

Illinois Yearly Meeting

Called Continuing Committee Meeting

Fourth Month 4, 2020

Zoom Video Conference

Attending: Wil Brant, Beth Burbank, Kent Busse, Beth Carpenter, Dawn Crimson, Janice Domanik, Heather Evert, Dale Gardner, Liam Gardner, Cathy Garra, Meredith George, Chris Goode, Sharon Haworth, Judy Jager, Bruce Kanarek, Pam Kuhn, Ted Kuhn, Brad Laird (Zoom host), Peter Lasersohn, Alex Lippitt, Mark McGinnis, Marcia Nelson (presiding clerk), Sarah Pavlovic (recording clerk), Noel Pavlovic, Peter Poshepny, Colleen Reardon, Phyllis Reynolds, Bridget Rorem, Chip Rorem, David Shiner, Erin Taylor, Gwen Weaver, Marie White, Judy Wolicki

Minute 01 Presiding clerk Marcia Nelson welcomed participants and gave basic instructions and guidelines regarding videoconference mechanics and etiquette. The purpose for the called Continuing Committee meeting was to discern potential changes to the annual sessions planned for June 17-21, 2020 in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Those present were asked to participate worshipfully in discerning whether to hold the annual sessions as scheduled in June; to reschedule to a later time in person; to adapt our annual sessions to an online form to be devised; or to cancel our annual sessions.

Minute 02 Continuing Committee united on the sense that the 2020 Annual Sessions scheduled for June 17-21 will not be conducted in person at that time.

Minute 03 Those present agreed to conduct an online version of an ILYM yearly meeting for worship and a business session with a simplified agenda of core business during the week of June 17-21, 2020.

Minute 04 Continuing Committee approved that committees or individuals may plan and propose other online elements such as children's programming, workshops, worship-sharing, and speakers. An annual sessions Planning Coordinator Group was approved at last year's annual sessions. This group - currently including planning group coordinators Noel Pavlovic, Erin Taylor, Janice Domanik and Ted Kuhn, plus Administrative Coordinator Wil Brant, Youth Coordinator Liam Gardner, the Children's Religious Education Coordinator (position vacant), and Presiding Clerk Marcia Nelson (in the absence of an assistant clerk) - is asked to coordinate proposed elements for the yearly meeting week. The program planning group, the Children's Religious Education Committee, the Youth Oversight Committee, oversight committees for yearly meeting employees, and the Finance or Finance Review Committee would likely also have work to do in preparation.

Minute 05 Those in attendance agreed to take up at the virtual business session in June discernment about an in-person gathering for later in the year.

Minute 06 Minutes 1-5 were read and approved.

Minute 07 The called Continuing Committee closed with worship. Friends were asked to hold all the losses we are experiencing in healing Light. Let us lament these losses and take our needs to the Spirit who sustains us.