps she has not legally relinquished all rights to future claims as mentioned in the meeting of January 29th.

Further, Mrs. Campbell stated that she would like to regard this \$150.00 check to Miss Grant, which Agni Yoga Society offered, duty bound, to pay, as her personal contribution to the Society. The Chairman moved that Mrs. Campbell be thanked for her donation.

Mrs. Campbell further stated that the Agni Yoga Co. which was formed a number of years ago still stands. Mrs. Fosdick reminded Mrs. Campbell that Mrs. Nettie Horch in 1935 informed Mrs. Fosdick in writing, that she relinquished all her connection with Agni Yoga Co. as of that date and officially turned over all the books and assets to Mrs. Fosdick (Sina Lichtmann). Mrs. Campbell felt, however, that Mrs. Horch spoke for herself only but not for other partners, and that Miss Grant could still make claims if she wants to, on the books of Agni Yoga. The Chairman wondered whether it would not be wise to inquire whether Agni Yoga Co. legally has any rights at present. This consideration was supported by Col. Mourontseff. Mrs. Campbell felt that perhaps it would be best to let the whole matter rest and not start any interrogation at present. Mr. Weed was also of the same opinion, reminding those present that his original idea was to make Miss Grant relinquish any claims of hers on all books, before Mrs. Campbell sent her a check, but since the check was sent prior to any such demand made to Miss Grant and nothing seems to threaten Agni Yoga Society now, it is better to let the matter rest as is. Mrs. Campbell at this point felt that anything which might arise in future will be between her and Miss Grant.

10. The Chairman offered to those present a copy of the prepared Agni Yoga Society pamphlet to be approved prior to having it sent to the printer. The pamphlet was unanimously approved and Mr. Weed was asked to kindly send it to his printer, ordering 500 copies for which Agni Yoga Society will be obligated to pay. A separate sheet, listing books and prices, can be placed in the folder when mailing.
11. The Chairman reported that work will continue on preparation of "Fiery World", volume 3.
12. Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

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AGNI YOGA SOCIETY - ASSOCIATES MEETING
Second Meeting - November 12, 1949

On Saturday, November 12th at 3:30 in the afternoon, the second meeting of Agni Yoga Associates took place at the new home of Agni Yoga Society, 319 West 107 Street.

Present were: Dr. Mary Roos, Mr. and Mrs. Dudden, Mr. and Mrs. Chertcow, Miss George Irwin, Miss Lou Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Melroy, Mrs. Viola Woglum, Miss Marta Sturans, Mrs. S. Schafran, Dr. Fogel, Wm. Bretthauer.
Guests: Mr. Hoover and Viola Jordanoff.

Directors present: S. Fosdick, D. Fosdick, Col. Mourantseff.

The meeting was most impressive, as the new quarters were dedicated to the Service for Common Good under the protection and guidance of our Beloved Leaders.

Mrs. Fosdick told briefly the history of the acquirement of the house and all those present were deeply touched by the sequence and meaning of the facts as related to them.

Mrs. Fosdick read excerpts from the Teachings from "Fiery World" vol. 2, up to paragraph 400, and also part of an article "Shambale-Lam" from the book "Himalaya - Abode of Light", by Prof. Roerich.

Deep gratitude was expressed to those members who sent contributions for the fund toward the needs of the new house, and also to those who voiced their desire and willingness to assist by giving their time and labor.

The meeting began with the playing of parts of the Prelude from Parsifal, and ended with more excerpts from the same. Altogether the atmosphere of the meeting was a very solemn and beautiful one.

The members expressed their great joy and admiration at the new quarters of Agni Yoga Society, and agreed that the beautiful collection of Prof. Roerich's paintings was excellently hung.

Two new members enrolled at the meeting, Mrs. A. Chertcow and Miss M. Sturans.

The meeting adjourned at 5 o'clock.

