

Minutes of Special Meeting Online of SCYM Friends to Determine How to Conduct our 2020 Sessions in the Fall

Present: Gerald Jimmy (Dallas), clerk; Karen Takemoto (Fayetteville), associate clerk; Bill Sweet (San Antonio); Pat Sweet (San Antonio); Mary Hampton (Austin); Terry SoRelle (Austin); Edwin Campbell; Leada Deitz (Live Oak); Paula Keefe (Dallas); Jane Houser (Live Oak); Scott Carmack (Norman); Denise Wilkinson (San Antonio); Kevin King (Live Oak); Anne Collins (Stillwater); Tom Ivash (Austin); Larry Marcotte (Lafayette); Robin Mueller (Georgetown); Jimmy Prior (Live Oak); Miriam Mulsow (Lubbock), Jan Michael (Stillwater); Val Liveoak (San Antonio); John Coffin (Little Rock) and Liz Yeats (Austin), acting recording clerk. [Others were present but their faces not showing they were not recorded on the video, sorry.]

Gerald Jimmy, clerk, opened the meeting with worship. He asked if Friends would be willing to record since the recording clerk can't attend. Friends agreed to be recorded.

Fall Postponed Yearly Meeting: The clerk introduced the topic of whether we should meet face to face in the September at Greene Family Camp or move our 2020 sessions to an online platform. Several Friends said they feel it would not be safe for them to travel and to meet face to face now at Greene Family Camp now because of the COVID19 pandemic. We agreed it was not possible to know what the situation would be by the end of September. Most of the Friends on the call were in the over 60 age group who are more vulnerable.

One Friend asked why we can't do a combined session, with some gathering face to face at Greene Family Camp. Karen Takemoto, Associate Clerk, said she had heard from the treasurer that we would have to pay for the number of attenders we originally anticipated when we signed the contract. Friends suggested that the camp might not hold us to the contract in this situation but lacking enough information we don't know what the financial implications would be if we went ahead with the contract.

A friend pointed out that we need certain volunteers on site to run the yearly meeting. Discussion continued. Friends brought up many possibilities including having some Friends meet face to face in at a large meeting house to participate and investigating technology beyond Zoom. Some of the discussion surrounded the pros and cons of using Zoom or other online platforms. Friends agreed that though the chances for fellowship are diminished online, this contact is meeting the need for some and keeping our meetings together in this challenging time.

We recognized this meeting will need to be planned differently, taking into account using the technology and changes in schedule that will require. We will need to add extra people to the Yearly Meeting Planning Committee to deal with scheduling changes we need to make and the technical aspects of having the meeting online. Friends from AR/OK Quarter have the responsibility of planning the adult program. Youth Program Support Committee will plan youth and children's program. They have already resumed that planning.

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Friends decided that we would not meet at Greene Family Camp in September. The YM planning committee is asked to begin planning for a Fall 2020 yearly meeting session to include online and possibly in person aspects. They will include others in the planning as needed.

We will ask the treasurer to arrange with Greene Family Camp to meet at Easter in 2021. The minute was approved.

We ended with some moments of worship.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Yeats, acting recording clerk