

2013:6: ad hoc Committee on Children's Program Staff

Minute of Exercise (questions, comments and concerns from the plenary floor):

Has research been done into Pacific YM re their experience with a paid coordinator? Yes, with several YM's that have paid staff. In general they are used to support older youth--teens. We have strong program for that age group and our need is for younger children.

A Friend expressed the importance of the children's program. I am concerned that the need for youth programming becomes necessary when children reach middle school. Multnomah has a paid coordinator and it has been valued. Jonathan responded that Central and Junior Friends Programs are important. Hiring this coordinator will free up the Youth Committee to enhance those programs.

A visitor from Pacific YM who has experience--they have separate committees for working with the programming in the meetings and at the Annual Session.

If we can't find one volunteer...are we living our lives in a way that allows us to accept the call when it comes or are we so busy that we don't have the ability to do that.

This appears to be for Annual Session coordination but it is funded by assessment to all, might it be more appropriate to raise the cost to attenders at Annual Session. Jonathan answered that that was considered and that there is another committee working now to make the Annual Session more affordable. The sense the committee got is that the Annual Session benefits the Yearly Meeting as a whole and so it is appropriate that the Yearly Meeting as a whole should support the position, and not just attenders at the Annual Session.

Room 208 -- Alumni Room at University Center is the location of the meeting for Friends to talk to members of the Committee. Jonathan indicated that Committee members are available at other times.

Hope was expressed that the Committee has invited people to this meeting who had experience "back in the day."

Are there issues about how much we want to spend on our children locally and how much to spend at the Annual Session.

Are we hoping to make a decision on this at this Annual Session? Jonathan replied that is correct.

What is the current assessment to support NPYM. \$48 per member per year.

The Minute of Exercise was approved as complete and faithful to the sense of the questions, comments and concerns from the plenary floor.