Coordinating Committee Report

The NPYM Coordinating Committee met in October at Multnomah Meeting house and in March at Olympia Meeting house. The Coordinating Committee supports and enriches the life of NPYM. It is the venue where Standing Committees and Monthly Meetings share about their work and inspiration. The committee identifies and links converging and emerging issues, and offers support to groups within NPYM. In addition, the committee provides support and oversight to NPYM Standing Committees. CC meetings are meetings for worship with a concern for business, and members participate in discernment and decision-making according to the good order of Friends, under the leading of the Spirit. All members of CC bring their experience from their committees and Monthly Meetings as they share together in the work on behalf of NPYM. One of the charges from the 2016 Annual Session was to develop a job description for a paid web keeper. We formed an ad hoc committee to prepare a recommendation to the executive committee on how to proceed. As a result of this work, the yearly meeting has hired a web keeper who is working as a contract employee.

The seasoning of the gender inclusivity minute was discussed at both the fall and spring meetings and a modified minute is on the agenda for this annual session.

The nominating committee’s never ending task of filling the officers and committees for the yearly meeting means that we are presented for approval, some nominees at each CC meeting. The executive committee handles these nominees between CC meetings. One point of clarification on representatives to Quaker organizations, FCNL, AFSC, and FWCC all require the representatives to be members of the Society of Friends. This does limit our candidate pool since we have active, qualified and interested attenders who have not yet become members.

Lucretia Humphrey called our attention to a Friends Journal article that described how New England Yearly Meeting uses a “pay what you can” method to finance their annual session. After much discussion and excitement, we appointed an ad hoc committee to discuss how we could implement something similar for the 2018 annual session.

This past year, the coordinating committee performed its duties as expected, being a place where we can hear rising concerns, discuss ongoing issues and make connections among the monthly meetings and the yearly meeting with its many standing committees.

Respectfully submitted
Otis Kenny
CC Clerk