

Report from Youth Oversight Committee, for Continuing Committee meeting 10/27, McNabb

MEMBERS

YO members rotating off committee: David Wixon, Mike Dennis, past clerks; Javaughn Fernanders, Youth Coordinator

Current active members: Kate Gunnell, clerk, Warwick Dawson, Fariba Murray, Peter Albright; Sara Raffensperger, AYF representative, Rose Dennis, Youth Coordinator

members not active: Faye Anderson (with daughter's graduation), Mark Amos (busy at work/home)

TEEN Participants:

Graduates to AYF: Olivia, Liz Anderson, Jonathon Gaff, all of DGFM; Margeurite Dawson, SLFM

current HSF participants: Gabe Meyer-Lee, SBFM and Claire Gunnell Goode, CCFM/DGFM co-clerks; Mason Astill, (free agent/attender at CCFM) recording clerk, Murphy Beatty EFM, Ava EFM, Lindsay Brubaker NSF, Anna Kintree SLFM, Gavin Robey SLFM, Sean Robey SLFM, Laure Gunnell Goode, CCFM/DGFM, Helen Albright, FVFM, Will Paton, PGFM

Middle Schoolers soon to be participants: Marlena Amos, SIFM, Amal Tamari SLFM, Sebastian Meyer-Lee, SBFM

Discussion

Committee met at Yearly, confirmed ROSE DENNIS as Youth Coordinator, taking over from Javaughn Fernanders, who is spending more time with her growing family. The committee and the teens were very grateful to Javaughn for her work throughout her tenure, and are glad to know that she will continue to be involved with ILYM teens and SBFM. Sara Raffensperger was nominated to committee, and Kate Gunnell nominated as clerk, with former clerks being available for support and direction.

Yearly activities included Pudding Puddle, long walks, and participation in addressing the Yearly meeting house's insulation needs. Planning included development of calendar and Quake discussions.

Work Weekend took place in September and was co-incident with the Environmental Concerns' Committee's meeting. Few teens came. Discussion re benefits of multiple weekend events with question of attendance—decision made to limit number of events

BRQ had good number of teens present, and Quarterlies may want to consider programming needs for that group as well as for the younger children.

BACKGROUND CHECKS were supported as 'industry standard' for adults in any group dealing with minors, and will be discussed with Personnel Committee.

QUAKES:

NOVEMBER in St Louis: progressing well under care of Warwick and Rose. David Wixon has offered to participate in crafts, and out trip is a return to the ever-popular City Museum. Teens are planning on cooking their meals, and participating in activities aiding homeless youth in St Louis.

QTRTM in Evanston: planning ongoing, with thanks to John Knox and EFM for hosting us again. Rose has been in contact with other Youth Coordinators for publicity and planning. Out trips are being considered and again the teens plan on cooking meals.

MARCH: Spring Quake planned for Earlham.

Financial information received from Val and Dawn; fundraising to be further discussed at Quake in November.

Additional support required from ILYM regarding Committee Membership. Mike Dennis has been gracious in providing information and wisdom, David Wixom has been eager to offer teens support and activities. We need more active members on the committee to do the work. Only myself and Warwick were able to take part in the Conference Call meeting, and limited response to emails can make the process of providing direction difficult.

Outreach to teens not currently involved, taking place with Warwick's focused attention on SLFM and their number of teens. Other meetings are being contacted to see where teens are and what their needs might be.

Outreach to parents has been discussed. Being sure that adequate information is posted in several venues with clarity re dates/times/supervision as well as carpooling opportunities, is ongoing. Rose has been instrumental in this. We have challenges with teens having great excitement and energy in the planning and then life hits them hard, with school/work/activities that limit their ability to do all that they would like. Part of the committee task is to facilitate activities and to be sure that parents can have the information as well to be sure their teens are safe, and to be sure that the teens actually get registered for those activities with permission slips/medical info/etc.

Website development is ongoing, with Rose taking lead in managing Facebook, snail mail, and web page. Wil Brandt has been helpful, and Sharon Haworth quite patient, as this process continues.

Additional work on Jr Yearly Meeting House includes completing insulation, consideration of flooring, ?new mattresses.

Much remains to be done, and the enthusiasm of Youth motivates us older members of the committee. Watching the first Meeting for Business immersed in Pudding was an inspiring event. We hope to remain lithe and limber as our teens as we journey together toward a rich and Friendly experience across the generations, bringing more people and more adventure to the tarpaulin of chocolate joy.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Gunnell