ad hoc Committee on Children's' Program Staff

Should the funding of the cost of this position come totally from the assessment or should it be provided in part from an increase in Annual Session registration?

Opportunity for those without children of their own to provide support and care for the Yearly Meeting's children.

Consideration of a paid staff person reflects economic changes that make traditional reliance on volunteers a struggle.

Desire expressed to be part of a community that embraces and supports children and families. Increasing registration fees creates another barrier to attending.

This is a well thought out and researched proposal that meets an important need in our yearly meeting.

A paid coordinator will bring a spiritual gift to the teachers and other volunteers, strengthening the program by supporting their work. Move forward and leave room for divine intervention with the finances.

I owe much to the adults who supported me when I was young and hope such support can continue to be available to children in this yearly meeting.

The yearly meeting was vital to the growth of my grown children. Coming up with the funding to attend is a continuing struggle. This coordinator supports activities throughout the year.

Hope expressed in my monthly meeting that the person hired be a Friend.

This is not a magic solution without all of our participation. This person will not take responsibility from/for us. This person is going to coordinate the efforts of the team made up of all of us.

A two year pilot may not be long enough to get a good idea of how it's
working. a year to get up and running, a year to evaluate.

We have experience in our monthly meeting with the kind of work this staff person will do. Our person was an Earlham grad but not a Friend. It was great. We no longer have enough children to provide this support but the yearly meeting does.

The manner of funding is beyond Children's Committee, and we need a mechanism to look at the budget overall to see whether an increase in assessment is the best way to fund this.

Tweaks re funding can developed during the pilot phase.

An understanding of children and teens is a necessary qualification for those filling this position.

Way too broad an age range (teens are not the same as babies), George Fox knew what he was doing when he refused to hire, are we losing an opportunity to develop our spirituality to deepen it?

Process re vision and structure included inquiry whether we were spending our money in accord with our values. Children's program was the highest priority expressed by Friends.

This is an opportunity to support at least one young adult Friend by providing them a part time job.

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