

YF Meeting for Business Summer Sessions July 26, 2019

Presiding Clerk (Julia Carrigan) opened Meeting for Business (MFB) with a reading from *Faith and Practice*

Recording Clerk (James Bradley)

1. Intro to MFB & review of MFB practices
2. Friends Journal (FJ) December Issue
 - a. A Friend reporting expressed interest in Young Friends (YF) writing submissions for the FJ December issue
3. Youth Programs Advisory Committee (YPAC) Update
 - a. Presiding Clerk introduced YPAC to the body and lifted up the three members of the YF community serving on YPAC
4. Epistle
 - a. Presiding Clerk opened the floor to discussion of the epistle
 - i. A Friend expressed the openness of the epistle format
 - b. YF approved the writing of the epistle
 - c. Sara, Brenna, Emaline, Alex, Persey, Nola were appointed to the epistle committee
 - d. Friends expressed enjoying the following activities
 - i. Pushed Learning
 - ii. All Together Time (ATT) presentation on enthusiastic consent
 - iii. Engaged conversations on theology
 - iv. Pixie sticks

- v. Snacks
- vi. Mantis shrimp
- vii. Game night with children's programs
- e. Friends expressed concern about the following
 - i. YF expressed wanting the wider PYM community to know that they will no longer be participating in the sweat lodge
- f. Melinda Wenner Bradley (Youth Religious Life Coordinator) offered a binder of Youth Epistles from multiple YMs for YF and MSF to have access to
 - i. Friends approve of moving it to the epistle committee

5. Committee Reports

- a. Discernment
 - i. Discernment nominated two friends to be permanent nurturers for YF
 - 1. Julia and Nola left the room
 - a. Julia and Nola were approved by the body
- b. Outreach
 - i. Minutes from Swatara regarding the forming of the outreach committee were read
 - ii. Outreach drafted a letter to Baltimore Yearly Meeting (BYM) for approval
 - 1. The letter was read to the body
 - a. Friends approved the letter
 - iii. Discussed June 19 as a date to connect- was later ruled out (Father's Day, school schedules)

- iv. Considered places for connecting
- v. Discussed reaching out to a PYM Member connected to BYM
- vi. Proposed the idea of pairing PYM YF to BYM YF to get to know each other
 - 1. Friends expressed interest in this idea
 - 2. Jordan, Rachel, Persey, Charles, Emaline, Julia volunteered to reach out

c. Native Justice

- i. A Friend reported on the sweat lodge and the Lenni Lenape members attending the Peace Fair
- ii. A Friend expressed concern that a letter had not been received by the
- iii. A Friend asked for feedback regarding a land acknowledgment with the Lenni Lenape at the peace fair

6. Cards Against Humanity (CAH) proposal

- a. A Friend sought approval to play CAH with the body at a later gathering
 - i. A Friend expressed concern over others feeling uncomfortable with the constant play of the game
 - ii. A Friend proposed playing only at late night
 - iii. A Friend expressed a limit to the game
 - iv. A Friend lifted up that friends who aren't present may not be comfortable with the game
 - v. A Friend asked how an issue with the game would be addressed

- vi. A Friend proposed possibly filtering the deck of cards to fit the community
- vii. A Friend proposed making a Quaker version
- viii. Friends uplifted using Cards for the Masses or Apples to Apples as possible alternatives
- ix. Designating an area to play was proposed
 - 1. A Friend noted that's not always possible
 - 2. A Friend noted to be careful not to be discluding
- x. The presiding clerk asked for feedback on bringing a more filtered game
 - 1. Friends expressed concern that the game being unfiltered is part of its point
- b. The body approved the reseasoning of the initial proposal to be presented the next business meeting

7. YF Calendar, NY Trip

- a. Melinda presented the new Youth Programs calendar for 2019 on paper and on the PYM Website announcing all the events for the rest of the year
- b. Presiding Clerk accepted the schedule
- c. Melinda announced a new gathering with Youth Service Opportunities Project (YSOP) in New York City over Presidents' Day weekend

8. The clerk opened the floor to the outreach committee

- i. Outreach discussed connecting with BYM with Melinda
 - 1. Outreach agreed to continue looking for possible dates

9. Beyond Diversity 101 (BD101) opportunities with funding - report from Melinda
 - a. Melinda introduced BD101 to YF and lifted up the grant money available for YF interested in attending
10. Facilitator Search- report from Melinda
 - a. Melinda expressed gratitude for Colleen and YF at Sessions
 - b. Expressed the hiring goal for the new facilitator and the details of the process and the commitment
 - c. Announced that Melinda, Aeryn, and Karen will serve on the search committee along with two YF
 - d. Discernment will be charged with nominating those YF
 - e. The clerk lifted up the other opportunities for YF to contribute to the search by uplifting qualities for a facilitator
11. Discussions of the facilitator search for tomorrow's business meeting
 - a. The clerk opened the floor to brainstorm desired characteristics or questions of what the YF could provide the search committee
12. A Friend from Discernment asked for nominations to serve on the search committee
 - a. Sara and Alex were lifted up as willing to serve

