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Hosted by Ann Arbor Friends Meeting

Present: Sally Weaver Sommer (Broadmead - Finance), Olwen Pritchard (Broadmead - Youth & Children), Mathilda Navias (Broadmead - Yearly Meeting Worker), Nancy Taylor (Ann Arbor - Peace), Thomas Taylor (Ann Arbor - Nominating), Rosemary Coffey (Pittsburgh - Publications & Archives), Eric Starbuck (Pittsburgh - Treasurer), Becky Morehouse (Ann Arbor - Adult & Family Program), Elaine Wilson (Ann Arbor - Ministry & Nurture), Mike Hinshaw (Wooster - Advancement & Outreach), Phil Clampitt (Birmingham - Earthcare), Jon Sommer (Broadmead - Arrangements & Site), Peggy Daub (Ann Arbor - Clerk), Merry Stanford (Red Cedar - Asst. Clerk, recording)

1 Worship

Friends gathered for worship at 7:15 pm.

2 Check-in

Friends shared brief updates regarding things that are influencing them deeply at this time.

3 Approval of Minutes

After a brief consideration, Friends approved the minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting, held in October 2010.

4 Executive Committee Minutes

Clerk asked Executive Committee to consider how we might make the minutes available more quickly by web, in order to make our business as transparent as possible, especially in the case of the fall meeting. We agreed to approve, at the meeting, the wording for decisions made. Clerk will ask for approval on the body of the minutes by email. Where there is no unity, clerk will schedule a conference call to discern wording and approve the minutes. It is the Executive Committee's intention to have the approved minutes available on the LEYM website within six weeks after the meeting. *Friends approved this minute.*

5 Date for Representative Meeting 2012

Friends accepted Clerk's naming of March 31, 2012, for the next Representative Meeting. Clerk invited Friends to ask their Monthly Meetings to consider hosting.

6 Naming Committee

Clerk asked Friends to name qualities that should be considered in appointing Friends to Naming Committee. Friends identified that it is important for members of the Naming Committee to know Friends in the Yearly Meeting, and that it is helpful to have been on Nominating Committee in the past. Mathilda suggested checking her new book on Quaker processes and procedures for additional guidance.

7 High School Teen Retreat Program Coordinator Position

Cari Burke has been accepted into a doctorate program out of state, and will be stepping down from the coordinator position. We are very impressed with Cari's ability to plan programs and connect with teens. A higher level of activity on the part of the High School Teen Retreat Program Committee and additional support of other adult Friends would be very welcome for this important program. Friends were asked to provide input to Peggy Daub regarding process and candidates to find a replacement for Cari. Merry Stanford will oversee the recruitment and hiring of a new Coordinator.

8 Consultation

LEYM has conducted two consultations for monthly meetings within LEYM, one for ministry and

nurture committee clerks, and one for monthly meeting clerks. Clerk asked us to consider having a consultation for Friends who work with children and youth in our meetings. Mathilda raised a question about including Friends who work with youth and children at yearly meeting. Friends were in agreement with the concept. The clerks have been responsible for the consultations in the past, and they will consider the matter further.

9 Evaluation of our Change in Schedule

Clerk asked us to consider how we might evaluate the change in the Annual Meeting schedule, from mid-June to late-July, that was first implemented in 2010. Suggestions for ways to evaluate included: providing questionnaire at Annual Gathering; including a questionnaire in the Bulletin; assessing how many new attenders and repeat attenders we had last year and this year in comparison to previous years. The evaluation from last year asked, "If this was your first time to attend LEYM Annual Meeting, what contributed to your decision?" Rosemary suggested adding options to the question: free for kids, date of the meeting, etc. Jon reported that the total attendance in 2010 was 173, higher than the previous year. Olwen reported that 31 children attended. There was not much interest in an online questionnaire. Sally suggested using the MM representatives to gather information.

10 Close

Meeting closed with a brief period of worship at about 9:00 pm.

Peggy Daub, Clerk
Merry Stanford, Assistant Clerk