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CARRYING FUND STATEMENT
JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, 1949

Cash on hand July 1, 1949 \$1,903.46

INCOME

None

EXPENSES

Rent and Secretary \$945.09
Telephone 47.79
Light (bi-monthly) 29.04
P. O. Box (4th quarter). 4.00

Decrease in Cash Balance 1,025.92

Cash on hand October 1, 1949 \$ 877.54

AMERICAN RUSSIAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

STATEMENT FOR JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, 1949

Cash on hand July 1, 1949 \$ 155.69

INCOME

Membership \$ 2.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Postage \$1.10
Special material for VOKS 5.10
Bank charges 6.00 12.20

Decrease in Cash Balance 10.20

Cash on Hand October 1, 1949 \$ 145.49

In bank 51.41

Cash \$ 94.08

AGNI YOGA SOCIETY INC.

STATEMENT FOR JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, 1949

Cash on hand, July 1, 1949 \$ 599.64

INCOME

Donations	\$12.00	
Membership		
J. J. Weed	5.00	
Associates	<u>56.00</u>	\$ 73.00
Sale of Publications	<u>461.05</u>	\$ 534.05

EXPENSES

Sales Tax	\$ 1.26	
Printing	16.01	
Stamps	18.00	
Bank charges	<u>4.25</u>	<u>39.52</u>

Increase in Cash Balance 494.53

Cash on Hand October 1, 1949 \$1,094.17

In Bank 1,061.08

Cash \$ 13.09

BANNER OF PEACE SPECIAL STATEMENT FOR
JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, 1949

Cash on hand July 1, 1949 \$ 43.97

INCOME

NONE

DISBURSEMENTS

Postage \$ 4.47

Decrease in Cash Balance 4.47

Cash on hand October 1, 1949 \$ 39.50

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ASSOCIATES MEETING - DECEMBER 13, 1956

Present were: Mrs. B. Smith, Mrs. E. Yussupoff, Mr. and Mrs. Dudden, Mr. A. Grundmanis, Mr. R. Leser, Mrs. A. Chertcow, Mr. J. Weed, Miss M. Lehrer, Mrs. L. Cinquegrana, Miss K. Cassatt, Mr. and Mrs. W. Brethauer, Miss U. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. D. Fosdick.

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The fifth meeting of the season/opened by Mrs. Fosdick/dedicated it, as has been customary on this date, to the memory of Prof. Roerich.

Mrs. Fosdick spoke of Prof. Roerich's universality, synthesis and practical idealism, which made him a leader of men besides his being an Envoy of the Hierarchy. She read, from Prof. Roerich's book, HEMAVAT, portions from his essays "Combating Ignorance" and "The Beautiful Victory". Both these essays reveal his lofty appeals to culture and cooperation - ideals which permeated his life and thought.

Mrs. Yussupoff read a few paragraphs from INFINITY, revealing Prof. Roerich as the Agni Yogi and his link with the cosmic processes and manifestations.

Mr. Leser read selected pars. by Richard Rudzitis from the booklet CULTURE issued some years ago by Flamma, Inc., under the direction of Gene Fosdick. The paragraphs read brought out the high evaluation of culture and its practical application in life by Prof. Roerich.

Mr. Fosdick read portions from BEAUTIFUL UNITY, one of the last books by Prof. Roerich which brought out his summons to the spiritual education of man from the earliest years.

Mr. Weed spoke about Prof. Roerich's greatness and manifold creativeness which inspired thought in many people in all parts of the world. Due to Prof. Roerich, said Mr. Weed, we see evidences of more enlightened and concentrated thinking at present.

Miss Lehrer brought out an episode as told by Prof. Roerich in one of his articles, evaluating labor and its transformation of man's life and creativeness.

There was a feeling of inspiration in the atmosphere of the meeting, since practically all those present joined in the tribute to Prof. Roerich.

Mrs. Fosdick suggested that henceforth we dedicate one yearly meeting to both Founders, Prof. and Mme. Roerich, since their life together manifested rare unity and oneness of aims and dedication to the service of Hierarchy. All agreed with this proposal.

