

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING ANNUAL MEETING
March 23 & 24, 2012 – Plainfield, Indiana

Friday, March 23 2012, 8:00 pm EST in Plainfield, IN.
Western Yearly Meeting Conference Center

The following members were present:

- David Hadley
- Luanne Hagee (Clerk)
- James Lehman Jr. (Membership Clerk)
- David MacIlwraith (Recording Clerk)
- Tim Mullady
- Dan Nelson (Assistant Clerk)
- John Norris (Treasurer)
- Tom Taber
- Betsy Wenny

Luanne Hagee called the meeting to order.

The meeting began with introductions.

Dan Nelson read from Organization and Procedures.

Scouting Reports

Girl Scouts USA, Betsy Wenny

- 100 year anniversary celebrations
- National Convention was held in Houston, Texas. 10,000 plus attendees.
- At the convention, the new Girl Scouts national religious pin was launched. It's called "My Promise, My Faith".
- Journey's program now has accompanying skill building badge activity sets for each grade level.
- Rock the Mall, the final 100th anniversary event will be held in Washington, D.C. in June.

Boy Scouts of America, Jim Lehman

- Uniform upgrades
- Cub Scouts/ Boy Scouts/ Varsity/ Venturing/ Learning for Life
- Adult training is adjusted - YPT now required
- AP hill is no longer the home for the Jamboree - Summit will now host this.

- Eagle project requirement change.
- Tim Mullady reported on the Duty to God program.

Scouts Canada, Dan Nelson

- New Uniform
- Youth Safety Push

Girl Guides Canada, Prepared by Jane Stokes (read by Luanne)

- Girl Guides of Canada continues to offer girls and women in Canada a blend of traditional programming (lots of camping, crafts, service projects and, of course, interest badges) and challenges/crests related to current issues for girls and women.
- Some of the more “current” challenges cover issues such as bullying and social aggression, body image and healthy and equal relationships.
- Canadian guides have a peace badge which includes learning about leaders in peace and taking part in a peace walk or rally.
- GGC is working hard on making sure that we are accessible to all girls and women in Canada.
- GGC is welcoming to members of all sexual orientations.

Meeting was adjourned.

**Friday, March 24 2012, 9:00 am EST in Plainfield, IN.
Western Yearly Meeting Conference Center**

The following members were present:

- Kim Acquaviva (via Skype)
- David Hadley
- Luanne Hagee (Clerk)
- Alan Harnish
- James Lehman Jr. (Membership Clerk)
- David MacIlwraith (Recording Clerk)
- Tim Mullady
- Dan Nelson (Assistant Clerk)
- John Norris (Treasurer)
- Tom Taber
- Betsy Wenny

Luanne called the meeting to order and called for a brief moment of silence.

Committee Appointments

Luanne sought committee approval on the following positions:

- Friends Emblem Review Committee - Tom Costello, Bart McLeroy
- Recording Clerk - David MacIlwraith
- Religious Relationship Task Force BSA - Tom Taber
- 2013 Jamboree Chaplains - Tim Mullady and Jim Lehman

Approved

2011 FCS Annual Meeting Minutes

Luanne sent the 2011 minutes out ahead of the meeting for review. The following items were discussed:

- Correction of minor typos
- Promotional items - Tim looking into inexpensive patches.
- Luanne Contacted PRAY and has all awards 1994 - present. Dennis Clarke sent Luanne 1989 - 1993 award recipients, so we now have a complete listing of all who have received Friends awards.
- Jim will send out membership letter.
- 25th anniversary patch (discussed later in the meeting).
- Spanish translation (discussed later in the meeting).
- Jamaica (discussed later in the meeting).

Minutes were approved with thanks to Tim Mullady for his work as Recording Clerk.

2011 Report to Friends World Committee on Consultation (FWCC)

Luanne created an annual report for the FWCC. She has emailed it out to everyone. FWCC will find a way to share this report.

Treasurer's Report

John Norris presented the following Treasurer's report:

Beginning Balance (2/15/2011):	\$653.91
Income	\$822.95
Expenses	\$55.00
Ending Balance	\$1421.86

The following were discussed:

- Did we get what we should of from PRAY?
- PRAY paid \$145.95. They only paid the amount of the award, not the testing fee, so they had to go back and correct.

Report was accepted.

Outreach Report

Jim Lehman presented the following membership/ outreach information:

- Thirty members on the list as "active".
- Added 4 new members.
- Have 30 patches, 30 pins, 15 signed membership cards.
- Brochures need updating - can use stickers to correct with email address, physical, PRAY needs updating. Level of incorrectness may warrant replacement. (*See New Business below for further discussion.*)
- Display - 2 displays large and small. Pictures are dated and it would be nice to update. Volunteer pictures are encouraged. A couple of braces broken on the large display and Jim will get them fixed. Display is available to anyone - contact Jim for the large display - postage may be prohibited for large, consider the small display for travel (contact Luanne if you are interested on the small display. Luanne is looking into a new box for the small display.
- Membership letter form Jim is forthcoming. (*See New Business below for further discussion.*)
- Increase the visibility and knowledge of our existence - put articles in newsletters to Monthly and Yearly meetings. Jim will send out article that can be adapted to your own meeting.
- Betsy brought in additional supplies ~100 pins, 400 unsigned membership cards. ~125 patches plus 300 in reserve and gave them to Luanne.
- Luanne posted on Western Yearly Meeting Facebook page. Also will create article for newsletter.

