

## Young Friends Business Meeting Swatara 2015

5-2-15

Clerks: Emi Inskeep and Hannah Blossom

### Minute one:

We started with a moment of silence. Emi introduced our agenda. Friends approved the agenda.

### Minute two:

Hannah B introduced the first item and handed it off to hannah m. She spoke about the program mission and evaluation group and how they are working on recruiting adults to bring an adult perspective. There will be 1 former yf, 1 parent, 1 FAP and multiple YF. They will think about structure and mission of the program based on survey feedback. Just a reminder that this group is coming together and will begin working this summer.

### Minute Three:

Hannah B handed off to sleep committee. Hayden suggested specific sleeping area guidelines to replace the current "one to a bed" and gender neutral spaces:

"Sleep Space: before human is in sleeping bag, the sleeping bag, blanket or other device the person will sleep in must lay completely flat with two-three inches between. depending on the total sleep area space. \*\*

Sleep Committee suggests that in registration there is a written statement explaining that a Young Friend that prefers to sleep in the non-gender sleeping area must email Coordinator Hannah (hmayer@pym.org) and tell Hannah where they would like to sleep for the duration of the gathering. This ensures that people will have to decide where they will sleep before a gathering, but does not make the option for non-gender sleeping available as easily to people who want it as opposed to people who need it for comfort.

during sleeping, Sleep Committee suggests that a FAP walk around every 15-20 minutes. But the individual FAPs should be aware of this responsibility before the gathering so that they can prepare."

Emi asked how sustainable it would be to continue having adults walking around every night, all night. Hannah M is concerned about longer gatherings (annual sessions and onas). It may be difficult to find FAPs to do it. However, it is not entirely off the table and Hannah M is willing to see how it goes.

Hannah B suggests trying out this guideline proposal at the next few gatherings. One friend asked about non gendered cabins at Onas. Committee stated that a non-gendered cabin would have to be requested separately and would not be available upon arrival and must be requested ahead of time.

Clerk Hannah B sensed no concerns with the proposal and we will apply proposal at the next few gatherings.

Minute Four:

Report from Hannah M on YFAYM. Hannah gives a quick overview of the mission of YFAYM. They concluded their work and sent a proposal to the quaker life council. It states the committee will have 2 YFs on it to represent our community, and that YFs will write our own guidelines and have ultimate authority over our guidelines. Currently being considered by implementation committee. We are now laying down YFAYM since their work is finished.

Minute Five:

Emi introduced the threshing of guidelines for Ro3 (having 2 FAPs and 1 YF or vice versa in the same room together as a safety rule) and Respect. Hannah M. explained how Ro3 is a legal and safety requirements that they basically have to do. For Ro3 YF can decide how much they want to implement and assist in maintaining Ro3, but the FAPs will be maintaining it.

A friend brought up that it is important YF enforces this rule because if a FAP with bad intentions were to pass screening they would not adhere to the rule of 3 anyway. Another friend brought up how he was under the impression that it was already everybody's responsibility and it should continue to be.

Emi explains how ultimately we are trying to see if we want to keep the current guideline or find a new way of phrasing them. Emi read the current guideline wording.

It's not only about the adults taking advantage of the YF, but the comfort of the YF as well. It does not say specifically in the guideline that a adult and YF can't be alone. We should spell that out. One friend brought up a concern as a FAP they struggle to remember because they forget and would need help reinforcing it. This guideline is hard because it is hard to tell peoples age by appearance, so we should not be afraid to let people know we are YF or an Adult FAP. Put into the guideline that enforcing the rule is everybody's responsibility. An idea of possibly traveling together in buddies. Make the buddie system more of a suggestion on how to inforce the Ro3 instead of a requirement.

An adult brought up how this Ro3 comes up in different situations. An idea of asking a third party to accompany. As a group we would need to recognize that at times it is important to support each other rather than do what activity may be going on.

Emi thought that we have come to a consensus that we want to spell out what the Ro3 actually means, this rule would be everybody's responsibility to enforce, and to give the suggestion of a buddie system.

Emi introduced the Respect guideline. What do we want this guideline to convey so it fits our community.

One friend brought up adding to the Ouch and Oops rule. To specifically write out that it is ok to meet after this phrase if used to get a clearer understanding of why it was used.

“Listen when others are speaking” → add that people should also not talk while others are speaking. Take action based on what other people say.

Not everything has to be stated in the official guidelines. Somethings should just be a general norm.

Query in comment to respect guideline” “Does the respect guideline go far enough by building an inclusive community at the gatherings?”

We have to be able to trust people and it is not necessary to go into extreme detail.

Emi thought the community had a sense that we want to keep it general, but more specific in certain areas (speaking, listening, taking action)

Friends approved all minutes. Ended with a moment of silence.