

Friends Committee on Scouting 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes

Present: Tim Mullady, Luanne Hagee, John Hill, Dan Nelson, Betsy Wenny, David Morrison, David Hadley, James Lehman, Tom Taber, John Norris, Sandy Moyer, Kim Acquaviva

Presiding Clerk: Luanne Hagee

Recording Clerk: Dan Nelson, Pro-Tem → Friends approved Kimberly Acquaviva as recording clerk.

I. Budget

Friend John Norris, treasurer, presented the budget and ledger for review and discussion. Balance = \$1,629.11

Friends should not hesitate to ship the FCS booth/display since we have money in the budget.

Friends agreed that money from the budget should be used to assist Friends like those from Scouts Canada to attend the FCS annual meeting.

II. PRAY Awards

Friend Luanne Hagee reported that we've gone through one set of 50 "That of God" medals and are now on the second set of 50. We've still working on the first order of 25 "Spirit of Truth" medals.

In 2013, FCS approved 10 "That of God" awards. 8 went to Cub Scouts and 2 went to Girl Scouts. In the same year, FCS approved 2 "Spirit of Truth" awards and 1 adult award.

So far in 2014, FCS has approved 9 "That of God" awards. 8 went to Cub Scouts and 1 went to a Girl Scout. So far this year, FCS has approved 1 "Spirit of Truth" award to a Boy Scout.

Friends discussed ways we could promote the FCS religious awards. Suggestions included asking yearly meeting bookstores if they would offer the award materials for free downloading in their online stores, and submitting an ad or article to *Quaker Life* or *Friends Journal*.

III. Membership and Outreach

Exhibits

The large display last went to Jamboree with Friend Jim Lehman. Friend Tim Mullady will take the large display and Scouting for Peace scroll. Friend Luanne

Hagee has the smaller display that she took to Western Yearly Meeting last year. Friend Luanne Hagee will ask Friend Rachel if she would like to take the display to Canada Yearly Meeting. Outreach was also done in Ireland Yearly Meeting.

FWCC Newsletter

Friend Luanne will connect with Friend Robin or Friend Evan and ask that they include info about FCS in their newsletter

Web Page

We need to add Spanish version of materials to website once the issue with the missing paragraph about the adult award has been remedied. Friend Tim will send the Messengers of Peace info to Friend Dan for posting, Friend Dan noted that he's run into problems logging into the website.

Messengers of Peace

Friend Tim presented information on the Messengers of Peace award, a ring patch that encircles the World Crest. Scouts log service projects onto the Messenger of Peace website to earn the award.

God and World (Baltimore Area Council)

Friend Tim explained that this program's emphasis is on learning about other faiths as well as about the Scout's own faith. Friend Tim as chaplain led this as a class for his Scouts.

Facebook

Friend Luanne will ask FUM and FGC if they will link to our Facebook page

Curriculum

Going well, but Spanish one still needs to be posted. Friend Tim expressed interested in the possibility of tracking the number of downloads. Friend Dan wasn't sure if this would be possible but he would ask Alex Kirby, a friend to Friends.

Jamboree

2015 will be in Japan. 2017 will be in the US at Summit. 2019 will be the first world Jamboree at Summit. Friend John Norris reported that the response from Scouts at Jamboree to the display and peace scroll was "that's cool." Conscientious objector brochures were distributed and the Peace Testimony was on display. Lessons learned:

- Add info on notable Friends who are a bit more recent
- Consider laptop for interactive tests for the patch
- Interactive peace scroll program

Peace Scroll

Will be videotaped or photographed in panorama. The scroll will then be cut into storable sections.

Peace Pole

Friend Tim Mullady has the computer files for the script. Friend James Lehman got contact info from a man at Jamboree regarding the erection of a peace pole with permanent carving. We could give them the template for the carving. Friend Tim will discuss this with the head chaplains. Location of the peace pole was discussed – perhaps near the entrance? Friend Tim will follow up about this. Friends discussed a possible name for the gathering place.....perhaps “Fox Point Preparatory Meeting”?

FCS Membership

Friends welcomed Past Clerk and former member Sandy Moyer. Friend Luanne reported that FCS gained 3 new members at Jamboree,

Recordkeeping

Swarthmore has agreed to archive FCS’ records. Betsy W will get the materials up to Swarthmore.

IV. New Business

Friends discussed the position of Religious Emblems Coordinator at the Unit and District Levels.

Friend Tim said he would send a PDF of his Woodbadge project to FCS

Friend John Taber asked whether a non-Scout can earn an FCS religious award – the answer is yes

Friends Dan and Tim and Luanne will review format and materials for awards for Canadian Scouts

Friends gathered to review the United Kingdom’s Faith Activity Badges to develop accompanying materials. Materials are being developed for parents and for meetings.

Next Year’s Annual Meeting

Will be held March 27th through March 29th, 2015. Friend John Hill will investigate the possibility of hosting the annual meeting at Gwynedd Monthly Meeting.