

JYM Adult Committee Report to PYM Annual Session, July 14-19, 2017

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The JYM Adult Committee is actively involved in supporting and nurturing JYM as we work with the teen leadership leading up to the Annual Session. Planning for the annual session started early at the Fall Fellowship gathering of the Southern California Quarterly Meeting. Conference calls and email exchanges established a base, then some of the teen leadership and adults gathered in Berkeley at the College Park Quarterly Meeting in January. We held our second face-to-face meeting concurrent with Representative Committee at Palo Alto Friends Meeting House in March. At that meeting and the earlier gathering, the JYM Leadership team was able to establish a draft schedule, and teens and adults volunteered for the planning sub-committees or liaison positions (for example, Admin & Scheduling, FRAPs, Service Project, AVP, Respectful Relationships, Worship Sharing & Support Groups, Snacks & Cleanup, Intergenerational Activities, Dance). Since then, conference calls have been much more frequent, from monthly to weekly, and plans have mostly firmed up. During that period we added Don McCormick (Grass Valley) to the adult committee, as presented by Nominating Committee and approved by RepCom.

Joys:

Working with the teen leadership to raise consciousness and build a stronger Intergenerational Community within PYM, for example, the teen and adult committee's two-year process to find unity to offer mixed-gender sleeping arrangements in order to be more inclusive of trans and non-binary-gender participants, which was detailed in the JYM report to RepCom:

<http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/JYM-report-to-RepCom-2017.pdf>

*Watching the teens preserving their institutional memory, as each successive group of leaders serves apprenticeships one year, then trains the younger teens the next.

*Finding FRAPs to serve JYM and the PYM community can be both challenging and rewarding. This year four members of the Adult Committee will serve as FRAPs in addition to 3-4 other volunteers, some who are new and some who are returning. We are grateful for their service, as FRAPs spend 12 hours each day with JYM, in either a Day or a Night shift, and being able to cover the costs of their registration helps make this possible.

Concerns:

* For the new adult co-clerks, how to manage the two JYM budgets (Committee, and Session Program budgets) was unclear, and we made some serious errors and ended up overspending our travel budget. With research and education we have reached an understanding. We find that the travel budget and expectations for reimbursement may be unrealistically spartan at \$1,000 for 6-9 adults and 9 teens and are considering how to address that. Finance Committee has told us they will request an augmentation to the current year's JYM committee budget of \$1,500 this year to reimburse the rest of the unpaid travel to our committee meeting held in conjunction with RepCom. **At times in the past, Finance Committee has offered an orientation to incoming committee clerks at Annual Session; we would greatly appreciate something like that or a detailed email or webpage link with information sent to new clerks at the beginning of each term.**

*One logistical change could be to have RepCom in Central or Southern California every year since Walker Creek (in Northern CA) is the defacto site for annual session.

*Access to detailed information from the Registrar about JYMers, their needs, parents concerns and questions, etc. has improved since our last report. We hope to see the fruits of those improvements this year.

JYM Leadership-- Clerks: Rose Nadis, Charlie Shaw & Ari Standish; *JYM M&O:* David Shaw

Comment [1]: Have you submitted a budget request to Finance Committee for 2017-2018? This gets proposed and approved in plenary at AS. Perhaps \$2,000? The Treasurer's report is already up on the reports page, where you can see what other committees have in their budgets (for example Nominating has \$2000, Discipline has \$3000, and M&O has \$5000. YPCC (10 members) has \$1500 for one meeting): <http://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Treasurers-Report-for-Annual-Session-2017.pdf>

and Miles Pangelina (*Co-Clerks*), Gabi Alvarado, Dia Farrukh, Andrew Pangelina, Elinor Steffy, **JYM Adult Committee**—*Co-Clerks*: Kate Connell & Dan Strickland, *Members*: Suzanne Doss, Steve Leeds, Don McCormick, Muriel Strand, Erika Tarabini, Alyssa Nelson *ex officio*

Respectfully Submitted,
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Co-Clerks – JYM Adult Committee 2016-17