

Young Friends Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, 8th month 20th day, 2014

Minute 13: Meeting for worship with attention to business began with a period of open worship. Friends approved Friendly Adult Presences being present as visitors.

Minute 14: Clerk Emi Inskeep reviewed the agenda. Friends approved.

Minute 15: Amelia reported for the Outreach Committee. Outreach Committee has been working on a new logo for Young Friends. Some other ideas from the Outreach Committee meeting this week include: a card that you would receive if you brought a friend to a gathering, which would then be passed on to someone else, who would bring a friend and pass it on; postcards to Young Friends who have attended in the past but not recently; fliers with information about upcoming gatherings, similar to those that are currently in circulation; and meet and greets for prospective Young Friends and their families to hear more about the program.

Minute 16: Friends approved a new, updated logo for the Young Friends program. (*link to previous minutes and/or someplace to view the new logo on the website*)

Minute 17: Henry reported for the Program Committee. In keeping with the idea of “Nurturing from the Inside Out,” the committee proposed themes that begin more introspective earlier in the year, moving to more outward-focused themes later in the year. The proposed themes are:

October—Masks: Hiding Behind and Breaking Out From

Holiday—Silence

February—Love

March—Taking Action

Onas—SPICES in the Real World

Minute 18: Kody Hersh described doing two readings when discerning PermaNurts. The first reading is to hear the names, and concerns can be brought privately to discernment committee. The second is for approval of the names.

Minute 19: Alianne presented from the joint committee of PermaNurts and Discernment Committee that has been discerning new PermaNurts. The committee proposes that this year, no one be appointed to the role of Nurture Committee clerk, in order to see whether that role is critical to the committee’s functioning.

Minute 20: The following Friends have agreed to serve as PermaNurts if approved by the Young Friends community in meeting for worship with attention to business:

Cleo

Dana

Liana

Lili

Sara

Tenaja

Minute 21: Lili, clerk, presented for the Graduation Committee. Afghans for the three graduating seniors who are in attendance at this gathering and have not yet received an afghan are almost complete.

The clerk presented a revised version of a policy that describes who should receive a Young Friends afghan. The policy is designed to prevent a situation in which graduating Young Friends who have been active in the program do not receive afghans. One revision was suggested, to clarify that Young Friends will receive afghans when they graduate *from Young Friends*, not when they graduate from high school, should those be different. Friends approved the policy with this revision, and the policy is attached.

Minute 22: This week at Onas, the program offered both gender-specific and non-gendered sleeping areas, which is a change from previous practice. Friends were asked to speak to how well that practice worked at this gathering, and whether it's something that should happen again. All comments, from Friends who stayed in gender-specific housing as well as in non-gendered housing, were positive. Friends felt that the available options brought some variety, helped them get to know new people, offered options that felt comfortable for everyone, and helped address some of the challenges of housing people with divergent sleep needs and expectations. Trans*-identified Young Friends spoke to feeling particularly affirmed by the availability of multiple options.

Minute 23: Robert presented for the working group revising the sexuality-related guidelines.

“Sports bra rule”: The working group proposes that this guideline remain the same in order to maintain equality within the community related to sex and gender, and noted concerns specifically with male-identified people acting without regard to this guideline. The working group proposes that if there continue to be violations of the sports bra rule, that the rule be removed, and all participants be required to wear shirts.

“One to a bed”: The working group suggests that we continue to apply this rule to sleeping times only, as we have tried at this gathering, with the addition of an expectation that at least three people need to be together to go star-gazing. The working group clarified that the rule, as it currently stands and as it is proposed to continue, states that no sharing of beds should occur between check-in and wake-up time, except at late night for those who are attending.

“Enthusiastic consent”: The working group suggests that presentation of this guideline at gatherings be expanded beyond the situation of greeting each other with hugs to other interactions, and that the guideline also include the idea that, “Yes means yes, and silence does not mean yes.”

“No sexual activity”: The working group suggests that Nurture Committee should talk one on one with people about the potential consequences of violating this guideline, and otherwise propose that it remain the same.

“Bow chika wow wow”: The working group suggests that the community place more emphasis on expressing discomfort about couple-y behavior and discomfort with other types of non-sexual situations, rather than trying to exclusively address sexual activity with this guideline. To this end, the community should consider changing the name, since the phrase “Bow chika wow wow” suggests a sexual situation. Name change suggestions will be threshed at another time. Friends added that it is important to have a mechanism for naming triggers or other discomforts

that are not necessarily sexual, and that it may be important to continue having a phrase that can be used by Young Friends and not by FAPs. "Ouch and oops" is a mechanism that some Young Friends are familiar with from other contexts as a way of naming discomfort or hurt in a low-key way.

Friends approved the revisions of the working group, with the intention of returning to the language of the "Bow Chika Wow Wow" guideline and other potential mechanisms for identifying discomfort when it occurs.

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Minute 23: Young Friends began with worship. Clerk Emi Inskeep introduced the one item, doing a second reading of the Friends discerned to be brought forward as Permanent Nurturers.

One person, Ella Coscia, was contacted late and has accepted her nomination. This announcement served as a first reading of her name, which will be brought to a future Meeting for Worship with attention to business for a second reading.

Ali of Nurture Committee read the following names, seeking approval for each:

Cleo

Dana

Liana

Lili

Sara

Tenaja

These names were approved to serve as Permanent Nurturers.

Minutes were approved.

Afghan Policy

Afghans will be created for those community members who have recently graduated from Young Friends and who have attended at least four Young Friends gatherings, at least one of which must be during their senior year, or between Onas entering senior year and the next Onas/summer gathering. If someone does not meet this, they may contact the clerk of graduation committee if they wish to receive an afghan. The clerk will discern with the committee to approve the creation of this afghan. If approved, they will receive the afghan before they graduate Young Friends.