

Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting Executive Committee
November 3, 2018
Earlham College

1. Opening worship

2. Roll Call

Officers

Presiding Clerk: Martha Viehmann
Assistant Presiding Clerk: Betsy Neale
Recording Clerk: Terre Holada
Assistant Recording Clerk: John Edminster
Treasurer: Wilson Palmer
Assistant Treasurer: Dale Hayes sends regrets
Statistician: Frank Huss sends regrets

Committee Clerks

Adult Young Friends: (no representative)
Auditing: Veronica Frost sends regrets
Braddock Fund: Wilson Palmer
Budget & Finance: Steve Angell
Earthcare: (no representative)
Faith & Practice: Rex Sprouse via Zoom
Nominating: Rhonda Pfaltzgraff-Carlson
Peace & Social Concerns: Richard Mitchell
Personnel: Steve Angell
Religious Nurture & Education: Nikki Coffey-Tousley sends regrets
Web Administrator: Lonny Burger not present
Yearly Meeting Planning: Carol Simmons
Youth Services Committee: David Funck via Zoom

Quarterly Meeting Clerks

Miami: Peter Hardy via Zoom
Whitewater: Terre Holada

Monthly Meeting Representatives

Bloomington: Elaine Emmi via Zoom
Campus: (no representative)
Clear Creek: Cathy Habschmidt
Community: Eric Wolff
Dayton: Nikki Coffey-Tousley sends regrets
Eastern Hills: Wilson Palmer
Englewood: no representative
Fall Creek: Diann Herzog sends regrets
Fort Wayne: Terre Holada

Lafayette: (no representative)
Lexington: Richard Mitchell
Louisville: Chris Harmer sends regrets
Miami: (no representative)
North Meadow: Dinah Duvall sends regrets
Oxford: Doug Jones
White Rose: (no representative)
Yellow Springs: Deb K. and Tim Morand

Staff

Administrative Secretary: Deborah Jordan
Youth Secretary: Kaia Jackson

Visitor

Jamie Young from Oxford Friends Meeting

3. In order for newcomers to feel at ease, Clerk Martha said we need to be more explicit about how we do things. She went on to explain the roles of the Executive Committee and where minutes can be found.

4. Yearly Meeting Planning, Carol Simmons

The theme will be "Navigating the Depths of our Sacred Connections." We want to focus on spiritual healing. One of the plenaries will be a panel focused on spiritual healing. The dates will be June 19 - 23rd and the location will be Earlham College. "Save the date" cards will be sent before the end of the year. Workshop proposals are welcome. The forms will be online soon, they will be due by the end of the year.

5. Sexual Misconduct Task Force, Betsy Neale

The committee is in place but has not met yet. Gail Koehler, Ellen Galbraith, Adam Funck, Bill Cahalan, Chris Harmer, Susan Lee Barton, Kaia Jackson and Joanna Badagliacca are on the committee. In October, aAt a retreat of the three Kentucky Meetings there was an interest group on this subject. That information is added to the committee's resources. This committee may also have a workshop at next year's sessions. One of the duties of this committee is to have a written policy for handling this issue. Also educating the yearly meeting; queries and discussion questions will be written. A friend was concerned that there are people out in the greater community wondering if the Yearly Meeting is doing anything about this issue. It was suggested that something be written and sent to the membership on our steps taken so far.

6. Nominating Committee, Rhonda Pfaltzgraff-Carlson

The committee met this morning and they are about their work. Individual questions may be directed to her.

7. Auditing Committee, Veronica Frost

Martha read the report. The audit committee met with Wilson Palmer on October 26, 2018. The accounts for the previous year were reviewed and were found acceptable.

8. Treasurer's Report, Wilson Palmer

The spreadsheet was sent out. There was a question about Friends Worldwide Committee for Consultation. It is listed as a triennial travel fund which isn't exactly accurate, but they will still have worldwide meetings in years divisible by four. They are now called International Representative Meetings.

