

Minutes, Business Meeting, July 29, 2017

Presiding Clerk: Jacob Hoopes

Recording Clerk: Catherine Tatum

Program committee: After splitting from the Native Justice committee, the Program Committee talked about the programming for Onas, the only gathering Kody Hersh is programming ever, and it's going to be super duper fun! A friend on the Program Committee listened the feedback from the last gathering, and a de-stressing pool party and as well as sleeping in will be included on the agenda.

Native: The Native Justice Committee met with program committee and read aloud the minutes of the Onas gathering that discussed the Sweat Lodge, as well as sharing an invitation to have a dinner with a group of Lenape youths during the Christmas gathering. The Native Justice Committee would like to have a workshop beforehand to share with young friends how to best interact with the Lenape youth, explain what would offend them, and questions young friends should and should not ask.

Discernment: The committee discerned who should be the adult clerk and brought the proposal to the group. They discerned Robert Rosenthal with a two year term. A big issue this year was the lack of regular FAPs when discerning, and the group is hoping that we can get more FAPs that attend more regularly and in the third year Robert can advise the new adult clerk.

Epistle: Young Friends approved of doing an epistle this year. A friend offered affinity time as the best time to do the epistle, so that friends could enjoy affinity activities while contributing to the epistle. This way, those who want to contribute had the space to do so while those who wanted to be less involved could still share ideas with the nearby epistle group.

Staff changes: After some friends reminded the group of the staff changes, it was agreed that the epistle would be much more widely spread than a minute as epistles are sent to every yearly meeting. In addition, the epistle would be read in front of Annual Sessions tomorrow. Ultimately, friends agreed that a complete minute could be included in the epistle. In regards to the content of the message, a friend was concerned that the minute would be redundant, as emails have expressed the emotions of friends in the past. Another friend proposed that the minute might not change our current situation but would advise those making these decisions in the future and would perhaps convince them to include Young Friends in future decisions. An epistle committee was then formed, which included Sarah Ennis, Julia Carrigan, Henry Hughes, Catherine Tatum, and Jacob Hoopes.

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Epistle: A friend introduced the epistle to the group. After some adjustments, Friends approved the epistle.