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Thursday, March 3rd, 2016
Friends Center
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

6:00 pm: Worship
6:05 pm: Introductions & Check-ins
6:15 pm: Approval of the Agenda & February 20th Minutes
6:30 pm: QLC Funding Rubric Discussion/Feedback
7:15 pm: Break
7:45 pm: Applications for FCNL Collaborative Scholarship Funding (Proposal for Decision)
8:10 pm: Discussion of QLC Membership on Supportive Committees: Decision/Alternative Plan for Implementation Committee
8:55 pm: Closing Worship

Present: Lane Taylor (Clerk), Charlie Randall, Gray Goodman (Recording Clerk), Amy Taylor Brooks, Tom Hughes, Jim Herr, George Rubin, Pamela Draper, Cate Marion (phone), Connie Webster (phone), Bryn Hammarstrom (phone)

Ex-Officio: Zachary Dutton, Christie Duncan-Tessmer, Penny Colgan-Davis

Regrets: Kate Bregman, Deborah Saunders, Kri Burkander, Shani Taylor

Members began with a period of worship. They introduced themselves and spoke about how the beginning of March fares with them.

Friends approved the amended agenda.

Friends approved the February 20th minutes with amendments. Clerk Lane Taylor informed Friends that she had spoken to Barry Scott regarding the gathering of Friends of Color of the PYM and he was grateful for the funding of one gathering. **Lane will email members Barry's response.**

QLC Funding Rubric Discussion/Feedback: \$9,150 was in the report for QLC volunteer and program expenses. It was a rough estimate to reimburse members for transportation. General Secretary Christie Duncan-Tessmer indicated that there is a separate line item in the QLC budget of \$1000-\$1500 for reimbursement. She felt that the \$9,150 was high. The \$13,000 listed in the report would be for Collaboratives. There was a concern about unintended expenses with rising Collaboratives and Sprints in this first year of the new structure. The document is to help Collaboratives and Sprints to plan their needs at least six months in advance and beyond with enough time for the QLC to respond in a thoughtful manner.

Lane noted that in this time of transition, it is important to remind the Collaboratives and Sprints that reimbursement expenses need to be included in their budgets and not submitted to QLC separately from their budget.

The Funding Committee of QLC needs to take on the issue of budgeting, expenses, and reimbursements and design a clear policy for approval by the QLC.

Members approved using the phrase ‘stewards’ regarding suggested wording changes in the report.

“The council *is a steward of* yearly meeting activities, nurtures meetings, supports corporate work for peace and justice, and brings together members across meetings to collaborate on projects of common interest.”

The wording of PYM documents is under the care, presently, of the Implementation Committee. **Members recommend that the Governance Committee of QLC take on this responsibility after the Implementation Committee is laid down.**

Members minuted approval of passing on the Sprint Rubric Report with QLC comments to the Funding Committee of QLC.

Applications for FCNL Collaborative Scholarship Funding (Proposal for Decision): The QLC approved the Collaborative and the Collaborative has applied for \$1,500 of scholarship funding for young adults to attend its upcoming spring lobbying weekend. The request gave a breakdown of Friends receiving aid who are attending the weekend event as well as their meeting membership. **Friends approved.**

Lane Taylor noted the irregularity of the timing of the request and has spoken to the clerk of the Collaborative about the importance of following procedures under the new structure of PYM. It is a one-time approval.

Members suggested that the Funding Committee of QLC should compile a list of alternative funding resources to help groups that make funding requests to QLC.

Collaboratives cannot fundraise on their own. They must work through the QLC and Administrative Council. The PYM Controller should sit in on the Funding Committee Meetings. Someone from the Granting Committee (Administrative Council) should also sit on the Funding Committee.

Discussion of QLC Membership on Supportive Committees: Members shared their insights on how QLC can maintain a relationship with the Supportive Committees. QLC members should use the PYM Handbook as a reference for Committees. **Members approved the following two policies and will pass them on to the Implementation Committee for approval.**

- A. QLC members may serve as a contact person on Supportive Committees using technology to maintain formal contact with the Committees, including reading minutes and giving response to the clerks of the Committees. It may not mean attending all of the Committee meetings.

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- B. QLC may appoint someone from each Supportive Committee to attend as representatives of each Supportive Committee at QLC meetings.

Lane needs input from members for serving on QLC Committees no later than Sunday, 6 March 2016.

Members completed the meeting with closing worship.

Next Meeting: Saturday, 12 March 2016 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Arch Street

Respectfully submitted,

Gray Goodman