

Business Meeting 12/29/13

9:26 Clerk Emma introduced Business Meeting

Moment of Silence

1. Committee Check-in 9:27

Outreach Committee continued to discuss a new logo for Young Friends, a discussion initiated at Onas 2013. They're hoping to take a next step of bringing a design idea to the point person at PYM, and then bring a proposal to a YF Business Meeting. They're holding the idea of a "Quakers: the next generation" logo.

Discernment Committee talked about their processes and timeline, emphasizing taking proper care and not rushing. They talked about putting out a nomination box, but it has not yet been put out. Positions being discerned are the YF Clerks, an Interim Meeting liaison, and Nurturing Committee Clerks. Nominations for new Permanent Nurturers will take place at the next Onas gathering.

Clerk responsibilities: Run BM, prep for BM, interface outside of gatherings to help keep YF running.

Nurturing Committee: Looks out for the wellbeing of the community.

Liaison: Regularly attend Interim Meeting to represent Young Friends in the business of PYM and reports back to Young Friends.

Program Committee came up with theme ideas of: *being in the present, cycles, art and spirituality, early Quakerism as it relates to the world today, getting in touch with nature, modernity versus tradition, and relationships both divine and non-divine.*

2. Scheduling for Fall gathering and Christmas gathering next year 9:43

Hannah introduced the item: In past years the fall gathering happened on the last weekend in October until this year, when the gathering happened the first weekend in November due to MSF now needing the last weekend in October. Next year Peace Fair will be happening under the leadership of Buckingham Quarter, but it will not be an official PYM Young Friends event run by Hannah and Kody. Hannah and Kody want that to succeed, and so will not run a competing event - so next year's schedule goes straight from Onas to the fall gathering. Hannah is asking for feedback on whether to move the Fall Gathering closer to Onas, the third weekend in October, or keep it the first weekend in November.

Young Friends approve of Hannah making an executive decision about next year's Fall gathering timing.

Hannah proposes that next year YF have a shorter Christmas gathering because the gathering usually runs from the 27 to the 30 of December, but Sunday next year falls on the 28, which would cause us to need to clean up the morning after arriving.

Young Friends expressed the importance of having the Christmas gathering last longer, and proposed several ideas to make it work. Many of these had logistical challenges.

Young Friends decided that cleaning up the morning after arriving was preferable to having a shorter gathering, and approved keeping the Christmas gathering for next year on the 27th-30th.

Business concluded.