

YF MFW for Business Notes (8/21/15)

Agenda Review

- Hannah introduces the basic role of the Program & Mission Evaluation Committee and asks for volunteers interested in replacing Friends who need to lay this commitment down. **Travis J volunteers, with a concern for scheduling. Tenaja H and Lili BL volunteer.**

We hear reports from committees:

- Consequences (“Law and Order”) Committee: We were asked to make a guide that clarified possible consequences associated with breaches of guidelines. We created FOUR LEVELS. Level 1: a conversation (breaking the sports bra rule, being very exclusive) Level 2: janitorial (kissing, not responding to previous conversations) Level 3: letter of apology to community and possibility of suspension from some gatherings (sexual activity, use of illegal substances). Level 4: potential for expulsion from community (assault, supplying illegal substances to others). The committee offered that these levels were guides, rather than minimum sentencing rules. Each infraction will continue to be treated on a case-by-case basis.
 - **Young Friends approved this guide.**
- Program Committee proposed themes for upcoming gatherings. Health (diet, sexuality, mental/emotional health, etc.) for fall gathering. Cultural Arts (cuisine, cinema, etc.) for Christmas gathering. Tolerance (religion, ideology, different kinds of Quakerism) for Winter gathering. Art/ Expressive Creativity (telling your story, arts) for Onas gathering.
 - During the course of discussion Hannah realized that there is already a theme for the Fall gathering, as it coincides with Continuing Sessions. Friends expressed a preference to keep the Health/ Sexuality theme
 - Hannah and Program Committee will partner to figure out how to keep as many of the themes as possible. **The process is approved.**
- Nurturing Committee: Christian, Travis, Shea and Jacob have been discerned as permanent nurturers by the Nurture Committee and the Discernment Committee. Feedback is welcomed – concerns, joys, or questions. **The nominees were unanimously approved.**

Program Committee proposal pertaining to the Sweat Lodge at Onas - In light of recent workshops, we are reconsidering the place of the Sweat Lodge in the PYM YF community. Our plan is to research any local tribal authorities, and if they exist, to contact them. If those authorities are comfortable with us continuing the sweat lodge at Onas, we can continue, if not, we will stop. We will find a replacement that achieves a similar spiritual depth without offending cultural boundaries. If we receive no reply or find no local authority, we will hold a discernment session among the YF community to decide. **Young Friends approve this plan.**

An announcement from Nurturing Committee: FP-ing for MSF gatherings. MSF would love to have FPs to provide a presence at gatherings to help lead workshops and steward the community, invite them into the community of YFs as they graduate. It’s a wonderful way to connect with other, younger F(f)riends. An open invite, please FP, contact Matt Sanderson. You must be at least a junior to be an FP.