The rest of the meeting was taken up with the discussion of the program for 1957. Mrs. Fosdick spoke of the imperative need for a serious and concentrated study of psychic energy, acquainted the members with various points of this program, and distributed a symposium, for the first two meetings in January, in which were given the numbers of certain paragraphs from several books of ~~the~~ Agni Yoga dealing with the definitions of psychic energy. This will be one of the aspects of the study of psychic energy. At the same time, Mrs. Fosdick spoke about the approach to psychic energy and various symbols which are closely associated with it. She read pps. 91, 92 and 124 from THE CALL; pps. 176 and 226 (III, 2 and VI, 2) from ILLUMINATION; and par. 416 from AGNI YOGA. These paragraphs served to introduce the

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ASSOCIATES MEETING - OCTOBER 11, 1956

First Meeting

Present: Mrs. K. Campbell, Miss I. Fritchi, Miss M. Lehrer,
Mrs. E. Yussupoff, Mrs. B. Smith, Mrs. A. Chertcow,
Mr. A. Grundmanis, Mr. and Mrs. E. Dudden, Dr. D.
Fogel, Dr. C. Giro, Mr. J. Weed, Mr. and Mrs. W.
Bretthauer, Mrs. L. Cinquegrana, Miss U. Clark, Mr.
R. Leser, D. Fosdick and S. Fosdick.

The entire meeting, which was opened by Mrs. Fosdick at 8:00 p.m., was dedicated to the memory of Mme. Helena Roerich, who passed away a year ago. Mrs. Fosdick spoke of Mme. Roerich's mission, her great labors for mankind, the transmission of the Teaching, her published LETTERS as an invaluable sequel to the books of the Agni Yoga series, and closed with the reminder that Mme. Roerich had not left us but had returned to the sacred Abode of the Hierarchy whence she came to earth in this life, and that through our love and striving for her we can reach her and feel her closeness.

Miss Fritchi spoke of her stay in India in 1950, and described the daily life in Mme. Roerich's home, the radiance which she emanated, her wisdom, beauty, graciousness and rare sympathy for all and everyone.

Mrs. Campbell, who was in India three times during the years 1950 to 1953, also stressed the joy and harmony which were so keenly felt in Mme. Roerich's home, and her love of beauty. She also spoke of Mme. Roerich's overwhelming love for the Master, which she transmitted to all who were close to her.

Mr. Weed spoke of his correspondence with Mme. Roerich and his feeling that she retained in her consciousness all those who contacted her, as if they were continuously nestled there so that whenever there was a grave moment in one's life she was ready to extend her hand of help.

Dr. Fogel spoke of her correspondence with him, citing her as an advanced scientist, far above the present knowledge of medicine and science in general. He also spoke of her great help to him personally.

Mr. Fosdick spoke of Mme. Roerich's close relationship with the Master, reading several passages from INFINITY in which the Master alluded and spoke directly to her as "Tara" and "Urusvati". Mr. Fosdick also spoke of the deep realization of her great mission that was brought out by the correspondence with Mme. Roerich pertaining to INFINITY, this being the last book that was prepared with her cooperation and which was still in process at this time a year ago.

Mrs. Yussupoff read paragraphs from AGNI YOGA and LETTERS OF HELENA ROERICH and spoke of Mrs. Roerich's greatness as a human being and an Embassador.

Miss Lehrer spoke in a poetic vein of Mrs. Roerich's great inner beauty and radiance and what she meant to all who knew her.

Mrs. Dudden, Miss Clark, and Mr. Bretthauer each spoke, stressing Mme. Roerich's rare qualities of courage, lucidity in explaining the Teaching, love for humanity and untiring labors to promote man's evolution.

The meeting had the most solemn and uplifting character, and the joy of all those present was expressed in that lofty feeling which comes in the realization that there is no death but life in Infinity, striving and serving the Hierarchy of Light for the Common Good of men.

Mrs. Campbell brought beautiful color slides, made by her during her stay in India with Mme. Roerich, which were greatly enjoyed by the members.

Unusually beautiful flowers were sent by the members, in the colors especially loved by Mme. Roerich. Excerpts from "Walkure" were played before and after the meeting, ending with "Feuerzauber."

The meeting began at 8:00 p.m. and ended at 10:00 p.m.