

The Ministry, Care and Guidance Committee met Monday June 13, at 7pm. In attendance were Committee members Gretchen Haynes, Julie Crum, Stephen Shearer and clerk, Val Liveoak. David Hayes also attended to discuss certain items.

Review of Worship: Continued good attendance at in-person Meeting for Worship, with dwindling attendance on Zoom.

Upcoming Forums: Gary Whiting will lead one on July 24th on "Shared Intention".

Review of Community Life

Inconsistencies in following masking recommendation were noted. No action was recommended.

2nd Thurs. simple meal and worship is discontinued. We will revisit this in September for possible reinstatement in October.

We discussed the in-person Course in Miracles—David H. would like the Sunday group to be announced as a Quaker activity. We were unclear if this was a ministry of the meeting (along with other activities such as yoga.) Attempts to consult with Clerks and Bill Sweet regarding language for "friend's-led activities" did not bring much advice.

A Friend wrote: "MC&G might wish to begin considering how to reorganize our Meeting structure to match our current resources. Some of our jobs are crucial for our continued operations and regrowth. Others are not. Are there better ways than committees to get the crucial ones done? Just leaving them to the Spirit isn't working, unless those of us who always pick things up pick them up, too. This is worth some sustained thought." We discussed this but had no recommendations at this time.

Update on children's program: Some attendance but with little coordination from parents, despite the volunteers' planning. We will consider only offering it on first and third Sundays. Also, if there are no children coming, we recommend giving Renata half her salary for being on-call.

Update re Nominating Committee. and Associate Clerk—There has been no progress and the Committee is considering a rotating Clerk position. The Committee is also considering having just 2 groups, one attending to needs of the physical plant/property and an enlarged MC&G attending to spiritual and community issues that would include Clerks, and the Treasurer.

We considered concerns re: Individual Friends

We asked David Hayes (for Property Committee) to make and post signs at all entrances to the property identifying it as a church and asking no weapons to be brought onto the property. One member suggested that if a person with a weapon entered, we take concerted action by getting up and leaving. We want Meeting to consider if we want to have such a plan, and if we need to have drills to practice our response.

Memorial plates—Gretchen has offered to make ceramic memorial plates that could be painted with the names of Departed Friends (and birth/death dates) for the Memorial Garden. We would like to hear Meeting's opinion about this.

Next meeting proposed date and time July 11, 7pm.