

23rd day, 4th month, 2011
Young Adult Quaker MFWw/AB

Minute One: The Young Adult Quakers of SEYM convened for Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business on 23rd day, 4th month, 2011 beginning with a period of open worship. The clerk reviewed the agenda. Friends approved.

Minute Two: Young Adults Quakers of SEYM feel clear to recommend the continued existence of a YAQ program at yearly meeting sessions. We recognize the importance of having a space to connect, reflect, and draw support from peers. We balance that with the hope that our connection with one another will facilitate, rather than draw us away from, connection with the yearly meeting as a whole.

Minute Three: We discussed our hopes for increased outreach preceding next year's sessions, to let Friends know that this group exists and support them in accessing funding to attend. We intend to communicate with the YM Gathering committee for ideas and support in helping young adults in SEYM be more aware of our presence. We discussed ways to provide supplies and funding for our own program, with an understanding that we will remain open to leadings for programming that might require requesting additional support.

Minute Four: Pending approval by the yearly meeting as a whole, we approve an ongoing structure of two co-clerks who will coordinate programming and clerk meeting for worship with attention to business (with one functioning as a presiding, and the other as a recording, clerk). Other work of the Young Adult Quakers group will be done as a committee of the whole, including discernment of major themes and structural issues in programming, and the nomination of any necessary sub-committees (i.e. an epistle committee). It seems in good order to submit this structure for approval to the yearly meeting as a whole this year, for wisdom and input, and because we are currently under the care of the yearly meeting's Gathering committee. We expect that, in the future, our minutes and nominations would be submitted to the wider yearly meeting for acceptance, rather than approval.

Minute Five: Anne Schmalstig, Elizabeth Croce, and Kody Hersh have agreed to serve as an epistle committee. Friends approved.

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Minute Six: Friends approved the epistle.

Minute Seven: Kody Hersh and Elizabeth Croce have agreed to serve as co-clerks for a term beginning at the end of 2011 SEYM sessions, continuing until the end of 2012 SEYM sessions. Friends approved.

Minute Eight: We recommend that the co-clerks of the Young Adult Quakers program be added to the roster of ex officio SEYM Executive Committee members. Co-clerks will be responsible for presenting this request to the appropriate yearly meeting committees for seasoning. In addition, we minute our intention that, if our request is approved, and as way opens, at least one YAQ co-clerk will attend each EC meeting.

Minute Nine: We wish to minute our sincere gratitude for the ongoing support and care that the yearly meeting has shown for the formation of this program. We particularly thank the Gathering committee for taking our program under its care for this first year.