SPIRITUAL LIFE & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Description: July 1, 2024

Spiritual Guidance

1. Be sensitive to the quality of the silence and of the spoken ministry in the Meeting for Worship. Committee members should encourage those who are developing gifts of ministry and counsel those who need to show more discrimination.
2. Assist in the clearness process for establishing Worship Groups and new Meetings for Worship, nurturing those under our care, arranging to visit them as frequently as possible.
3. Make available an updated version of the newcomers' handout, which describes our faith, manner of worship, and the particulars of Boulder Meeting.
4. Be responsible for setting up Quaker Studies.
5. Arrange spring pot-lucks on issues that come out of worship or the life the Meeting.
6. Arrange for the Christmas Eve service.
7. Arrange threshing sessions as necessary.
8. Consider other activities (such as summer and fall retreats) that could foster the spiritual health and growth of the Meeting.
9. Report on and recommend the release of funds to outside Quaker organizations.
10. For a marriage under the care of the Meeting, form a clearness committee that meets with the couple to explore their commitment to each other. The clearness committee then reports to SL&M, which in turn makes a recommendation to the Business Meeting. After the marriage is approved, an arrangements committee is formed to assist with the marriage ceremony and reception. The clearness

committee continues to meet with, counsel and support the couple yearly or as needed.

11. Provide oversight for the writing of Memorial Minutes. Approved Minutes should be submitted for publication to the Miscellany, Western Friend Journal, Friends Journal and be read at IMYM.
12. Proactively reach out to families of deceased long-time attenders to ask if they would like their family member to be honored in Miscellany.
13. The working group Spiritual Life and Continuing Education (SL&CE) will liaison with SL&M and will continue developing new spiritual programming proposals for consideration by SL&M and, as appropriate, the Meeting for Worship for Business.

Membership

1. Receive, consider, and recommend Meeting action on requests for membership, transfers, and withdrawals. On request for membership, appoint a clearness committee of members, subject to the approval of Meeting for Business. After meeting with the applicant, the clearness committee then reports back to SL&M committee, which considers their recommendation and then refers it to Meeting for Business.
2. Periodically host a gathering for new members.
3. Keep records of membership actions throughout the year, in consultation with the Archivist who manages the long-term membership record. File all related correspondence in the membership file in Meeting office. This includes membership, transfer, and withdrawal requests, acknowledgments to and from other meetings, and membership approvals from Business meeting.
4. Encourage long term attenders who are in unity with Friends' ways to apply for membership.

5. Contact associate members who have reached age 23 to ask if they want to seek full membership in the Meeting. (Policy states that age 24 is when associate membership expires).