

Representatives Committee Report to IYMC 2023

This year marks the fifth year that the Representatives Committee has functioned as a standing committee of the yearly meeting rather than having meetings only in-person during the week of annual sessions. The committee met 9 times in the past year by video conference.

For the past couple years, Representatives Committee recommended, and the yearly meeting approved spending \$5,000 for a joint IYMC and Scattergood project. The committee proposes this expense again in the budget for 2023-2024. Our vision is to foster a closer relationship between the school and the yearly meeting. We ask that monthly meetings, Scattergood staff, students, and yearly meeting committees consider ideas for a project which could focus on environmental or racial justice and the history of the school in these areas or some other area of interest. If the budget for this is approved at annual sessions, we request that proposals for a project be brought forward to the Representatives Committee by November 1st.

We submit for yearly meeting consideration a budget and officers for the coming year as follows.

Apportionments & Budget:

We propose a budget for 2023-2024 with the following changes. In apportionments, Penn Valley decreases by \$1,000, Des Moines Valley decreases by \$2,500. The contribution for Scattergood decreases to \$50,000 per the request of the school. Other budgeted items remain the same. (See attached budget).

Yearly Meeting Officers:

We decided this year to add the role of assistant statistical recorder to the yearly meeting slate of officers so that we have more than one person who understands the tasks involved in keeping our membership records. We appreciate our current officers and thank them for their service in the past year and recommend the following people to serve the yearly meeting for 2023-2024: clerk, Carol Gilbert; assistant clerk, Bob Winkleblack; treasurer, Rebecca Bergus; assistant treasurer, (open); statistical recorder, Tim Shipe and assistant statistical recorder, Carole Winkleblack.

We wish to remind Friends that our next annual sessions are scheduled at Scattergood Friends School & Farm, near West Branch, Iowa, seventh month 24-28, 2024, as Love allows.

For the committee,

Penny Majors, clerk