

JYM EPISTLE 2011 – Version 1

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When we arrived at the campus on Monday, we assisted the greater PYM by carrying luggage to their rooms, as well as taking care of children. We then joined in the Auen Hall (or JYM Lounge) and had our first meeting on the occasion of business. During the business meeting, we discussed and decided our community expectations based on previous years, and came to consensus on them.

On Tuesday, we led intergenerational games along with the Young Friends; many people of different age groups participated, and we had a great experience spending time with the rest of PYM and breaking down age barriers.

Later in the day we attended and helped facilitate the Power Walk with the rest of PYM. We were figuratively and literally stretched anew by the activity, and afterwards we had smaller group conversations about questions raised by it.

On Wednesday, we led chatboxes (informal worship sharing). Afterwards, we took part in the Prison Library service project where we wrapped books to send to inmates and read letters from them regarding what books they needed. With the help of young friends we raised \$420.47 and donated over 100 books.

On Thursday, Vanessa Julye led us in exploring issues with our community and helped us to discern possible solutions. JYM then attended meeting for memorials, which was a very moving experience for us all. We remembered and celebrated the lives of those lost this past year. After walking back to the JYM lounge, we attended the all age outer space themed dance.

During business meeting on Friday morning we realized that our community expectations did not reflect our communities' essence. In addition, many felt that there was a lack of community due to our community expectations. We worshiped and came to unity on the issue and decided to revise the community expectations. We arrived at the conclusion that we would keep the fundamental expectations regarding no sex, drugs or alcohol, while getting rid of the rest of the expectations in favor of upholding community values that we all share as Quakers.

In peace, Jayden Navarro, Laura Adair and Hana Castanedo(co-clerks) and the Junior Yearly Meeting of Pacific Yearly Meeting 2011