

March 29, 2014

Young Friends Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Clerking: Tenaja Henson

Recording: Hannah Mayer

Clerk Tenaja asked Friends to settle in. After a period of worship she introduced the Meeting for Business process.

Reviewed the Agenda. Approved.

Outreach Committee on the Logo

Sam, Cameron, Kyle reported for the Outreach / Logo Committee. Five “in progress” logos were offered for feedback by the designer based on our brainstorming sessions. Outreach Committee considered them and had the following feedback:

1. Color grading is expensive, not our best option.
2. Like the catch phrase “Quakers: the Next Generation,” but it’s not a logo, not visual enough.
3. Bottom two circular were the favorite of the committee
4. Cameron drew a proposal, that incorporates “Quakers the next generation” along with visual figures
5. Another idea: Take #3 and incorporate “Quakers the next generation”
6. Proposed Black T-Shirt

Young Friends gave the following feedback and ideas based on the proposals and initial responses from Outreach:

1. Could separate the logo from the tag line – tag line on the back, logo on the front.
2. Color of the shirts: Some people feel having multiple colors of T-shirts are important.
3. “Quakers, the next Generation” logo looks really cool, but it’s just words. Not visual enough alone for a T-shirt. Bumper sticker, webpage, mug, might work well.
4. People really like the circles and circles within circles as a symbol for what we are.
5. How do these reflect acceptance and loving community?
 - i. People holding hands in a circle spoke to us for this reason (like the one we already have)
7. These all feel industrial – business logo, not fun and creative like Young Friends.
8. Young Friends could try designing something during Late Night tonight, see what we come up with.

Young Friends received the work of the Outreach /Logo committee gratefully. The community’s feedback will be passed on to the designer for adjustments.

Program Committee Report

Dana, Cleo, and Claire reported for Program Committee

1. They proposed the following theme for Camp Onas: Early Quakerism as it relates to the world today.
2. Some workshops that could work with this theme:
 - i. Reaching the public through Quakerism,
 - ii. Evolution of Quakerism,
 - iii. Quakerism in other countries as compared to the US
 - iv. Different aspects of being simple
 - v. Feminism in early Quakerism as compared to today
 1. The committee proposed that an activity that could be a fun way to explore the gendered experience would be Crossdressing
 - a. Some people expressed discomfort with this as it might be disrespectful to trans* and gender variant people. A more respectful way of experiencing what it's like to be a different gender would be through engaging in an activity that gave people a structure in which to have this dialogue.
3. Some friends expressed approval for this theme and suggested the idea of adding in other Quaker themes – simplicity; how views, perspectives, beliefs in Quakerism have changed. Also look at different varieties of Quakers in the US – programmed, un-programmed, etc. Talk about separation in Quakerism – racism, sexism. It would be a good gathering to continue the worship experiments.
 - a. One Friend proposed another possible theme of connection to the Earth.

Friends expressed approval for the theme of “Early Quakerism as it Relates to the World Today” for Camp Onas.

Nurture Committee

Hannah, Nate & Sebastian reported for Nurture Committee

1. Nurture Committee proposed a list of charges:
 - a. Be peers to come to with any issue or concern
 - b. Write worship sharing questions
 - c. Pay attention to inclusion
 - d. Look out for the physical and mental well-being of individuals and the community as a whole
 - e. The Young Friends Assistant meets with Nurture Committee as a resource person to provide information and support, but does not set the agenda or try to dictate Nurture Committee decisions.

Nurture Committee asked if there was anything the community thought should be added.

- f. A Friend suggested that NC could also explain processes in YF to new YF.

Friends approved the list of Nurturing Committee tasks with the addition of the Friend's suggestion.

2. Nurturing Committee also talked about the Enthusiastic Consent guideline, suggesting a physical presentation of other places in Young Friends where Enthusiastic Consent is more subtle or isn't about physical touch could be good. Young Friends discussed:
 - i. Some don't want the introduction on the first night to be longer, while others feel it's important to demonstrate the subtleties
 - ii. A Friend suggested that enthusiastic consent could apply to conversation material as well – if you're talking about something that makes someone feel uncomfortable.

Young Friends approved adding in more subtleties to the Enthusiastic Consent Guideline.

3. Nurturing Committee closed by reminding to keep friend groups in Young Friends open and inviting.

Young Friends thanked Nurturing Committee for their work.

Recording Clerk read back the minutes and the minutes were approved with minor adjustments.