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1. Approve the minutes from the MFB on July 26
 - a. The minutes were approved by the Body
2. General Reminders
 - a. Presiding Clerk encouraged YF to take the papers provided by Melinda for the epistle, the BD101 event, and the calendar
 - b. Presiding Clerk reminded Friends to begin coordinating the epistle writing
 - c. Presiding Clerk asked the Body if they would like the Adult Presences to leave the room during MFB
 - d. A Friend expressed that the Adult Presences often don't majorly influence the course of the meeting anyway; therefore, it may not matter whether or not adults are included
 - e. Friends expressed a desire for adults to stay as they ground the meeting
3. Meme Account
 - a. Presiding Clerk asked for approval to pass the work to Outreach Committee
 - i. The body approved this proposal
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Outreach
 - i. Outreach announced June 6 and June 13 as possible dates to propose to Baltimore Yearly Meeting (BYM)
 1. Friends approved these dates

- ii. A friend from outreach read the letter written to BYM YF coordinator
 - 1. Friends approved this letter
 - iii. A Friend from outreach read a proposal for a media team to create a YF Instagram account, explained its purpose, and asked for another member to serve the group
 - 1. Friends approved this request
- b. Program
- i. Program proposed a Superhero theme for the winter gathering
 - 1. Friends approved this theme
 - ii. Program proposed the theme of change for the Christmas gathering
 - 1. This theme was approved with the agreement that Program will continue to work on the name
 - 2. A Friend suggested “Continuing Revelation” as a possible name
 - iii. Friends from Program also proposed an idea for a Q&A to answer Middle School Friends (MSF) questions to be a group activity at later events
 - 1. Presiding clerk proposed sending this idea to Melinda to coordinate a time for YF and MSF to come together
 - a. Friends asked Program to season this idea further
 - i. Friends approved this proposal
- c. Discernment
- i. Discernment sought approval of the nomination of Alex to serve on the search committee for the YF Coordinator

1. Alex left the room
2. Friends approved this nomination and Alex rejoined the body
- ii. Discernment sought tentative approval of Silas pending his acceptance
 1. The body accepted this nomination
- d. Native Justice (NJ)
 - i. NJ reaffirmed the YF decision to not participate in the sweat lodge and having a YF ask the Lenni Lenape for advice for a land acknowledgment at the Peace Fair
 - ii. NJ asked for approval of questions for the Lenni Lenape at peace fair
 1. A Friend expressed concern that peace fair might be too busy for a meeting
 2. A Friend lifted up that we could reach out to Lenni Lenape outside of the peace fair
 3. It was lifted up that Robert may have contact information for the representative attending the Peace Fair
 4. A Friend expressed interest in NJ drafting a letter to Lenni Lenape representatives
 - a. Friends approved NJ deciding how to reach out to the Lenni Lenape

5. Facilitator Discussion

- a. Presiding Clerk asked YF to brainstorm questions and characteristics for the search committee

b. YF were asked to turn to their neighbor and discuss characteristics they would like to see in a facilitator

c. The following characteristics were lifted up

- i. Empathy
- ii. Able to handle high anxiety situations
- iii. Strong leadership while understanding Friends boundaries
- iv. Previous experience with this age group
- v. Friends miss and seek Kody's qualities
- vi. Willingness to learn and be open
- vii. Ability to balance strictness and fun
- viii. Responsibility
- ix. Being nice
- x. Trust us to make our own decisions
- xi. Willing to have fun with YF while knowing the group's boundaries
- xii. Centered and serious spiritually
- xiii. Know how to have a good time and "vibe with us"
- xiv. Understand our religious concepts

1. Friends approved of this list going to the search committee

d. The following questions were brought forward by the body:

- i. Describe a time when you had to deal with a high anxiety situation or a time you had to discipline a group.

1. Friends approved this question

ii. In what ways would you plan on engaging spiritually with the Young Friends?

1. Friends approved this question

iii. Friends approved the Search Committee to change the wording of these questions as the spirit leads

6. Adult Clerk Term Discernment

a. Emma left the room

b. Presiding Clerk summarised the roles of the Adult Clerk

c. Presiding Clerk proposed a one-year initial term for the Adult Term

i. Friends approved this proposal

d. A Friend proposed if any instances occurred before the one year, they can be brought up in MFB

i. Friends approved this proposal