

Young Friends Business Meeting Minutes – 24 August 2018

Presiding Clerk: Julia Carrigan

Recording Clerk: Blue Mitchell

Business Meeting began with an overview of its function and aims by the clerk.

Moment of Silence.

The clerk reviewed the agenda.

Friends approved the agenda.

Report from Discernment Committee

Discernment committee reported that they had discerned a sixth permanurt for the year. They asked Ben Waterhouse to leave the room. A closed eyes vote was taken as to whether Ben would be instated as a permanurt. Some Friends stood aside and it was approved, and Ben was brought back in.

Report from Ad Hoc Nomenclature Committee

A representative stated that the committee had come up with GAP, CAP, KAP, YAP, and decided that GAP (guiding adult presence), and CAP (caring adult presence) were the highest priority.

A friend asked about the status of the googling of the words, a committee member responded that the words had been thoroughly researched.

Friends brought up personal objections to the linguistics used in GAP.

A friend proposed that if friends could not come to consensus then the decision could be given to the community members currently known as “FAPs”.

A Friends expressed their concern with the verb usage of CAP.

Friends expressed that CAP seemed to be a personality description.

The community seemed to be more inclined towards CAP than GAP,

Friends discussed the consideration of how parents would react to the words

Friends affirmed that YAP was a confusing acronym.

A facilitator noted their experience working with youth

The clerk asked for clarification of the terms used for “FAPs” and facilitators; the clerk asked the community if they wanted a more concrete distinction between “FAPs” and facilitators.

Friends suggested that by dividing the terms, it would create unneeded tension between the two.

the clerk asked Friends to reflect on the primary acronyms proposed.

Friends proposed affirming, FAV (friendly adult volunteer) and grounding adult presences as alternatives.

A Friend expressed their dislike of grounding as a semi-controlling word, another Friends disagreed.

The clerk asked the body to give them the words for the discussed acronyms.

The clerk asked the community to narrow down the list

The body eliminated the following in order: Cool, Kind, Affirming

A friend noted that the body didn't need to choose an acronym.

A friend proposed FAV (facilitators and volunteers).

The Clerk noted that the meeting was running overtime and proposed brainstorming other terms and sending the list to the MSF community and to move the decision to an agenda item for the Christmas Gathering.

Clerks are directed to send the list of acronyms to the MSF.

Report from Program Committee

A representative from Program committee spoke on the gathering themes for the year

Christmas gathering: Palestine

Winter gathering: Youth Empowerment

Continuing sessions: no YF theme

Swatara: consent and communication

Annual sessions: no YF theme

Late summer gathering: Violence, nonviolence, and protesting, The themes were approved.

Reflections on Changing Locations of Late-Summer Gathering

The clerk reminded the group of how a downward trend in attendance has led to YF being unable to stay at Camp Onas for the Late Summer Gathering in the near future, and a new location was needed. They shared that a Young Friend from outside of the gathering brought forth aspects such as stars, hills, animals, the pool, fields, and memories, as important characteristics of Onas, and asked the group for other similar suggestions.

A friend proposed putting a pole box out and having the feedback put into it.

A facilitator noted that a box would not give them a sense of the community the same way a business meeting would,

A friend proposed the box as a steppingstone for the process.

Minute from Clerking Team

The clerk shared that the clerking team, including their co-clerk who is not present, would like to propose a minute of appreciation for Hannah Mayer. The minute reads:

The YF community shared the need to minute their appreciation for Hannah Mayer, the co-facilitator, for whom this is the last gathering after more than 8 years of work and service for the Young Friends Community. The Young Friends community releases Hannah from her service with deep gratitude and appreciation, and we send her with light and love into the next stage of her life.

Friends approved

The clerk concluded with a moment of silence.

The body approved of the minutes