

Present: **Ex Officio:** Penny Colgan-Davis (PYM Clerk), Zachary Dutton (Associate Secretary of Program and Religious Life), Lane Taylor (QLC Clerk) **Members:** Pamela Draper, Jim Herr, Tom Hughes, Cate Marion, Kate Bregman, Connie Webster, Gray Goodman, Kri Burkander (electronic), Amy Brooks (electronic), Bryn Hammarstrom.

Members began with a period of worship.

Members shared recent moments in their life when they acted solely on faith.

Members approved the Agenda for June 18th meeting

Members approved 21 May 2016 Minutes recorded by Amy Brooks and thanked her.

1. Interim Sessions Development Committee

In consultation with Lane Taylor and Zachary Dutton, the Committee wished to be renamed as the “Sessions Coordinating Committee”. **QLC MEMBERS APPROVED**

This committee is the committee that envisions Sessions and coordinates the work of various Sprints who deal with the details of setting up Sessions.

Members examined a job description of the committee created by Emily Blanck. **MEMBERS APPROVED** a number of changes to the Sessions Coordinating Committee Job Descriptions. See embed document following the minutes.

2. Sessions Queries/Worship Sharing

PYM Clerk Penny Colgan-Davis explained to members the general response to March Sessions. There was a concern about the request in March for Friends to receive the business meeting minutes and provide feedback outside of the business meeting. Penny also noted that

- a. Arch Street Meeting house
- b. PYM Granting Committee

will make presentations to a summer Meeting for Business.

The Undoing Racism group was still working with the Implementation Committee regarding its position in the new structure of PYM. Members considered if QLC would like the Undoing Racism group to make a report at a Summer Session Meeting for Business. The presentation could be part of QLC’s report. **MEMBERS APPROVED.**

Members considered if QLC should be the body that received minutes from Quarterly Meetings for presentation to a Sessions Meeting for Business for discernment. Under the old structure, minutes were expected to express the nature of a concern and request a specific action. Minutes could be presented and accepted, amended, and/or sent back for revision. **MEMBERS APPROVED**

Members considered using Threshing Sessions, when necessary, for minutes that come from Quarterly Meetings during a session. **MEMBERS APPROVED**

QLC would collect responses from the Threshing Session and work with relevant parties for the construction of a minute at a later date to present at a future (not the present) Sessions Meeting for Business to consider. **MEMBERS APPROVED**

Any Threshing Session would need a recording clerk and a facilitator for providing

- a. A brief history of the issue
- b. Call on people for responses
- c. Listen well

Gray Goodman offered to be a recording clerk for Threshing Sessions and Jim Herr offered to be a facilitator. Bryn Hammarstrom offered to assist if possible. **MEMBERS APPROVED**

Clerk Lane Taylor asked members to consider the following queries regarding a QLC report at Summer Sessions.

What do Friends need to hear?

How can we engage Friends during the report?

How can we better communicate with the body?

How do we lift up the Collaboratives?

The advance documents for Summer Sessions are due 27 June 2016.

3. Proposal to Pemberton and Friends Institute Granting Groups

Zachary Dutton proposed writing a proposal on behalf of QLC requesting \$1000.00 each from the Pemberton Fund and Friends Institute for the 2017 Young Adult Friends Engagement Project. There could be a follow up meeting with Young Friends who attended the spring and autumn events as to what worked for them.

Friends asked questions to Zachary. **FRIENDS APPROVED**

4. Philadelphia Revival Coalition Sprint Proposal

MEMBERS APPROVED for creating a SPRINT for a revival inter-faith gathering at Friends Center or Mother Bethel on July 25, 2016.

5. Update/Report from the Governance Committee: Has not met yet.

6. Update/Report from the Funding Committee Clerk Tom Hughes supplied QLC members with a flow chart that explain the steps of the funding process.

The committee is meeting with representatives of the Eco-Justice Collaborative about administrative changes Eco-Justice still needs to make now that it is part of the new PYM administrative structure.

Members approved the YAF Engagement Project

The Committee approved part of the request of Supporting Individual Calls to Individual Ministry Collaborative.

They are waiting on decision from the Pemberton Fund and Friends Institute Group for funding for the Legislative Policy Collaborative's request.

Tom noted how cordial and respectful many Friends on Collaboratives have been when working with the Funding Committee.

Friends gave deep thanks to the QLC members of the Funding Committee.

7. Update/Report from the Program Committee

Clerk Jim Herr noted that the committee has not yet moved on the issue of **Resource Friends**. Presently, there has not been any published information about an administrative structure to address how to identify and work with Resource Friends. Zachary has been working with George Rubin on details regarding **Resource Friends** and aging.

Clerk Lane Taylor volunteered to compose a letter to Lola George. The letter will thank Lola for the _____ Collaborative's request and explain why QLC has not moved on the issue of Resource Friends yet.

MEMBERS APPROVED putting on August's agenda the issue of having non-QLC members on the Program Committee.

Members ended with a period of worship.

NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday 28 June 2016 at Friends Center.

