

SAYMA YAF Business Meeting

6/8/2011-6/11/2011

Clerks:

Samuel Leeman-Munk, Brittany Steffey

Recording Clerk:

Rachel Leeman-Munk

Attendees:

Jimmy Malone, Casey Webber, Chad Gilmartin, Ben Saderholme, Judy Scoville, Geneva Bierce-Wilson,
Kate Caldwell

Agenda:

1. YAF Clerk
2. YAFs in Wider SAYMA Positions
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1. YAF Clerk

Because of the age group of the SAYMA YAF program our community is constantly shifting and as a result it is difficult to find a clerk, treasurer and other roles of leadership who will be able to come to SAYMA and YAF retreats regularly.

- ⤴ Could we have a more fluid clerk position?
- ⤴ The clerk and recording clerk could be adhoc.
- ⤴ We should have a contact role.
- ⤴ How can we get minutes to every meeting?
- ⤴ The role of the clerk will be to get minutes to SAYMA afterwards and online.
- ⤴ Make a list of addresses and emails.
- ⤴ Set up a listserv as well as a facebook group.
- ⤴ Rachel will organize a Secret Santa this winter to help connect the YAFers if they are unable to attend the retreat.
- ⤴ *Friends agreed to have one primary continual YAF representative who only keeps in touch with the wider community, even if they cannot attend retreats and/or SAYMA. Brittany Steffey has accepted this role, recognizing that she will be in Chicago for the next year and possibly unable to attend retreats.*
- ⤴ *The role of the representative is:*
 - *Keep in touch with other YAFs with responsibilities to check on them and remind them.*
 - *Check with SAYMA about giving YAF a part of the website for minutes and other information about our program.*
 - *See what resources SAYMA can offer us and we can offer them.*
 - *This summary should go on the YAF website and be kept.*
 - *Be in touch with SAYF and SAYMA to figure out our SAYMA schedule so it does not conflict so much with other activities.*
- ⤴ *If you would like to know anything about the YAF program at SAYMA, contact Brittany Steffey at BrittDSteffey@gmail.com. If she does not know the answer she will refer you to someone who does.*

2. YAFs in Wider SAYMA Positions

- ⤴ *We need to solidify our community before we take roles within SAYMA, but we want this involvement later. We will mention this in epistles.*

3. Treasurer

- ⤴ *Brittany will figure out how one should be treasurer and tell Rachel.*

- ⤴ *Rachel Leeman-Munk agrees to accept the treasurer position. If you have concerns about funding for retreats or anything else budget related contact Rachel at releema08@earlham.edu.*

4. Business Meetings

- ⤴ Kate Caldwell has agreed to go to business meeting and tell them that we will not be there for that business meeting
- ⤴ We will have a business meeting from 8:30 until noon on Saturday.

5. Worship Sharing

- ⤴ Friends had a meeting for worship with attention to possible queries.
 - Portray how has self self growth helped you present yourself and shine forth with the wider community and world.
 - What is our way forward together? How to act together in new ways to help the world.
 - How can we ensure that personal growth leads to communal growth?
 - Reflecting on how our personal growth exhibits itself in our relationship and actions within our community.
 - How does nurturing the community support individual growth?
 - How do personal and communal growth reflect upon each other?
 - Broad, involving growth.
- ⤴ *Friends agreed on the query: “What is the relationship between personal growth and communal growth?”*

6. Bringing non-SAYFers into the YAF Community

- ⤴ Recommendations were made to address this issue:
 - Send newsletter to meetings as well as YAFs.
 - Having a website with contact information.
 - Putting letter and newsletter with information about the program to be put in an obvious place in meetinghouses for new young folks to be.
 - What is YAF? What should be on the YAF summary?
 - Include the YAF statement in the SAYMA program.
 - *Rachel Leeman-Munk will be in charge of compiling and distributing these letters/fliers to meetings.*
 - Website URL.
 - Brittany Steffey will be the contact on the fliers.

- Description of SAYMA/SAYMA's mission statement.
- Information about the newsletter and directions to send submissions to Brittany Steffey. She will send them to the correct person.
- We will be in direct communication with clerks. We will send a letter asking that when a new young person comes to meeting someone will get their contact information and get in contact with us. Ministry and outreach committees could be helpful for this.

7. Newsletter

- ▲ *YAF will make the newsletter into a place to submit photos, haikus, stories, opinion pieces, recipes, and potpurri. These should be sent to Casey Webber at brokenturtable@gmail.com.*

8. Directory

- ▲ *Casey will gather information from last year.*
- ▲ *Samuel Leeman-Munk will compile a directory online and an email will be sent asking for submissions to the newsletter.*

9. Retreats

- ▲ Friends would like to have a retreat during winter break
- ▲ Who would host?
 - Chapel Hill, Berea, and Knoxville are options.
 - We should go somewhere central.
 - *Kate will be a contact person and local organizer for the retreat in December.*
 - *She will try to get permission for the retreat to take place in the Knoxville meetinghouse.*
 - *YAFs should be informed that travel to the retreat may be able to be reimbursed by SAYMA. Friends need only ask.*
 - *This will be published in the newsletter and mentioned in the 2011 SAYMA epistle.*
 - *Any questions about or suggestions for the retreat should be sent to Kate Caldwell at katehartleycaldwell@gmail.com or (865)567-2918.*
- ▲ We are considering incorporating a service project.

10. Epistle Committee

- ▲ The following is the list of the YAFs at SAYMA and what they will present for the YAF epistle:
 - Kate: Possible winter retreat
 - Brittany: New organizational structure

- Casey: Newsletter
- Rachel: Contacting individual meetings and asking for the support of clerks for outreach to YAFs who may not know about our program.
- Chad: His experience as a YAF and Friendly Adult Presence for the SAYF program.
- Ben: The YAFs are enjoying meals with the simple living program and would like to continue to share those meals.
- Jimmy: YAF worship sharing and the involvement with the SAYF community.
- Sam: Upcoming listserv

11. Graduation

- ⤴ This SAYMA there were 9 graduates from the SAYMA program.
- ⤴ We will locate the graduation at the lake.
- ⤴ Graduation will be a trust exercise rather than a terror exercise.
- ⤴ Rachel Leeman-Munk checked to see if any of the graduates had food allergies.
- ⤴ We cannot take responsibility if the graduates choose to run away when the YAFs come to take them to the next ceremony. They are not our responsibility until they are blindfolded and choose to be.
- ⤴ We will ask the FAPs to point out that there are epistles and other ceremonies after graduation. We should be allowed to take them because we are not breaking off their goodbye. We should tell this to the FAPs. The graduation is a tradition, not an ending.
- ⤴ We will have a love feast in the field.
- ⤴ The YAFs will be decorated and part of the ritual will be decorating them.
- ⤴ We will request that graduates wear shoes to graduation.
- ⤴ *The following is the decided list of activities for the SAYMA YAF graduation ceremony:*
 1. *Put necklaces made by the YAFs on the graduates.*
 2. *Lead them away from the SAYFers.*
 3. *Put on blindfolds for trust walk to the lake after we are out of the ampitheater.*
 4. *Have an opening circle with strawberry feeding.*
 5. *Worship with the query, "What does it mean to be a young adult and Friend?"*
 6. *Silly silent love feast which will likely devolve into talking.*
 7. *Discussion of YAF program, ending with closing silence.*