

Quaker Life Council
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Present: Kri Burkander (Ad Hoc Clerk), Gray Goodman, Cate Marion, Jim Herr, Melanie Douty-Snipes, Amy Taylor-Brooks, Bryn Hammarstrom, George Schaefer (PYM Care and Aging Coordinator)

Ex-Officio: Christie Duncan-Tessmer (General Secretary), Andrew Anderson (Treasurer), Tricia Coscia (Community Engagement Coordinator), Zachary Dutton (Associate Secretary for Program and Religious Life)

Regrets: Lane Taylor (clerk), Ayesha Imani, George Rubin, Olivia Branigan, George Rubin, Penny Colgan-Davis (PYM clerk), Kate Bregman.

11:00 am: Worship

11:05 am: Introductions/Check-ins

11:20 am: Approval of the Agenda & the March Minutes

11:35 am: Resource Friends Pilot Proposal Listening Session/Feedback, No Decision (*Zachary*)

12:05 pm: Approval of the Program-Funding Committee Merger

12:15 pm: Break

12:30 pm: Request for Additional Friends to Join QLC-AC Minutes of Concern Sprint

12:40 pm: Crossroads Training De-Brief

1:20 pm: Youth Programs Sprint Report, Receive: Decision to Distribute to YM

1:55 pm: Closing Worship

1. Members began with a period of worship. Ad Hoc clerk Kri Burkander asked Friends the query of what had each done to address racism this week. Members shared.

Members approved March minutes with amendments.

2. QLC Program + Funding Committee Merger Proposal: Originally there was a sense that having the committees separate would allow them to be a “check” on each other. The two committees did a tremendous amount of work setting up the overall

funding and and Sprint/Collaborative approval process. Now that the structure has been created, there is less need for separate committees. By merging them, it will require the QLC to be the “check” on the combined committee.

Members read the proposal and united behind the proposal.

Members approved naming the combined committee “Program Committee”.

3.Minutes of Concern Proposal: Governance Committees from Administrative and Quaker Life have been working on developing a way for having minutes of concern to move through the Yearly Meeting. The Committees recommend forming a Sprint made up from members of both Governance Committees as well as other Friends.

Amy Taylor Brooks and Gray Goodman of the QLC Governance Committee will meet with members of the and Administrative Council Governance Committee to create a process for addressing minutes of concern. Bryn Hammarstrom volunteered to serve with them. **Members expressed gratitude.**

4.General Secretary Report:

a. **Staff:** Christie explained that in the restructuring of the PYM staff she has striven to explain the overall process and changes to the staff. One member has asked for a leave of absence.

b. **Communication:** Christie has scheduled “open staff” time each week that allows any staff member to come to her and ask her whatever questions they have. She also wants to update on the PYM website topics that she and the staff are addressing.

c. **Fundraising:** PYM is \$20,000 behind where they were last year, primarily due to the death of a member who often gave the same amount each year. The interim director of development, Grace Sharpless Cooke, has been doing a great job creating dinner opportunities that bring together donors or potential donors together with PYM leadership. Administrative Council is striving to achieve 100% participation in contributing to the PYM Annual Fund. She requested that the QLC do the same by having a member remind members to contribute.

Christie and PYM clerk Penny Colgan-Davis have been working with Greene Street and Central Philadelphia Monthly Meetings regarding their reluctance to contribute to the Annual Fund.

d. **Youth Program Re-Structuring:** Administrative Council is waiting for responses from various sprints regarding re-structuring before any staffing changes happen.

Members asked Christie will she actually have time for weekly “open staff” time. Christie hopes that delegating some of work to staff will help her.

6.Resource Friends Initial Proposal: Each group of Resource Friends would have the ability to structure their own training and promotion to Monthly, Quarterly, and Yearly meetings. The groups will stay in contact with the QLC. For 2017, PYM will develop Resource Friends for social action and pastoral care. For 2018, the group will expand to youth work and young adult support will be.

Members expressed appreciation for the proposal and understand that there will be a final proposal including a budget at the June QLC meeting

7.Youth Program Sprint Report: Kri Burkander explained the background of the report, composed in January 2017 but only being examined by QLC in May 2017. The SPRINT is developing a mission and vision of the youth program. SPRINT members were taken by surprise by the planned staffing changes. There has been resistance in PYM to some of proposed changes and the SPRINT will examine the nature of the resistance.

Kri recommended that the report be streamlined excluding the recent proposed structural staffing changes.

Members approved having Kri take the proposal to the SPRINT at its next meeting to be streamlined with the above guidelines.

Members approved having the streamlined report shared in draft form with the Administrative Council on 20 May 2017.

Andrew Anderson, Treasurer, stated that the Finance Committee needs to be helpful in supporting the QLC and its constituent programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Gray Goodman, Recording Clerk