YAF Committee Report for SAYMA 2011

This year the young adult friends made the decision to restructure our leadership infrastructure. We recognized that one of the defining characteristics of our members is being in transition and decided to adopt a more flexible system. Instead of having a single clerk each year, we will select clerks each retreat from the people who are able to make it. Treasurer and the SAYMA representative are exceptions, and this year we selected Rachel Leeman-Munk as treasurer and Brittany Steffey as SAYMA representative.

This year we had no retreats as we were still in a period of growth. Due to logistic challenges of bringing people together during the aforementioned transition period of our members, we have decided to have one non-SAYMA retreat in the winter when people are likely to be home on holiday rather than our previous fruitless attempts at seasonal meetings.

To increase attendance at said meetings in coming years, we will focus outreach toward individuals graduating from SAYF as well as young adult members not yet acquainted with SAYMA yearly meeting. To this end we will have a YAF Journal as well as expanding our Internet presence by expanding the listserv and creating a forum and chat room.

We recognize the greater SAYMA community's desire for our increased integration, and we hope to be able to have greater involvement and cooperation with the wider community as our group becomes more stable in the near future.

-Samuel Leeman-Munk and Brittany Steffey