



Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends

Quaker Life Council Meeting of 21 April 2018

Present: Ayesha Imani, Amy Brooks, Bryn Hammarstrom, Kri Burkander, Gray Goodman, George Rubin, Cathleen Marion, Anthony Stover, Olivia Brangan, Jim Herr (electronic).

Ex-Officio: Andrew Anderson, Christie Duncan-Tessmer, Wade Wright (Sessions Planning), Zachary Dutton

Regrets: Jim Herr, Kate Bregman, Melanie Douty-Snipes, Karen Winner

Members gathered and worshipped with the two other Councils. A report was given by the General Secretary. Councils broke into their individual meetings. Interim Clerk Amy Taylor Brooks welcomed members and QLC members began with worship.

Continuing Sessions Debrief:

Youth Programs: Kri Burkander received little feedback since the presentation of the Youth Program Sprint's proposal. Kri will work with Melinda Wenner Bradley and the Youth Program Staff on how to implement the ideas in the document. She will report back in May.

Minute of Concern: It has been approved at Continuing Sessions and is posted on the website.

State of Meeting Report Process: 20 reports have been received. A letter has gone out to clerks. Members will address how to use the reports at the May Meeting. Members will also consider the idea of linking individual QLC members to Quarterly Meetings to help bring matters of QLC business to Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

Members APPROVED having Associate Secretary Zachary Dutton create a QLC Google Drive Folder for sharing relevant QLC documents. Inside the folder will be a Google document for members to reflect about March Continuing Sessions. Members thanked Zachary.

Program Committee: Applications: Clerk Jim Herr reported that the Undoing Racism Group has applied for a grant of \$10,000.00 from QLC funds for two retreats in the present fiscal year.

Quaker Life Council is not prepared to approve the application ~~at the moment~~. Quaker Life Council wishes to first explore together with the Undoing Racism Group their relation with the Yearly Meeting.

QLC recognizing that due to the timing,

Clerk Amy Taylor Brooks will communicate with Undoing Racism Group the QLC decision and that a group of QLC members will receive communications with URG until the next QLC meeting in May.

Amy Taylor Brooks, Anthony Stover, Kri Burkander, Ayesha Imani, Jim Herr, and Bryn Hammarstrom agree to receive any communication with Undoing Racism Group

Bryn Hammarstrom will explore other funding sources are there that URG could apply to and report back to Amy Taylor Brooks.

Query: How can PYM Friends support each other and be accountable to each other?

Discernment Team Debrief: Amy asked members to read the Discernment Team report and be ready to discuss it at the May meeting.

Annual Sessions Planning: Clerk Amy Taylor Brooks invited QLC members who wished to serve on the Annual Sessions Planning Committee to contact Wade Wright, Clerk of Sessions Planning, and Gray Goodman, clerk QLC Governance Committee.

Members agreed to gather early at the May meeting to consider