

YF Meeting for Business  
Swatara - May 3, 2014  
Clerk – Tenaja Henson  
Recording – Hannah Mayer

Clerk got everyone's attention and asked Friends to settle in to worship in advance of our Meeting for Business.

Clerk reviewed the agenda, and Young Friends approved.

1. Discernment Committee – Hayden and Kendra reported for Discernment Committee.
  - a. Liaisons – A first reading for Tenaja and Evan as liaisons occurred at the last gathering. Hayden and Kendra reminded Friends what the role entails. **Friends approved Tenaja and Evan as PYM Liaisons!**
  - b. Clerks - Yesterday Discernment Committee gave a first reading of their nominees for Clerks: Emi Inskeep and Hannah Blossom. Friends discussed. **Clerk asked if Friends were ready to approve Emi Inskeep and Hannah Blossom as Clerks, and Friends affirmed.**
  - c. Announcement – Discernment Committee thanked the Young Friends community for participating in the Discernment process, offering names for consideration, etc. Young Friends received the appreciation with thanks.
  - d. Nurture Committee –
    - i. Nurture Clerks process - Clerk explained that Discernment Committee has proposed a new process for discerning Nurture Committee Clerks. Kendra picked up – previously Business Meeting Clerks and Nurture Committee Clerks were discerned at the same time. This time the charge for Discernment Committee did not include Nurture Clerks for the Spring. Discernment Committee is proposing to undertake discernment of Nurture Committee Clerk/s next. Kendra took questions:
      1. Would we do the nominations box again? Yes, but you can also email Hannah with nominations (as was true previously).**Friends approved of Discernment Committee proceeding with discerning Nurturing Clerks.**
    - ii. Discernment Committee – We could have more people on Discernment Committee. It requires that people be ineligible for any of the positions that are being discerned. There are 7 people currently on the committee. Are there others interested in doing this work? Friends discussed: one Friend raised a concern that we don't want it to get too big. Additionally other committees aren't as large. However, Discernment Committee is a closed committee, unlike other committees, and thus needs greater representation, as not everyone can make most or all

meetings or gatherings. Discernment Committee offered that it was not actually a huge time commitment. **Erica McQuartin volunteered and was gratefully received by the community.**

iii. PermaNurts Process – Clerk Tenaja (also Nurture Committee Clerk) sought the community’s approval for **how we currently do the discernment of Permanent Nurturers in Nurture Committee at Onas. Friends approved.**

2. Logo – Hannah explained what has happened up until this point with the new logo design: one designer came up with some proposals, which were largely unappealing to Young Friends. Griffin McCaulay, a former Young Friend and professional graphic designer, has been contracted as a new designer. Griffin offered 3 Logo rough draft designs and reviewed them with Young Friends:
  - a. #1 Capturing group mentality, arms and hair spell out YF.
  - b. #2 the hat: a visual cue between the difference between young and older Quakers – ball cap/ traditional Quaker hat
  - c. #3 more symbolic – dandelion. Metaphorical symbol for who and what we are. “wishies” The inner light was also called the inner seed.
  - d. Young Friends received Griffin’s design with grateful enthusiasm.
  - e. Young Friends’ Feedback
  - f. #1 – one of the problems with the last t-shirt is that it’s stuck in the gender binary, This one still reflects the gender binary. Like the “YF” made of bodies, the inner light diamond. People were concerned that it’s hard to make representations of people on a shirt without gender. Longer hair doesn’t necessarily make a female necessarily. Doesn’t have to be figures to represent people – could be hands. **Young Friends agree that we are moving away from having people on our shirts.**
  - g. Reminder of why we’re changing it. Didn’t like gender binary. One Friend asked, why? Some people in our community don’t identify as male or female. We also want less of the old Quaker symbology.
  - h. #2 - The aesthetic isn’t very appealing to many Young Friends. Also, the symbol of the hat wouldn’t read very well to anyone who doesn’t know Quakers well. The image doesn’t represent everyone in the community. **Friends agreed that we don’t want to pursue this particular logo further.**
  - i. #3 – Pretty! It can represent a lot of different things. It’s really similar to the logo for FGC, but not the same. Might be nice to streamline the Quaker logos with this image. We like the aesthetic – seems like glowing, Looks like light coming out of the center! Quaker symbolism. We would like to wear it on a shirt, but would it last? Small branches might crack / deteriorate quickly with it being so small. It’s nice to have something that is open to interpretation. Griffin’s description moved us too, and could start conversations - How did your Quaker dandelion drift? What’s your journey been? It’s classy. People are likely to ask about it, in part because it isn’t clear. A lot of people were

excited about the YF secret hidden thing in #1, could easily add that in to #3. **Young Friends approved moving forward with #3 with the possibility of incorporating a hidden "Y" and "F".**

3. The Recording Clerk read back the minutes. Minutes were approved.