

Business meeting 5/6/17

Clerk: Elianna

Recording clerk/co-clerk: Blue

### **Discernment committee**

Ellie reported on Behalf of Discernment committee. They have discerned Eliana and Jacob for clerks of 2017-2018 school year. **Friends approved of the discernment.**

### **Staff Changes**

Eliana introduced the topic of the staff changes and asked Friends for their opinions and ideas. A friend stated that they thought that writing a minute was a good idea. A friend suggested that we read the YAF minute of concern before writing our own minute and the clerk read a relevant section of that minute. A friend suggested that the proposed YF minute would be more about how the staff changes affect us as a community.

A Friend asked for background on staffing changes in the youth programs and the clerk responded with a sense that staff changes are coming from a place of budgeting issues and a desire to connect the programs with MM. Clerk encouraged the Friend to get more information directly from Zachary Dutton.

The clerk opened the discussion to YF to share what they would want to be included in the minute. The following is a list of ideas given from conversation of clerks and YFs to be drafted later into a minute.

-lack of involvement

- no decision about us without us

- were consulted but not taken fully into consideration

- Proposed idea: joint committee of adults and YF MSF, FP, parents, coordinators

- allow one task to end (sprint) before beginning new ideas

- want PYM to fix issues of the past not just recognize them.

- want an input

- want to know *why*

-How it will change us

- communication from YF to planning staff

- How will it fit to our needs

- less personal

- youth leadership (connection outside of gatherings)

-PYM could have handled connection to MM in a different way other than staff restructure

-more opportunities for volunteer or youth leadership may not effect budget

-the continuity of the current positions have helped YFs with personal and community issues. There is a fear that losing these positions could damage the feeling of safety that many experience.

-an already built relationship with adults who listen to the youth will be taken away.

-many agree with a feeling of betrayal and lack of trust. It has discouraged YF from wanting to connect with the YM

The clerk proposed ideas on how the minute would be written and approved. **It was decided that the clerking team would write it and the final copy would be sent by email to YFs to be approved of.**

**The minutes from Meeting for Business were read and approved.**