

YM Arrangements Committee Meeting on 18 March

Present: Anne and Alistair Hall (YM Clerks), Annabel Taylor (Clerk), Brian Curtis, Peg Norris
Apologies Ronis and Michael Searle

1. The meeting began with silence.
2. The YM Clerks updated us on progress to date. In consultation with Standing Committee, it has been agreed to hold YM 2022 entirely by zoom. A letter has been sent to all MMs, and a notice put in the ANZ newsletter to this effect. The Quaker website has also been changed to reflect this decision. Linley Gregory is writing up a protocol sheet for using zoom, to be sent to all registrants.
3. The LAC reported on progress also. Registrations number 26 as of today. St. Bedes was ok with the cancellation and delighted with the donation of the \$200 deposit. A suggestion that St. Bedes could be a Summer Gathering venue was made.
4. Revised list of LAC Tasks:
 - a. Registrations. Brian will continue to receive registration forms and update the YM Clerks every few days with names of those registered.
 - b. Hosting. Michael and Ronis will be physically there with the YM Clerks during YM, and have offered to help others who are hosting the various sessions. They will also offer backup if there are problems with using the zoom licenses. *(I wasn't sure about this; is this correct?)*
 - c. Technical help. Annabel will ask Michael Winter, Derek Carver, and Rick Kuperberg if they could be at the other end of a phone during YM for those who need technical help. *(NB to Annabel: possibly David Minifie could help also?)*
 - d. Zoom licenses. How many will be needed? (Ronis and Michael may know). It would be good to contact all MMs to see if they have licenses (or look on the Q website to see which MM's have an online option). *(We didn't decide who would do this...)*
 - e. Information sheet. Peg will help YM Clerks to prepare and distribute an information sheet to each person who registers for YM.
 - f. Email out Gold Papers. Peg will do this.
 - g. Liaise with QLSD re Preparation Day and the Pastoral & Spiritual Care Committee Meeting. Annabel will consult with QSLD (QLSD members are Linley Gregory, Marion Sanson and Thomas Owen). QLSD normally would be involved in organising the Pastoral & Spiritual Care session but Anne suggested consulting with Margaret Blakeley also (she has recently convened a meeting by zoom of this group).
 - h. Annabel agreed to liaise with the YM Clerks who will now step back from the LAC committee.
 - i. A welcome to YM usually takes place in the first YM session. LAC will think further about possibilities for organising a welcome from Chch.
5. We agreed not to add any other people to the YM Arrangements committee.
6. We agreed to extend the deadline for registrations to sometime between April 8 and April 15. The YM Clerks will consult with Ronis and Michael to see which date suits their needs.

7. We agreed that the proposed \$20 registration fee be changed to a voluntary donation. Michael has suggested wording from the Australian YM which explains this idea, and this will be included in the registration information form.
8. We agreed that the proposed session times (with the addition of “zoom wiggle time”) will work well, in combination with “break out rooms” for social interaction after each session.
9. The next meeting of the LAC will be on Friday 25 April at 10 am.