9. Martha visited Bloomington Monthly Meeting with Steve Angell. It was a wonderful time. This is a reminder for us to visit other Monthly Meetings. Steve added that he traveled as a member of the Clerk's support committee. Martha said that she too is available to visit if a MM wishes. John Edminster and his wife have been visiting Fall Creek for their First Sunday additional 1pm worship. He reports that it is spiritually rich and deep. When Friends travel, the Religious Nurture and Education Committee would like to know.

10. Lynn Knight, Earlham College Director of Events and Operations

Summer of 2019 will bring changes. The kitchen and dining hall and rooms A and B will be closed due to work on the HVAC system. The cafe will be open to get the food and people can eat in a few neighboring rooms and outside. Trays will be available. The menus will not be very different. The biggest change will be that there will be more of a walk to be seated after you get your food. The Comstock room will not be available for large group activities. There may also be another cafe open for more choices. There will be ice cream! Staff will be available to help carry trays. The food will be on paper products. They are working on sustainability issues. The planning committee will be discussing other options. Prices will remain the same with the usual 3% increase. The tap cards for the dorms will be used for the meals instead of a person taking count at the door. Thanks were given to Lynn for taking the time to meet with us.

11. Miami Quarter, Peter Hardy

Peter agrees wholeheartedly that we need to proceed by being sure that all Friends understand what is going on. He is honored to be clerk and has visited one Monthly Meeting already. A Friend within the quarter has contacted Peter about issues between this individual and a monthly meeting. Peter has listened to this Friend's concern and offered support to the MM. Deborah Jordan asked Peter to write something to be added to the large email that will be going out in November.

12. Whitewater Meeting, Terre Holada

Joint Quarter Meeting had to be cancelled due to not enough registrations. A Friend said perhaps the event needs to be more deliberate. Kaia Jackson brought up concerns about support for the clerk and the committee. Maybe we need to have a venue that would not be dependent on registration. Childcare plans should be made early and communicated to families. Martha explained that Joint Quarter is basically a social event to establish relationships between members of different Monthly Meetings. All the fun and none of the stress. The host quarter is responsible for arranging for child care. Funding is in the YM budget (for childcare). The clerk asked quarterly meetings to discuss the future of JQ meeting at their next meetings. Miami should decide if they want to host in 2019 or wait until 2020. Maybe Terre and Peter can meet with a few other people like Martha, Kaia, Steve Angell and Richard Mitchell to discuss what came up at those meetings.

13. Youth Secretary, Kaia Jackson

Quake that Rocks the Midwest, January 18 -20th 2019, hosted by Illinois Yearly Meeting. Cost is not an issue as IYM is willing to cover costs of any youths that wish to attend. Kaia is going and hoping some of our youth will be going with her. She will be getting the information out to our families. She has brochures about our youth outreach in OVYM. Friends are asked to share these in their meetings. The brochure is available electronically too. Kaia will be visiting meetings and passing out the brochures also. She is planning a community event on November 18th at Community Friends in Cincinnati for energy building and giving youth (and parents)

space to be together and know that there is a program in place for them. She is hoping that MMs or QMs can offer a venue where youth and adult engagement workshops can happen. Feedback from the community is always welcome. She also wants to be involved in the task force on sexual misconduct with an eye on how that affects our youth. Friends are asked to communicate with families with youth all the efforts of this committee and hope they can attend November 18th.

14. Discussion: What value does the Yearly Meeting bring to your Monthly Meeting? How can we share that value?

15. Reports were accepted and minutes were approved.

Announcements

Jamie Young, Christine Snyder and Richard Mitchell will be attending the FCNL Yearly meeting gathering.

Conversation Circles from Religious Education are Nov 13th and 15th via webinar.

Veronica Frost's husband has been diagnosed with head and neck cancer and she asks Friends to hold them in the Light.

Reverend Barber was in Lexington last night.

The report on systemic racism is now available from FGC. There is concern of the report being read without context.

Sydney McBride Executive Director of Ohio Living Quaker Heights wrote that she valued Quaker support from the past and she would like that support to continue, not just financially, but as board members.

The meeting closed to convene at 10am on February 2nd via Zoom.

There was closing worship.