**YM 2021 LAC Minutes December 2020** via Zoom

Present: Anne and Alistair Hall, Michael Short, Patricia Macgregor, Deb Gimpelson,

regrets-Viola Palmer

1.We looked over and approved the registration and information pages with the suggested changes and they will be distributed and/or made accessible as previously discussed.

2. There is not yet a theme for the Prep Day ready to be announced.

3. Alistair has been in contact with Graham Chapman. Together they will figure out the tech needs for the YM sessions and the Zoom attendance. Graham has agreed to be the go-to tech person for YM2021. Alistair will monitor the Zoom attendance as the Zoom Assistant Clerk while Anne will be the in-room Assistant Clerk for the YM Clerk.

4. Alistair will approach the Settlement about borrowing a camera and mic for the Zoom set-up, and checking with Christchuch Mtg about what mic they use. YM in session is used to working with the usual wireless mics being passed around and that will be continued as well. Deb will check whether they are included in the Medium Sound System we budgeted for Elm Hall.

5. At the time of our meeting last night the 2021 Quaker Lecture plans were still quite undecided. Patricia has just today heard from Jim Flewitt that Anjum Rahman has expressed a willingness to give the 2021 Quaker Lecture. We have been holding a tentative booking reservation for Kauri Hall at El Rancho for a larger attendance public lecture.

6. We discussed further the attendance to YM sessions by casual vistors, those not staying even for a whole day, but perhaps a session or two with a tea break. They will have been encouraged by their local meeting (most likely Kapiti) to “see what YM is like”. For safety and security, and following usual Quaker procedure, we agreed the need to record such possible intentions to visit, just as Attenders (not in Meeting membership) from various meetings are recorded and commended to the care of the Meeting at the beginning of YM in session. We agreed a nominal fee of $10 would cover such attendance since El Rancho does charge us. We agreed to be flexible about this however. Kapiti members of the LAC are in agreement that we will encourage KMM to cover any such charges for curious seekers from KMM wishing to experience the mysteries of YM in session.

7. We discussed the morning and afternoon tea breaks, and evening tea and the customary refreshments provided after a bigger public Quaker Lecture. Deb will confirm with El Rancho whether our booking currently includes the evening tea. It is our understanding that set-up and clean-up for the various teas is our responsibilty although the basic food and drink items are provided by El Rancho. We have been discussing how much more we need to provide, such as non caffeinated hot beverages, and possibly more fruit, more biscuits, etc.

8. Anne agreed to check with the Settlement about the availability of name tag supplies .

9. Alistair will go through the YM 2017 notes from the Wellington LAC.

10. Deb will check with El Rancho about having several large white boards available, along with several tables for both the meeting room and the display/Quaker book sale/ tea break/gathering room. We noted it would be a good idea to see if we could find out more clearly ahead of time what displays and information equipment and supplies would be needed. Anne will contact Whanganui Monthly Meeting to ask who they contacted regarding display space.

11. The next meeting via Zoom is scheduled for 18 January, 2021 at 7pm.