

Report from Youth Oversight Committee to Continuing Committee March 2013

Youth Oversight has been fortunate in its constituents: Rose Dennis ably leading as our new Youth Coordinator, Warwick Daw as St Louis quarterback, Peter Albright as Chicago tour guide extraordinaire, Sarah Raffensberg as cultural interpreter, Fariba Murray as craft queen, and Kate Gunnell as clerk. Teen co-clerks are Gabe Meyer-Lee & Claire Goode, assisted by Secretary Mason Astill.

July 2012 had the first known Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business in Pudding in the history of Quakerdom. The minutes for that meeting were somewhat difficult to read through the chocolate, and have alas, been lost. Subsequent minutes were also lost... however the clear enjoyment of each other and the freedom ILYM offered teens was not. Work progressed with great focus and leadership by Mike Dennis on the winterization of the Junior Yearly Meeting House, and teens assisted with meals and cleanup. Teens said a heartfelt goodbye to Javaughn Fernanders as their past YC and welcomed Rose Dennis as new. Co Clerks were Gabe and Claire, Secretary Mason, and treasure role was laid down. Planning for future Quakes included November Quake in St Louis, Jan 2013 QTRTM in Evanston, and Spring Quake hosted for the first time at Earlham.

NOV 2012 Quake was hosted at St Louis. The ever popular City Museum was our Out Trip. Teens learned about Bayard Rustin, St Louis Winter Outreach serving the homeless, and assisted that group by going to a local Laundromat to wash blankets & linens used by people who would stay shelter. There was limited puppychow, and lots of pizza. Teens decided to have tee shirts made as a fund raiser. We hoped this would be an inducement to get registration in early for the upcoming Quakes (cheaper cost if ordered ahead of time!). We also wanted to offer the hard working FAPs a small token of appreciation, and believed by identifying FAPs by their t shirts, there would be more clarity regarding oversight.

JAN 2013 QTRTM was originally scheduled for only three days. Rose determined that our initial attendance was quite low, due to that shortened time. We were able to go back to a 4 day Quake which allowed more distant members to participate. Final count included 34 teens, 8 FAPs, and 2 kitchen FAPs. Teens from many meetings (Downers' Grove, South Bend, Northside, St Louis, Evanston, Southern Illinois, Michigan, Ohio Yearly, and Lake Erie Yearly) have participated in Soap Making, Prayer Flags, visiting downtown Chicago and Belmont Street. A lamp fixture was broken, pizza devoured, indoor Frisbee events banned, and a good time was had by all. Ongoing FAP support was suggested at next Quake.

Tee shirts were sold at this Quake as the first Fund Raising task for these two past years. Many were made, and we did not re-coup the funds at this Quake, but hope to do so as the shirts are sold at subsequent Quakes.

SPRING 2013 will take place at Earlham under the care of Lake Erie Yearly with Rob V as Youth Coordinator. More to follow.

YOUTH OVERSIGHT meetings were at Yearly, and Conference Calls in Sept, December, and February. Given the widely flung committee, we are grateful for the use of the conference calling, and hope to meet in person soon.

Goals for Committee include *Structure* and *Strategic Planning*.

How do we ensure more full representation of meetings and teens at these events? How do we engage teens more substantially? How do we ensure safety, of both teens and adults. (Every large Quake has seen some significant concern regarding tobacco, marijuana, potential for self-injurious behavior, or serious rule-breaking.) How can we train our FAPs and teens in leadership to better manage these issues?

What we have discussed and need:

- Assistance with BUDGET and with WEB SITE

- Additional members to share this exciting work

- Regular communication with Meetings regarding activities

- Increased attendance by teens

- Increased clarity on ILYM website of calendar, activities, contact people

- Development of Manual of Guidelines for FAPs and Guidelines for Teens

- Training for FAPs ?a la the Scouts?

- Background Checks for FAPs

- Development of Tremors for Junior High teens

- Increased Fund Raising to support teen attendance at FGC, Quakes

Upcoming Calendar

Spring	May 24-26 Earlham
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Yearly	June 19-23
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Nov	Nov 8-10 St Louis
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Jan	Jan 17-20 QTRTM 2014
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BUDGET:

Nov Quake ~\$800.00 donated
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JAN Cost: ~\$1722
 Intake 1470
 total -\$252 (we have many tshirts left,
expect to recover this money at next Quake with shirt sales)