

Meeting for Business I.5

The meeting began with worship.

Joint Proposal. The Presiding Clerk, Diego Navarro, described the background and reason for the Joint Proposal from the Finance, Ministry and Oversight, and Nominating Committees, which is attached. He also encouraged us to listen to the spirit and show consideration for the work of these committees and Quaker process.

Diego then described the points where the budget had been exceeded and why, including augmentations and travel. In preparation for development of the proposals, a survey was done, the results of which were used as guides for understanding the sense of the PYM body. Another survey will be done in the fall. The survey showed of the 224 respondents:

- 60 never have attended an Annual Session
- 80 have come to Annual Session 1 to 4 times
- The percent of survey respondents indicating a Very High or High priority for budget expense categories:
 - 76% Youth Programs
 - 48% General and Administrative Expenses
 - 47% Assistance to Attend Annual Sessions & Representative Committee
 - 33% Committee Expenses
 - 21% Conference Travel for PYM Delegates to other organizations
 - 12% Donations to Quaker Organizations

Laura Magnani (San Francisco), Co-clerk of Finance Committee, speaking for the Finance, Nominating and M&O Committees, and for the Treasurer, described the background to and some details of the Joint Proposal.

In addition, Laura presented recommendations from the Finance Committee to help the Yearly Meeting address its budget deficit and develop sustainable finances.

In summary the Finance Committee recommendations include raising the assessment to \$109, increasing the Annual Session fees and changing the travel policy. Regarding the raise in assessment, those who more directly benefit from Youth Program Coordinator are assessed more than those who do not.

The Presiding Clerk advised that these recommendations will be seasoned until our Meeting for Business II on Monday. [Joint Proposal appears at Attachment IV, plenary I]

Plenary then ended and two listening sessions followed, to review the Joint Recommendation from the Finance, Ministry and Oversight, and Nominating Committees.

Listening Session. 11:30 a.m.

Shayne Lightner (Santa Monica), member of M&O Committee, facilitated the listening session. Suggestions and ideas offered were written by scribes on pads of paper that were taken by Finance, M&O Committee members and the Treasurer to be used in further development of the proposal.

Listening Session. Evening, 8:30 – 10:00 pm.

Shayne Lightner (Santa Monica), member of M&O Committee, facilitated the evening session also. The Finance Committee, M&O Committee, and Treasurer provided an edited proposal. Further suggestions and ideas were taken down by scribes.

Presiding Clerk: Diego Navarro

Recording Clerks: Jim Anderson, Leslie Zondervan-Droz