BSA Religious Outreach Committee

Tom Taber presented the following:

- Tom has attended one BSA Religious Outreach Committee meeting in Irving, Texas and will continue to attend meetings and represent FCS
- Will look for a person to attend national meeting. Per Luanne, This could be someone different every year – someone who lives close to the site, or is attending anyway and would want to go and represent FCS. If interested in doing this, contact Luanne so that your name can be submitted to BSA.
- The BSA Religious Relationship Task Force discussed jamboree and chaplains; approved new Religious Awards (Jane, Anglican awards); and heard a report from the International Jamboree about logistics involved.

PRAY

Luanne presented the following information from PRAY:

- Since last FCS annual meeting 21 That of God, 3 Spirit of Truth, 3 Friends Emblems (Betsy Wenny, Southern Ohio, North Carolina) were awarded.
- Discussion of Friends Emblems - Paperwork being submitted by nominators is incomplete, so it takes extra time to email and request additional documentation. PRAY's form is incomplete/confusing and needs to be replaced with forms created by FCS. We will add the adult forms to our website and PRAY delete the adult forms from theirs.
- Luanne will send Jim info on Friends Emblem awardees to invite onto FCS.
- Dan and Luanne will pursue adding the form to the website, committee approval, PRAY sends out award. Approved by the committee.
- 1989 to 2/2012 (547 That of God, 62 Spirit of Truth, 38 Friend's Emblem)
- Question about Campfire Program (Luanne is looking into contacting - also American Heritage Girls)
- Current inventory 9 That of God, 19 Spirit of Truth, 17 Friend's Emblem

Curriculum Report

Luanne presented the following on curriculum:

- Minor revisions with Branding, added That of God, added Levi Coffin as famous Quaker. 5th month 2011.
- Spanish Translation. FWCC has the material and it will be translated when time permits.
- Suggestions from Jim. Spirit of Truth grades 6-12, suggest to expand to age 21 for Venture Scouts. Will work to tweak this. Approved.

Old Business

- Dan - webpage update. Existing site, scouting.quaker.org, can only do a very basic webpage and had unhelpful relation. Purchased quakerscouting.org - Dan donated server space. (Canadian Web hosting). The committee members present were able to look at the preview of the new site. They have added a page on annual meeting and members of executive meeting. Wordpress runs architecture, so we can post directly to the website. Dan will look into banner picture). Will go live soon (old website will redirect.). Thanks to Dan and Alex for all they did. (*note: website went active 4/3/2012*)
- Suggestions on awards to non-Friends for service (to discuss at a later time).
- Dues. Jim suggested an increase from \$10 to \$15. May provide alternative ways of giving. Approved.
- 25th FCS anniversary patch (2014), It had been suggested to do a rocker or ringer. Luanne, Tim and Dan will work on this. Will get name of patch company that did our present FCS

patch so that we can try and use them, as they should have the specs on our patch and be able to make a rocker that will fit what we have.

New Business

- Pamphlet - Need new design/ info update. Postcard size may be more useful. Need to direct folks to the new website. Image on front, info on back (contact info and definition on award). Luanne, Dan and Alan to work on this. Recycle all but archival copies of existing brochures - do not use old ones.
- Display - New photos needed. Comments requested.
- Archival material, Dan. We should consider an official depository for archival materials. Dan knows archivist. Approved for Dan check into Swarthmore. Luanne will contact Bruce Johnson for archives.
- Betsy - Send minutes to prior members of the committee. Approved
- Dan will need minutes for website.
- FUM reps (Peggy and David) - Luanne talked to Terry Johns from Friends United Meeting about this - and will work with bylaws. FGC (Tim and Dan) reps rotates. FWCC, should our nominating committee initiate?

Bylaws Review

Dan will rewrite the existing bylaws and present to the group. Discussed the following:

- Do we need representation to FUM and FGC, etc.? Is this integral to the process of the committee? Big pot of people who are members of FCS, the yearly gathering appoints the clerks who carry out the duties of the committee.
- Does having bylaws confirm the significance of the committee?
- Could be condensed to one page if needed.
- Suggestion of membership from all Quaker organizations - more diverse membership. All members promote universally - not just for their program.
- Dan had these re-worked on Saturday and emailed them out to Luanne for comments and suggestions. This will be emailed out to the whole committee for review and comments.

International Curriculum

- We would like to expand our current curriculum outside of the Americas and become more cognizant of other countries (Kenya/ UK/ Jamaica). Adapt existing curriculum and provide resource materials on the FCS website.
- Moving forward, work on the following: Identify resources and support for Country's already having specific requirements; and work on generic framework for a religious award for world wide distribution.
- New international/global curriculum was completed by a small group on Saturday afternoon, and will be emailed out to the whole committee for comments/additions – corrections.

- A second group gathered on Saturday to begin working on resource and support materials to be listed on our website for use by the Scouts/Guides in the UK and other countries when working on faith based badges/requirements.

Next Year's Meeting

Next years meeting dates and location are to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

David MacIlwraith, Recording Clerk