

Report from Children's Program Committee June 2016

By Chamba Cooke, clerk

Committee members: Heather Aymie, Chamba Cooke, Peggy Craik, Carol Cruickshank

With much help from Alyssa Nelson, the Youth Programs Coordinator, and Sally Kingsland, M&O Liaison, our committee has hired a Children's Program Coordinator, Nate Secrest, 13 teachers (see below) and has designated a member of our committee to act as a mentor to the Coordinator. The Children's Program is fully staffed, with two teachers partnering in every morning and afternoon session.

Coordinator: Nate Secrest Coordinator's Mentor: Chamba Cooke

Preschool Group Teachers (newborns -3/4 years):

AM: Michael Paul Michaels PM: Arielle Rubin
AM: Joanne Taylor PM: Leah Najjar

Elementary Program Teachers (grades 4/5-7/8)

AM: Mary Miche PM: Hilary Ellis-Lavigne
AM: Lee Sisson PM: Emily Walden

Middle School Program Teachers (grades 7/8-13)

AM: Marie Vastola PM: Rob Cimorelli
AM: Rolene Walker PM: Eli Fowler

Floater:

Stanley Chagala

Having many experienced teachers in our classes this year gives us a good foundation. It is the committee's intent to make the Middle School Program one in which the students come away having been respected in their ability to participate in Quaker discernment and self reflection. Nate brings with him some self reflection activities and a small group is working on giving the Middle School students the opportunity to make some meaningful Quaker discernment. This paves the way for their entry into the JYM program in subsequent years.

In response to requests from last year, we will also be introducing a Saturday Night Campfire from 6:30 to 9:30pm, giving the parents an opportunity to participate in the interest groups.

We are also creating a survey which will be distributed electronically to all the parents to evaluate this year's program. This will help us in planning and improving the Children's Program in 2017. Any participant in the Annual Session is welcome to request a copy of this survey. Just e-mail the request to Chambacooke@summerhymes.com.

We are looking for more committee members with whom we could continue to improve our programs over subsequent years. Please let nominating (Stephen Matchett stephenmatchett@earthlink.net or Nora Cooke cookenl@guilford.edu) know if you are interested or know someone whom you believe would be a good addition to our committee.