

Pacific Yearly Meeting

Children's Program Committee Report

July, 2014

The Children's Program Committee has been meeting by conference call bi-monthly or weekly for the past six months to plan a quality program for PYM's children during the Annual Session at Walker Creek. There are seven members on the committee which includes Keenan Lorenzato, past and current Children' Program Coordinator, about half of whom were able to participate on a regular basis.

Our first order of business was to evaluate the responsibilities and pay of the coordinator position. It was decided that the responsibilities as outlined in the current job description were accurate. A timeline was developed for the duties that need to be done prior to the Annual Session which has been added to the job description. In order to evaluate the coordinator's pay, an ad hoc committee was formed. Members of the committee were Joe Magruder, longtime Pacific Yearly Meeting member and Clerk of the CPC for six years; Ed Flowers, past PYM Treasurer and member of the Finance Committee; Heather Levien, two time Children's Program Coordinator, teacher, and past and current member of the committee; and Terrill Keeler, current CPC Clerk. This committee met by conference call 2/13/14. After careful consideration, this committee recommended that the CP Coordinator be paid \$1500 per annual session, in addition to having registration and lodging fees waived. This recommendation was approved at Rep Com in Pasadena, 3/1/2014.

Teachers were selected according to the policies developed in 2013 to utilize written applications and to conduct background checks. As most of the applicants had taught last year and their applications are valid for three years, this was a relatively streamlined process this year.

Each year, the committee encourages teachers to develop curriculum which reflects the theme of the Annual Session. While each teaching team's experience and autonomy is respected, the committee also provides written suggestions and guidelines. To help children relate to this year's theme of "Youth and Prophecy: Awakening to a New Creation," the committee suggested ideas and activities that would help children learn to listen for the Inner Voice and encourage them to share their experiences. Ways to encourage Quaker Process were also included. Specific resources were also listed. The committee and teachers are delighted to be returning to Walker Creek so that afternoon swimming can be part of the fun and fellowship all have come to expect as part of the PYM experience.

The committee is grateful to the San Francisco Meetinghouse for storing our supplies over the years. Three members of our committee went to the Meetinghouse in April to cull through the supplies and decrease the number of tubs in use. Quaker Center

at Ben Lomond was the recipient of the emptied tubs. Steve Leeds, SF Meetinghouse, Manager, graciously helped facilitate this simplification project.

Those attending PYM this year are encouraged to learn more about the Children's Program by volunteering and/or attending our open committee meeting. Job descriptions for the committee, the coordinator and the teachers are available on the PYM website.

Respectfully submitted,
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