

## **EMEYF Communications Committee Minutes 2019 (ongoing)**

### **Call 18/02/2019**

#### **CC 2019 / 01 Bursary no.1**

We've received a bursary request from a young family, and are happy to support them with up to €520, to cover participation and travel costs for our Spring gathering this year. We approve the payment of travel costs in advance.

#### **CC 2019/ 02 Bursary no. 2**

In order to enable a more sustainable mode of travel for another young family, we gladly support them with a bursary of €150 from our sustainable bursary fund.

#### **CC 2019/ 03 Bursary no. 3**

We're happy to be able to enable a young Friend and child to take part in this year's Spring gathering by supporting them with a bursary of approximately €340 for travel and participation costs.

### **CC face to face meeting, Den Haag, 8-10 March 2019**

#### **CC 2019/04 Opening Minute**

We are gathered in the Quakerhuis in Den Haag, happy to meet together face to face, looking forward to our time together and with Den Haag Friends. Present are Lisette Nijboer, Rose Almond, Silja Pfeiffer, Lisa Specht, Rose Oliver and George Thurley, with Kirsten Stuhr and David Mangels happily joining us virtually. We receive greetings from Annie Womack, Wanda Dahme and EMES Executive Committee, who are meeting this weekend in Birmingham.

#### **CC 2019/05 Spring gathering update**

We have heard a report from our planning committee and gatherings coordinator, regarding registrations, translation, finances and programme for the Spring Gathering. The planning process is proceeding well. Some open questions regarding ensuring a grounded community and translation/ language issues at the gathering were discussed. We are keen to provide a linguistically inclusive environment as far as possible, from within our own community. To that end we commit to try to prepare the documents in advance in both Russian and English and hope to find Friends within our midst to help out with interpretation in our workshops and business sessions. We thank Silja and David for this report, and thank the planning committee for their work so far.

#### **CC 2019/06 Bursary no. 4**

We're glad to support a young Friend to attend this year's Spring Gathering with a contribution of £200 to cover their gathering fee and visa costs.

#### **CC 2019/07 Bursary no. 5**

We gladly allocate a bursary of approximately €200 to cover a young Friend's gathering fee and travel costs.

#### **CC 2019/08 Bursary no.6**

We agree to contribute approximately €200 to cover part of a young family's costs.

#### **CC 2019/09 Bursary no.7**

We agree a bursary of £300 for another Friend, covering the participation fee and part of

the visa and travel costs.

### **CC 2019/10 Bursary no.8**

Lastly (for today), we allocate a bursary of €215 to cover a Friend's participation fee and visa costs.

### **CC 2019/11 EMES update and potential representative to EMES AM**

Lisa and George updated us on the Skype call that was held between EMES and EMEYF in January 2019. The discussions were positive and included some big exciting ideas for future collaboration, such as potentially organising family gatherings. We are enthused with this prospect, and hope EMEYF can be involved.

The idea of EMEYF sending a representative to EMES Annual Meeting, as Yearly Meetings do, was also discussed. We support this idea in principle and ask our clerks to clarify some details with EMES and our rep to the EMES executive committee. We see it as a decision to be made by EMEYF as a whole. We will therefore bring this before the community at our Spring Gathering later this year.

### **CC 2019/12 Annual Report 2018**

We gladly accept Lisette's offer to compile the Annual Report for 2018, following the approach laid out in minute CC 2018/08. We note that this will involve consulting with the Willy & Penn editorial team, and obtaining author's permissions to republish their contribution in the annual report.

### **CC 2019/13 Role descriptions**

We have split into groups and spent some time looking at the role descriptions most in need of updating (clerks) or being created (fundraising treasurer and trustees). This has been a really useful and positive time for us to consider all the work that each other are doing, and to think about how things could ideally be done. We will take these role descriptions forward and make them available online and via the EMEYF list when the updates are finalised.

We think it is good practice for roleholders to look at their role description as they come to the end of their period of service, to ensure it is as up to date as possible for the incoming person. We therefore ask Lisa and Wanda, with support from George, to look at the representative to QCEA role description before Spring Gathering. We ask our elders to ensure that all other role descriptions are considered and potentially updated in the period before they come up for nomination at a Spring Gathering or Annual Meeting.

### **CC, 27/04/19, Peski, Russia**

#### **CC 2019/14 Bursary no. 9**

We agree to contribute approximately €200 to cover a young family's participation fees and some travel costs.

### **Call 02/06/2019**

#### **CC 2019/15 Spring Gathering reflection and follow-up**

We have spent time reflecting on our experiences of Spring Gathering, and considering how we will move forward on some of the business from that gathering.

### **CC 2019/16 Planning document updates**

Regarding the planning document provided to SG planning committees, we think the

input of previous planning committees would be very helpful and ask Rose O to be in touch with the past two planning committees to ask for their view on the document.

In order to include the ideas from the safeguarding workshop that took place at SG in the planning document, we ask Lisa and Rose O to move this forward, and bring it back to CC as needed.

### **Call 15/09/2019**

#### **CC 2019/17 Food @ AM**

In order to be true to our commitment to sustainability, we will purchase organic food for the AM. This will likely result in higher food costs per person. We will make our reasoning clear in the invitation and will use bursary funds to support those for whom the higher costs would be a barrier.

#### **CC 2019/18 Non-Business Programme AM**

We have heard several ideas of non-business programme for the AM. At the moment it is not clear how much time and energy we will have for extra programme and what would enrich our community gathering. On Friday we will have a time for optionally going to join the Fridays for Future march, which could possibly be linked to the EMES workshop by Michael Eccles. While we value connecting with the Brussels meeting, the YM of Belgium- Luxembourg will take place at the same time outside of Brussels. This means that we won't have the chance to meet up with many of the Friends who would normally be at the Brussels meeting on Sunday morning and would make organising a meet-up in person more time and preparation intensive. The various ideas will be followed up by George (BLYM meet-up and EMES workshop with possible sustainability topic) and Kirsten (LAP workshop on Thurs.) After which the clerks will draft an agenda for AM.

#### **CC 2019/19 2018 Annual report**

We heard an update from Lisette on the 2018 Annual Report, which is nearly finished save the finalised accounts for 2018 and a question regarding James Westerman's membership of the Willy & Penn editorial team. We ask George to clarify the situation with the W&P editorial team, and will come back to this at AM. We look forward to seeing the report.

#### **CC 2019/20 EMEYF representative to EMES Annual Meeting**

We have received the document regarding the proposed EMEYF representative to EMES AM, and the (already existing) EMEYF member of EMES Executive committee, outlining the two roles, their nominations processes and financial arrangements. This was prepared jointly as a result of a skype between George and Lisa for EMEYF, and Sue, Michael and Saskia for EMES. We have made some minor clarification changes, and consider this a good summary. We forward the summary and this minute to Annual Meeting for discernment.

### **Call 04/11/2019**

#### **CC 2019/21 Bursary no. 10**

We gladly allocate a bursary to cover a young Friend's travel costs to come to our Annual meeting in Brussels, estimated at £215.

#### **Minute CC 2019/22 - Food @ AM**

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