Agenda

- 11:00 am: Worship
- 11:05 am: Introductions & Check-ins
- 11:15 am: Approval of the Agenda & May 21st Minutes
- 11:30 am: ISDC Report Report/Decision
- 11:45 am: Sessions Queries/Worship Sharing
- 12:15 pm: Break
- 12:30 pm: Proposal to Pemberton and Friends Institute Granting Groups
- 12:50 pm: Update/Report from the Funding Committee
- 1:05 pm: Update/Report from Governance Committee
- 1:15 pm: Update/Report from the Program Committee
- 1:55 pm: Closing Worship

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Sessions Coordinating Committee Job Descriptions

Sessions Coordinating Committee *stewards* oversees and envisions the direction and implementation of Annual and Continuing Sessions, jointly called “*Sessions*” for this document. The Committee works with staff on

- Long term planning
- Discerning the vision and purpose of Sessions
- Developing plans to implement the vision and purpose
- Creating sprint groups to implement the plans for Sessions
- Consulting with the Clerk of Philadelphia Meeting about the business sessions and other elements over which the clerk has authority
- Reviewing feedback on Sessions

The Sessions Coordinating Committee is composed of approximately 20 diverse volunteer members from throughout Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. The committee meets about 8 times a year in order to fulfill its responsibilities.

Clerk, Sessions Coordinating Committee

The clerk of the Sessions Coordinating Committee is responsible for guiding the committee through the visioning of sessions. This responsibility includes organizing and maintaining the above list for both Annual and Continuing Sessions. The clerk is expected to attend sessions and convene the committee as often as needed. Quaker Life Council selects the Clerk of the Sessions Coordinating Committee.

Staff, Community Engagement Coordinator

~~While~~ All staff provide significant time to the implementation of *Annual and Continuing Sessions* but when there is a *Community Engagement Coordinator*, that person is the primary staff partner for the Sessions Coordinating Committee. This staff member will handle logistical-level needs for the implementation of Sessions Planning and Sessions events. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Scheduling programs
- Negotiating with location staff
- Setting up and maintaining registration
- Organizing volunteer and staff tasks during Sessions

Members of the Sessions Coordinating Committee

Members of the Sessions Coordinating Committee work to discern the vision, plans, and implementation of Sessions. Members are expected to attend in person or by phone as many meetings as possible. Members of the Committee are encouraged to lead or join sprints to implement Session plans. Whenever possible, members of the committee shall attend Annual Sessions and the Fall and Spring Continuing Sessions. Members are selected by a sprint to seek new members that include the Clerk of SCC and the Coordinator of Community Engagement, with assistance from the Nominating Council as needed.

About the proposed work, witness or activity:

Tell us the name of your work, witness or activity (this will become the name of your group).

Philadelphia Revival Coalition Sprint group

1. What is the work, witness or activity that Friends propose?

The focus of this work is to support an inter-faith moral fusion revival campaign coming to Philadelphia July 25th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Friends Center or Mother Bethel A.M.E. (location to be decided). The revival will be presenting an anti-racist, anti-poverty, pro-justice platform on issues affecting local Philadelphians—following the format of the highly successful Moral Mondays campaign championed by Rev. William Barber in North Carolina over the last few years.

2. What Friends and/or communities will do this work, witness or activity?

Friends from different meetings will be working with faith leaders from different faith traditions along with local activists to form a multi-faith, multi-racial coalition.

The way that PYM would fit into this work is two-fold.

(1) PYM would work with the coalition as a religious institution “co-sponsoring” this event. To do this would just mean that PYM Friends will play a part in organizing the event through helping with logistics/set-up/outreach and participating in conference calls with the coalition as things start to crystallize.

(2) Because we would be a co-sponsor, this creates a space for a potential sprint to form—which would carry this work forward. I am proposing the sprint as a staff person that would support this work in the traditional ways that the community engagement team supports the work of collaboratives and sprints (google groups, outreach, publishing information to the website etc.)

The rest of the work would be supported by volunteers in the sprint.

3. Which PYM strategic directions, goals, priorities, or needs does the work, witness or activity meet? What other needs does it meet?

This relates to our 6th and 7th strategic directions.

4. Why should the proposed work, witness or activity be under the care of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting?

The anti-racist, anti-poverty agenda is in line with our corporate witness to undo racism and the inter-faith dimension of the revival provides Friends with an opportunity to work towards this corporate witness in the public sphere with other faith organizations. The revival will focus on providing exposure and energy to already well established local campaigns that are directly working on changing the material conditions of white supremacy including: increasing the minimum wage, ending stop-and-frisk, resisting the development of the energy hub, lobbying for equitable development, and much more.

Additionally, because of the possibility for this event to be happening at Friends Center, it would be a good opportunity to support this sort of work happening at our building.

5. What efforts have been made to involve Friends from at least two different monthly meetings in the proposed work, witness or activity? How successful have these efforts been?

a. There were numerous Friends from different monthly meetings that attended the organizing leadership institute and summit that was led by Rev. Barber at Friends Center this past Tuesday. The point of this summit was to teach local faith-leaders and youth organizers some of the basics of organizing this revival. PYM Friends and Quaker Voluntary Service Fellows that attended expressed an interest and commitment to serving on this sprint and organizing this event with coalition.

