

Sessions Committee
2017 Fall Sessions NOTES
Sunday, November 12

Present: Lucinda Antrim, Cheshire Frager, Linda Houser, Sunfire Kazmayer, Melanie-Claire Mallison, Steve Mohlke, Doug Way

Visitors: Alice Coulombe, Peter Phillips, Claire Simon

Regrets: Jeffrey Aaron, Martha Gurvich, Sylke Jackson, Dawn Pozzi, Helen Garay Toppins

201711-01. We began with a moment of worship.

201711-02. With no recording clerk on hand, Melanie-Claire simply took notes of our meeting

201711-03. Alice and Claire reported on these Fall Sessions on behalf of the All Friends Regional Meeting Host Task Group (HTG). They were grateful to have the experience of the 2013 Fall Sessions HTG as a starting point for planning the 2017 Fall Sessions. Our Spring Fall Sessions Coordinator and Liaison was helpful and patient in assisting the work. A total of 142 people registered to attend, including six youth.

201711-04. Melanie-Claire reminded everyone that they have received the minutes from our October 2017 meeting. The committee approved those minutes without change.

201711-05. Doug Way reported that a Pay as Led process has to be held over to the 2019 Summer Sessions, because of the complexity of finding appropriate software for such a venture and making sure it dovetails correctly with the NYYM Office database and software. Steve Mohlke, Chad Gilmartin, Helen Garay Toppins, and more, will work with Doug on this issue.

201711-06. Cheshire Frager reported for our Internal Nominating Subcommittee. [1] Steve is recommended as a member of the Pay as Led Ad Hoc Group. APPROVED. [2] The subcommittee recommends that the Pay as Led Ad Hoc Group be “upgraded” to the Pay as Led Subcommittee with the following charge:

The Pay as Led Subcommittee of the NYYM Sessions Committee is charged with developing a procedure for implementing a Pay as Led process for NYYM, with particular attention to:

- [1] Identifying optimal registration and financial operations;
- [2] Identifying software or other platforms / mechanisms to be used;
- [3] Identifying a time-line for implementation;
- [4] Presenting a full report to Sessions Committee whenever requested.

APPROVED

The Pay as Led Subcommittee members currently are: Melanie-Claire Mallison, Steve Mohlke, and Doug Way.

201711-07. Melanie-Claire reported that the NYYM treasurer and assistant treasurer have requested first, a detailed explanation of the complimentary stays included in the Silver Bay contract and how they are used to seed the Equalization Fund (EQ), and second a detailed explanation of how the EQ is funded, used and accounted for. Melanie-Claire has been working with the Finance Subcommittee (Helen and Linda) to create these documents. They hope to present something at the next meeting of Sessions Committee.

201711-08. Peter Phillips brought a report that he has been talking to Oliver Waterhouse of Britain Yearly Meeting about attending our 2018 Summer Sessions. Peter is hoping that NYYM can help fund Oliver's trip to bring his work with alternative paths to membership to our discussion of this same issue. To this end, Peter has spoken to Ministry CC and Liaison Committee, and now brings the concern to Sessions Committee. Melanie-Claire voiced her opinion that Oliver would bring a great deal of useful, larger picture, experience to NYYM and offered to work with Peter on making the visit happen. While Sessions Committee cannot necessarily pay for Oliver's travel, we have options to offer regarding his Summer Sessions housing that can be helpful to the situation. Peter was encouraged and agreed to work with Melanie-Claire

201711-09. This being the last meeting after a long weekend and longer day, Melanie-Claire asked for a simple, quick hands around the circle and then released friends to their travels home.

NOTES submitted by
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