

Minutes for 4/16/05 Planning for Illinois Yearly Meeting (IYM) 2005

Urbana-Champaign Friends Meetinghouse, Urbana, IL

Attending

- Bloomington Normal Friends Meeting (BNFM) – none present
- Clear Creek Friends Meeting (CCFM) – Grayce Mesner, Neil Mesner
- Columbia Friends Meeting (CFM) – Robert Wixom
- Decatur Friends Worship Group – no one present
- Rolla Worship Group (RWG) – Chris Jocius
- St. Louis Friends Meeting (SLFM) – Candy Boyd, Nancy Duncan, Margaret Katranides, Dawn Rubbert
- Southern Illinois Friends Meeting (SIFM) – no one present
- Springfield Workhip Group (SWG) – no one present
- Urbana-Champaign Friends Meeting (UCFM) – Sandy Bales, Ellen Baranowski, Mariellen Gilpin, Sharon Haworth, Barbara Kessel, Peter Lasersohn, Abby Smith, Bobbi Trist

Clerk: Mariellen Gilpin,

Recording : Margaret Katranides (STL)

Guest: Martha Turner (South Bend)

The meeting opened with silent worship.

Mariellen Gilpin circulated a page with the 2005 conference theme (*By Love: Gathered, Transformed, Sent*), called for a moment of silence, then asked whether this theme would also be appropriate for Friends under 19. Friends agreed that it would be and Mariellen asked Friends to recommend young Friends (under 25) who might speak to the high school and junior high school friends about their experiences of being gathered, transformed and sent.

BRQ will be responsible at IYM 2005 for Friends Under 18 (FUN - morning programming) and recreation (afternoon/evening). The assignments are:

- Overall coordinator: Lori Payton (CCFM) and Mariellen Gilpin (UCFM)
- Wee Friends/Baby Sitting Nancy Duncan (SLFM)
- 3 to 5 year olds morning classes – SLFM (need 2 teachers)
- 6 to 8 year olds morning classes - Dawn Amos (need 2 teachers)
- 9 to 11 year olds morning classes – Sandy Bales (need 2 teachers); Henry Scherr is going to bring 4 boys age 7 to 10 who were not there last year and like to be together if possible.
- 12 to 14 year old (junior high school) morning classes – CCFM (need 2 teachers); We expect a large junior high group, Grayce said she would involve junior high friends from first day school at CCFM to help plan the activities. Bob Wixom is planning a 10 mile Quaker history bike trip for junior high school students and encourages them to bring their bikes; contact him if you want to volunteer.
- Sat. Evening Project – Diane Dennis (BNFM)
- Inventory Craft Tent- Lori Payton (CCFM) and Diane Dennis (BNFM)
- Craft Tent – Diane Dennis (BNFM)
- Snacks – Dawn Rubbert (SLFM) (need 2 helpers)
- Recreation (movie, field trips, walks/bike trips, bon fires) - Mariellen Gilpin and

Lori Payton

- Teachers' support committee—names were suggested

BRQ has to write a description of the FUN program for each age group to appear in the registration form which Sharon will send out in late May. Mariellen requests that each program leader send her a draft statement by May 15. In preparing the statement and for IYM, she asks that we brainstorm about:

- 1) How might the IYM theme be adapted for each age group
- 2) What activities and project ideas would be appropriate?
- 3) What equipment do you need? What supplies?
- 4) Who will be lead teacher? Who will be helping adults for the lead teacher?
- 5) Do you plan on having a field trip during the morning class time? Where to? What will you need to make the field trip happen, and where will you get the things you will need?
- 6) What good videos do you have at home for the Wednesday night at the movies?
- 7) Who do you recommend as resource people for teacher's support group which meets during lunches on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

We heard that Clance Wilson, of Clear Creek Meeting, is very weak and needs our loving support. We held him in the Light during our closing worship.

[Note from fall '04 minutes:

- Sharon reported that last year we had the following kids 3-5 years (5), 6 to 8 years (2 -7 year olds), 9 to 11 years (5). There was consensus that it is difficult to have a wide age range and to predict who will show, thus the decision was not to collapse anything.
- Grayce Mesner (CCFM) & Eve Fischberg (Springfield) will find out about square dance callers and come back.]