

Young Friends Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, 7th month 24th day, 2014

Minute 1: Meeting for worship with attention to business began with a period of open worship. The Young Friends clerks, Hannah Blossom and Emi Inskip, were both unable to attend Sessions this year. In their absence, they have asked Young Friends Tenaja Henson and Jane Bryer to serve as acting clerks for this gathering. Friends approved Tenaja and Jane's service. Kody Hersh, Young Friends Program Assistant, was asked to serve as acting recording clerk. Friends approved.

Minute 2: Acting clerk Jane Breyer reviewed the agenda. Friends approved.

Minute 3: Acting clerk Tenaja Henson introduced an epistle from Intermountain Yearly Meeting's Young Friends. Another Friend gave a brief explanation of epistles in Friends' practice, and the epistle was read.

Minute 4: Clerks asked Young Friends who have been serving on committees of the Young Friends community to speak briefly about their committee's work. Young Friends from Program, Outreach, Nurture, and Graduation committees each spoke.

Minute 5: The current committee structure is fairly new to Young Friends. All Young Friends are asked to serve on a committee at this gathering. The following Young Friends volunteered for service at this gathering:

Program: Kat, Henry, Ryan

Outreach: Amelia, Jess, Deanna

Nurture: Liana, Ella, Lili, Robert, Ryan, Dana, Alianne, David, Cameron

Graduation: Blaise, Lili, Gabe, Moxie, Amelia, Sara, Eden, Adrianna, Bryce

Minute 6: At Christmas Gathering, Young Friends approved the possibility of having multiple late nights at longer-than-weekend gatherings. At this gathering, the late-night space available to us is the lounge on our dorm hall, which is next to several rooms. Given the space considerations of Sessions, Friends consider whether this was a possibility that they would like to explore?

Several alternate space possibilities were discussed, including our daytime hang-out space, which the program coordinator clarified is not available after midnight, and the basement of our dorm. We discussed how to manage noise in the current dorm situation.

Friends are in unity on the desire to have a late night tonight. Friends approved late night for tonight in the third floor lounge, and have the option of switching rooms for the remainder of the week if they would like to be further from the lounge space. One FP volunteered to get earplugs for anyone who would find them helpful.

Minute 7: A Young Friend proposed the addition of a dance to our schedule for tomorrow night. The possibility of inviting Young Adults Friends to join us for a dance, and/or of combining a dance with late night was also discussed. Friends are reminded not to pressure one another into dancing. The Young Friends program coordinator will investigate possibilities and report back to the body.

Minute 8: The Young Friends program coordinator announced that the Education Standing Committee, a committee of PYM that has oversight of the Young Friends program, will be presenting a report to the yearly meeting in meeting for worship with attention to business tomorrow afternoon, during our free time. The committee has been mostly inactive for the past year, since passing a policy that was harmful to many Friends in this community. Their report will address the ongoing process to address that hurt, and indicates an openness to having Young Friends serve on the committee, reflecting a commitment to the principle "Nothing about us without us." Young Friends are invited to go hear the report if interested. In addition, print copies of the report will be made available.

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Minute 9: After a brief description of Quaker epistles, Young Friends discerned whether to write one for the Young Friends community this week. Friends approved writing an epistle. David, Dana, Deanna, Robert, and Jess volunteered to serve on an epistle committee, and Friends approved their service.

Young Friends Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, 7th month 27th day, 2014

Minute 10: Meeting began by settling into silent worship. The gathering approved Robert Neff-Taylor as acting recording clerk for this business meeting.

Minute 11: Committees were asked to report on what they worked on.

- Nurture- Ali reported for Nurture Committee. Nurture met several times during the week wrote worship sharing questions for wider gathering as well as young friends, discussed concerns about worship sharing and general gathering connected-ness, creating an atmosphere that is interconnected while still remaining a part of the gathering of the whole. They suggested several ways to improve worship sharing with the gathering as a whole: 1. Have time for Young Friends in a worship sharing group to check in together after initial worship sharing, facilitating YF support of each other; 2. Worship sharing groups could meet casually beforehand to get to know people before and get comfortable with the group before worship sharing; 3. Ice breakers to get to know people and share less personal things about yourself, creating a more comfortable dynamic.
- Outreach- Amelia reported for Outreach Committee. Outreach considered the revised logo ideas from Griffin, decided on the #2 possibility. Outreach passed around the design to show Friends. Friends raised concern about visibility of the "y" and "f" in the dandelion.
- Program- Program committee came up with several theme suggestions: Truth, spiritual connection, exploring the divine through various paths. They recommend this final theme for the fall gathering, with the following workshop ideas: singing, labyrinths, inviting members of other traditions to speak.

A suggestion from the floor for a gathering themed around Gender and sexuality received support. Friends suggest this for Onas 2015, and hope for a lot of care and attention to go into designing the gathering and workshops.

- Graduation- Lili Burger-Lentz reported for Graduation Committee. The committee felt it would like a clerk and approved Lili as clerk.

The committee presented a minute for Young Friends to consider: *Afgans will be created for all friends who are graduating and have attended at least 4 gatherings, one of which being in their senior year. Graduation committee will remain in contact with graduating seniors to make sure they get their afgans.*

The committee wrote this minute to address the difficulty of creating afgans for a large number of people and to clarify who gets an afghan and why. Friends expressed concern over not allowing graduation seniors who are active members of the community to receive afgans because of an inability to attend gatherings senior year.

Friends made a number of suggestions: that those who are clerks or permanurts at any time in their years as Young Friends are still allowed to get afgans, regardless of attendance senior year, because they have demonstrated that they are an active member of the community. Another possibility is that the policy could remain unless contested by an individual. If the individual requests it then we will make them an afghan, because their request shows that they care.

Friends approved coming back to this topic at another time.

Minute 12: Robert represented the epistle committee, reading the proposed epistle. Friends approved the epistle with a few minor changes.