YM 2021 LAC Minutes from Zoom meeting 8 February 2021

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

We are progressing with planning but much seems in limbo this month, waiting for responses to questions put out, speculating about what to do if Covid levels change, going through the list of the many details. Suddenly, for a moment, it seemed a bit daunting.

1. Michael-no new information about wireless mics yet.
2. Patricia-Anna Dunford is pleased with our plans for handling JYF attendance at YM. We’ll wait and see if there are registration from them.

No news from the Quaker Lecture Committee.

1. Deb- questions have been put to both the El Rancho contact person and the executive chef about arranging an on site visit and about the supper after the Quaker Lecture. Marion Leighton has been asked about post SG suggestions to El Rancho about meals. Expect to have that conversation after the 14th of Feb.
2. A notice was in the last YM clerk’s letter about contacting Michael to request display space.
3. Registrations have begun to come in. The scanned and emailed ones have gone smoothly. Internet banking has been successful and easy to record on the spreadsheet Alistair has adapted from the YM 2017 LAC one. It should help keep track of the variables, e.g. accomodation needed, meals requested and diet requirements, arrival times, transport needed etc.
4. We looked at the draft of the Programme timetable.

We’ll send the Programme timetable draft to the QLC as well as to the YM clerk. We need the date and time of the Lecture to confirm with El Rancho soon but not immediately. We are still planning to use Kauri Hall.

 We noted the 9am Sunday Meeting for Worship time as being quite early for some but since the other days’ sessions also start at 9am,we’ll keep it at that hour for now. We also noted that we’ll need to get people not to dally at all the meal times.

1. We then addressed Lesley’s email about how to prepare for alternative plans in the event of changing Covid levels at the last minute, especially if they vary throughout the country. We noted that vaccinations should have begun by then. That’s a help. At this point we seem to be in agreement that if the Auckland area level was raised to 3 or 4 and the YM clerk, and NMM people (who usually are a significant percentage of YM attenders), we would probably want to cancel YM in session at EL Rancho. YM would then be held in some fashion via ZOOM. If there was a Level 3 or 4 elsewhere, and the YM clerk agreed, we would go ahead with YM in session at El Rancho and try to arrange greater Zoom attendance for the affected area. We noted the significant issue of disrupting travel arrangments for any of these scenarios! We noted the consequences we would have to accept for a last minute cancellation at El Rancho.
2. Alistair asked to have it recorded that he will contact Graham about arranging a tech visit to El Rancho.

We agreed that a site visit in March is needed for the whole LAC. Deb has already alerted Sonya and is waiting for a reply with available dates and times.

1. We went over the 8 sheet Specific YM2021 To Do list. We are moving along with tasks and who will do them. Most will be done by the LAC. We noted we trust that as usual Friends will be willing to be shoulder tapped to assist during YM. Kapiti and PNMM Friends have been informed about the need for their help especially. Two people have already indicated their willingness.
2. We agreed to meet next via Zoom at 7pm on Monday 8 March, 2021.