

QLC Meeting Minutes 1/7/16

Attending (in person or virtually): Lane Taylor (clerk), Kri Burkander (recording), George Rubin, Bryn Hammerstrum, Penny Colgan-Davis, Kate Bregman, Charlie Randall, Zachary Dutton, Cate Marion, Tom Hughes, Christie Duncan-Tessmer, Pamela Draper, Deborah Saunders, Jim Herr, Connie Webster.

We settled into worship at 6:04pm, and then shared Roses and Thorns around the table.

Minute Approval

Rather than spending time on the November and December minutes, given Gray's absence at this meeting, we will send our comments to Gray via email and he will bring revised versions for our consideration at our next meeting.

Agenda Considerations

First, a Friend raised the question of whether we should approve our agenda. Secondly, we should perhaps reconsider our meeting times, given how many changes have been made since we last reviewed the plans. Third, there was a second request for materials to be sent out earlier, hopefully a week in advance. Lastly, there was also a concern with a line in Zachary's email about the separation between the activities of groups prior to the restructuring and the new plans under the restructuring. Maybe there should be a Sprint regarding gratitude on behalf of the QLC group.

Proposals

We then turned our attention to the proposals. Lane introduced the issue of the White Privilege Conference scholarship proposal and the fact that the early deadline for registration is January 18th. The Undoing Racism Group seeks to support registration access for individuals throughout the yearly meeting. Friends expressed concern around granting additional funds to the same organization. We were eager to support wide participation from Friends from throughout Yearly Meeting, but feel we need additional information about various opportunities for support, including FGC. Deborah, Lane, Penny, Cate, and Zachary will meet with Vanessa Julye to get that information and bring it back to the group. At this time we have not approved any additional money to support PYM attendance at the conference. We were reminded to act in this matter out of discernment, rather than guilt.

We also discussed the viability of using the Google Group for discussion and decision if a time-sensitive approval is required.

After a brief pause for some grounding worship, we turned our attention to consideration of the remaining proposals. We were reminded of the queries developed by the rubric sprint in our deliberations. We read these aloud in turn, and added "Is there a reason to say no, if funding isn't involved?" to the list of queries guiding our discernment.

In this way, we began with consideration of the proposal from Henry Beck regarding the former India Friends Working Group. After an extended discussion, *the QLC approved the proposal regarding the PYM India Friends Collaborative*. There was much rejoicing!

Our discussion regarding this proposal raised the issue of how to phrase the question about milestones and success indicators. We anticipate that this group won't be the first to resist articulating milestones on the application. While Friends recognize that much of this work is ongoing and may never truly be

done, we are eager to be in right relationship with these groups of Friends, and want to provide adequate support and accountability to ensure that their work is continuing to serve the Yearly Meeting. To that end, we might want to consider putting some language in the application to further clarify our intention in requesting these milestones.

It was suggested that going forward, as we come to a better understanding of how we want to do this, we will be able to delegate this work to a smaller group. But in the meantime, we wish to continue the discernment process for the remaining proposals as a full group.

Friends were asked to come to the next meeting having read through all proposals carefully and identifying any questions. In addition, Friends were asked to (re)read the Handbook, a link to which will be sent by Christie to all council members.

We closed with worship at 8:31.