

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, November 1, 2014

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Meeting for Business opened with a period of silent worship.

Minute 1:

- Emi reviewed the agenda for today's business meeting
- Friends approved agenda

Minute 2:

- Young Friends clerks team proposed using sweatshop made t-shirts, but to use a local printing company. While sweatshop labor isn't ideal, this would be cut costs to individual Young Friends buying t-shirts.
- A young friend asked how much a t-shirt would cost if we used fair-trade t-shirts
- A young friend brought up that they would be willing to spend extra money in order to have locally made t-shirts
- **Friends approved this proposal of paying a little more for their non-sweatshop made t-shirts**
- Hannah listed the colors that we would possibly use for said t-shirts, inviting feedback, although she made it clear that this is not a final decision and this will not be approved at this business meeting
- A young friend proposed using fewer colors for the t-shirts in order to lower costs
- Young Friends proposed using an order form or online survey in order to document the color and size of the t-shirts needed
- **Friends approved this minute**

Minute 3:

- Hannah spoke about a prior gathering where young friends were caught breaking the drug and alcohol guideline. During today's business meeting young friends will be reading their apology letters to the community. Hannah spoke about the young friends community, as a whole, working together to better acknowledge the guidelines.
- Emi spoke about how breaking our guidelines negatively effects our community, our yearly meeting, and others outside of our gatherings, such as parents. Our guidelines are a privilege that need to be respected and enforced in order to keep our community a safe place for those involved.
- Young friends who read their apology letters are not to be judged or negatively looked upon for past actions
- One young friend read their apology letter and it was received by the community
- It was decided that we would come back to this minute at a later time, as other young friends who were not physically present were unavailable at this time due to technical trouble
- **Friends approved this minute**
- Another young friend read their apology letter and **it was received by the community**

- **Friends reapproved this minute**
- A young friend called in and read her apology letter, **it was received by the community**
- **Friends re-reapproved this minute**

Minute 4:

- Emi opened the floor to discussing the drug and alcohol guideline, the tobacco guideline, as well as the technology guideline
- A young friend brought up that they are uncomfortable with the way our tobacco guideline is phrased, particularly the word 'addicted'
- A young friend asked if there is a possibility that young friends could put a sanctuary policy in place in order to make the community safer for those involved in drugs, alcohol, and tobacco use. The sanctuary policy would allow young friends to feel safer about coming forth with their drug, alcohol, and/or tobacco use and would give them a chance to come back to the community in a safe manner. After they are put into sanctuary once, they are no longer allowed to return to sanctuary and further punishment will then be enforced.
- Friends are reminded that they should speak about what they think already applies from the guidelines set in place
- A young friend said that there should be a policy made that if young friends breaks said guidelines there should be a month or so ban of allowing them to return to the community
- In response, a young friend said that they like the way our punishments are enforced
- A young friend believes that having a blanket punishment for said actions would not make sense
- As a clarification Emi stated that we are discussing the drug and alcohol policy
- A young friend brought up putting into place a grace period, where young friends could confidentially hand in illegal substances, but after this grace period punishments would be enforced
- **Friends approved our drug and alcohol guideline**
- Emi read the tobacco guideline that is in place for the young friends community
- A young friend proposed removing the word 'addicted' to 'using' or a more general term
- A young friend brought up that the rule is the same almost everywhere we go in terms of where young friends can smoke
- A young friend said that designated smoking areas should be stated at the beginning of each gathering
- A young friend believes that removing the word 'addiction' would not be a good idea
- A young friend responded to this by saying that using the word 'addicted' is in place in order to show that those who use tobacco have a problem and it's not a choice
- **Further consideration of the tobacco guideline will take place in committee**
- Young Friends are now trying to find a guideline that accurately displays how we feel about technology and how/when it should be used in our community. Once again, we are asking if young friends have particular a issue with this guideline.
- A young friend said that they do not have a problem necessarily with the guideline, but rather how it is enforced within our community, this is something that the committee could possibly discuss.

- **The committee put into place will discuss these guidelines, how they will be enforced, and how we should go about enforcing said guidelines. This committee is not making big changes to our guidelines, but rather discussing how they are enforced. We asked who would be interested in serving on this committee. Lily, Tenaja, Dana, and Hayden said that they would be interested in participating in this committee.**
- **Friends approved this minute**

Friends closed business meeting with silent worship.