

## Representative Meeting, April 4, 2020 – Via Zoom

RM2020-01 Bill Wartens explained the use of the tools we are using for this virtual meeting: Zoom and Trello.

RM2020-02 Friends in attendance settled into a period of open worship.

RM2020-03 The roll of attendees was called and recorded.

Akron MM – 0  
Ann Arbor MM – 6  
Athens MM – 1  
Birmingham MM – 3  
Broadmead MM – 7  
Cleveland MM – 0  
Delaware MM – 0  
Detroit MM – 1  
Erie Worship Group – 1  
Grand Rapids MM – 0  
Granville MM – 0  
Holland MM – 0  
Indiana Worship Group – 0  
Kalamazoo MM – 2  
Kent MM – 0  
Manitou Worship Group – 0  
Mid-Ohio Valley MM – 0  
North Columbus MM – 3  
Oberlin MM – 2  
Pine River Worship Group – 0  
Pittsburgh MM – 3  
Red Cedar MM – 2  
Somerset Worship Group – 0  
Tustin Worship Group – 0  
Waysmeet Worship Group – 0  
Wooster MM – 0  
Unaffiliated – 0  
Ken Stockbridge - guest Baltimore YM

RM2020-04 **Program Committee** - Thomas Taylor reported.

A minute to hold the annual sessions virtually this year was approved.

RM2020-05 **Clerk's Report** - Jo Posti

Jo reported on committees willing to postpone discussion. See Committee reports posted to Trello inbox and responses to survey sent out to meetings.

RM2020-06 **Treasurer's Report** - Tom Kangas reported.

The report is available on Trello. Invested money has declined 17% in value. Meeting reps are asked to assess their meetings' financial positions as we consider MM contributions. The Finance Committee

proposes that the budget for 2020-21 duplicate the budget for 2019-2020. This proposal will be brought to the yearly session.

**RM2020-07 Finance Committee** - Joe Mills reported.

The Committee recommends that the travel fund be reinstated. The report was accepted.

**RM2020-08 Ministry & Nurture.** Shelley Kotz reported.

Bill Warters has been invaluable in organizing and hosting worship meetings, but attendance has declined, probably as monthly meetings have made their own arrangements. The report was accepted.

Discussion:

Shelley reported that the online Sunday meeting at 10am has met three times with Bill Warters as host, with participation of 17, 6 and 5 people each week and new people joining each week.

Committee invited to consider shifting online worship to midweek to see if that might meet a need (taking into account already scheduled meetings at the other meetings).

Committee invited to consider distinguishing roles of host (tech) and clerk (holding worship in prayer, opening, closing).

Committee invited to work out how to sign up and manage volunteer hosts and clerks.

Committee invited to consider how else to support online worship in member meetings as well as LEYM.

If individual meetings are willing to host worship, they should let M&N know. There was discussion of how long this ministry should be maintained, especially given that new people have appeared each week.

There was also discussion of the differing functions between on-line meeting host and meeting clerk.

Perhaps holding mid-week meetings would lessen "competition" with Monthly Meetings.

**RM2020-09 Executive Committee:**

Given the uncertainty of how business sessions will look in the near future, EC recommends that Executive Committee make decisions needing immediate action, for example budget decisions, on behalf of the Yearly Meeting until the Yearly Meeting can ratify them. This proposal is approved.

**RM2020-10 EarthCare and Peace & Justice** - Mey Hasbrook

Mey raised a concern regarding the ways in which EarthCare and Peace & Justice might coordinate. They wish to be released from the usual functions those Committees pursue in order to form a working group to discern way forward in coordinating. Friends approve this proposal.

Discussion: For the committees, Mey proposes: 1. releasing the two committees from their assigned responsibilities; 2. forming an ad hoc committee or working group to consider how these two committees might more flexibly serve the YM. 3. proposes a fuller proposal with timeline for the working group to be brought in July, including how these committees and the working group would be represented in Executive Committee. (Clemence Mershon volunteers to be this conduit.)

The functions usually held by these two committees might be held by other bodies, such as FWCC, until a restructuring proposal of the two committees is worked out and presented to the YM. The working group would need to have a member on Executive Committee.

**RM2020-11 Detroit Friends Meeting** - Joel Ottenbreit reported.

Regarding Detroit Friends Meeting's progress toward securing a worship space: the city has awarded the

meeting \$300,000, but this doesn't go far to construct a new space. The Meeting is looking at space-sharing possibilities.

RM2020-12 The Clerk closed the meeting with a period of open worship.