

Swatara Minutes 2016

April 30, 2016

Clerk: Sara Sheffer

Recording Clerk: Elanna Reber

The body settled into silence. The body was asked to approve Elanna Reber as recording clerk. This was approved. Clerk Sara reviewed the agenda, and asked for alterations. The agenda was approved.

1. Report from Kody and Hannah about **New York Yearly Meeting high school program.**

- a. Kody and Hannah are visiting other yearly meeting programs to compare and contrast to how the programs run
- b. They visited New York yearly meeting recently and the theme was sailing through high school.
- c. One activity was called “News of Ourselves” where everyone gathered as a whole and people got to share what was happening for in their lives. Another activity was breaking into small groups and talking about struggles during high school. Racism was a prominent theme throughout the time.
- d. The program had lots of resources that didn’t have to be transported, such as their amazing costumes closet. The housing was broken up by small rooms with multiple beds, separated by genders.
- e. The organization was set up as there was one adult assisting in executing the event and one butler that was in charge of just helping the full time cook in the kitchen
- f. Kody and Hannah received questions and feedback
 - i. A friend brought up the idea of PYM young friends joining Kody and Hannah to see how different Yearly Meeting High School programs work. There was lots of interest in this opportunity.
 - ii. Another idea was the possibility of coming together with other Yearly Meetings to do a gathering.
 - iii. A friend ask if there were any policies that would be brought back to our young friends. Hannah expressed interest in the practice of “News of Me”.

2. Report from **discernment committee about Clerks** for next year.

- a. Eliana left the room. A friend from discernment committee brought Eliana’s name to the body to be part of the clerking team for next year. This was approved.