6. What are the goals of this proposed work, witness or activity?

The goal of the work is for Friends to organize and support the coalition that is building the revival. Specifically, Friends involved in the sprint will be focusing on doing massive outreach to PYM friends and beyond, and supporting the coalition in its work as things get logistically clearer.

Additionally, a desired outcome of this work is to develop a presence for PYM friends in the wider faith community and activist community.

7. How will Friends know that this work, witness or activity is finished? Are there milestones and/or benchmarks along the way? If so, what are they?

We have a July 30th deadline to have a finalized group of Friends to serve on this sprint. Additionally, there are conference calls and other organizing meetings and events that serve as benchmarks for volunteers as this event moves forward

8. How do Friends plan to sustain this work, witness or activity? What is needed for its sustainability?

Friends will have support and guidance from Reverend Barber and his team and the rest of the coalition. Additionally, the community engagement staff will be providing the support that we traditionally provide sprints and collaboratives such as setting up google groups, posting information to the PYM website, doing outreach to other collaboratives...etc.

Will your group be applying to receive funding support for specific projects?

No

Who is the contact person for this work?

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Is the person submitting this application the same as the contact person?

Yes

18 June 2016

Request to Quaker Life Council 6.18.16

Purpose of the 2017 YAF Engagement Project

Over the past ten years, the wider Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) community has benefited from the many gifts, skills, and leadings of our young adult Friends. We have gained insights into what is essential about the Quaker Way from our young adults. They have directly influenced the creation of our Five Year Plan, which envisions a connected yearly meeting community, wherein work and witness is conducted from a truly grassroots perspective. As part of this work, we aim to develop a network of young adults engaged in the expression of the Quaker Way through diverse points of entry.

The Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) and the associated PYM Legislative Policy Collaborative (formerly the PYM FCNL Network) has developed one of the more robust networks of witness-oriented Quakers in the PYM area. The Legislative Policy Collaborative continues to recruit “FCNL contacts” at most monthly meetings in our yearly meeting. We believe that this network as well as the model of organizing it represents can be leveraged to help seed a burgeoning network of young adult Friends. We will recruit a geographically diverse cohort of young adult Friends who are relatively new participants in the Young Adult Friends Program to attend three events.

The first two events are conferences organized by the Friends Committee on National Legislation, and they make up the bulk of the requested funds, which would cover most of the cost of young adult Friends to attend these events. The events are the fall Annual Meeting and the spring Lobby Weekend. We place a much heavier emphasis on the FCNL Spring Lobby Weekend, as FCNL gears this conference specifically toward young adults. These events occur in Washington, DC.

In the weeks after both FCNL conferences have ended, we will host a dinner in the late spring of 2017 for all interested young adults, including those who attended either FCNL event and some members of the Legislative Policy Collaborative. The goal of this third event will be to thresh various ways in which work on legislative and government advocacy in the PYM area can more fully and competently engage young adults—how the Young Adult Friends Program and the Legislative Policy Collaborative can grow their networks in mutually beneficial ways. Having recently experienced one or more approaches through FCNL’s conferences, there will be young adults present who can speak directly to the strengths and weaknesses of current approaches.

Request to the Quaker Life Council

To minute support of the project generally and to minute specifically approval for Zachary T. Dutton, as Associate Secretary for Program and Religious Life, to submit applications on behalf of the Quaker Life Council to the Pemberton Granting Group and the Friends Institute Granting Group for two grants in the amount of \$1,000.00, respectively. See the next page for expenses and income details.

**Quaker Life Council
18 June 2016**

Expenses and Income for 2017 Young Adult Friends Engagement Project

EXPENSES

FCNL Fall Annual Meeting				
Title	Number	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Notes
Registration for 5 YAF's	5	\$250	\$1,250	Housing, meals
Bus for 5 YAF's Round Trip	5	\$50	\$250	Using Mega Bus
FCNL Spring Lobby Weekend				
Registration for 15 YAF's	15	\$50	\$750	meals
Housing for 15 YAF's	15	\$40	\$600	nearby hostel
Bus for 15 YAF's	15	\$50	\$750	
Late Spring Follow Up Dinner				
Food for 20 to 30 people	30	\$10	\$300	
Total Expenses			\$3900	

INCOME

FCNL Fall Annual Meeting				
Title	Number	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Notes
Pemberton Fund (Pending)				
FCNL Fall Annual Meeting			\$250	Bus for 5 YAF's
FCNL Spring Lobby Weekend			\$750	Bus for 15 YAF's
Quaker Life Council (Pending)				
FCNL Fall Annual Meeting			\$1,250	Registration, 5 YAF's
Friends Institute (Pending)				
Portion of Remaining Expenses			\$1000	
YAF Program Budget – (Pending)				
Portion of Remaining Expenses			\$650	
Total Income			\$3900	