

First Day School Committee Update September 2012

The First Day School Committee met at Mary Allee's home on Monday, August 27. Mary Allee, Sandy Lyon, and Laura Winefordner were present. Unfortunately Kathy Anderson had to work, but she and Sandy talked about the items on the agenda on Sunday. We talked about what was working well and what we might do better in our First Day School program. We also talked about requests we had received for information from other committees.

At our meeting the following decisions were made by consensus:

- We requested that our budget be increased to \$500 for the 2013-2014 year. While our budget is adequate for the present, we expect our needs to grow as our children get older and will participate in more SEYM youth activities.
- Laura will write a draft description of what our committee does for the handbook revision and for the web page.
- We will not make a specific toddler area in the First Day School room. We have two toddlers that need close supervision. We will keep the room as it is *and make sure that we have either a parent, grandparent or one caregiver to care for the toddlers. Kathy will facilitate this. The older children will go into the library or the fellowship room for their lesson with the story teller and another caregiver when we have toddlers.
- We updated the Birthday List and The Friendly Letter List. Mary will continue to send birthday cards to all of the children connected with our meeting. Each family with children will also get a Friendly Letter about once a month. Sandy will continue to write them, but we hope that other Friends will also take a turn.
- Sandy will work with the children to come up with a list of expectations for behavior in Meeting for Worship.
- Laura will continue to present Bible stories.
- We will form an ad hoc committee to help us create a self study program for our children . We want to be deliberate in teaching Quaker literature, thoughts, practice, and a familiarity with our Christian roots. Please let Sandy know if you are interested in serving on this committee.
- Sandy will to work with Peace and Social Concerns, The Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice, and SEYM to develop a work camp for SEYM youth throughout the state in 2013.
- We will try to include making jelly at the Inter-generational Retreat that Ministry and Nurture has scheduled for Saturday, October 27.
- Sandy will continue to ask members of the meeting to sign up to be the storyteller and share their Quaker experience.

Sandy' husband, Bruce, will lead a geocaching activity at the Half Yearly Meeting as part of the SEYM Youth Program.

We will have our next quarterly meeting of the First Day School Committee in November at Mary's home. We will chose the exact date later

*Sandy talked with AJ Kleinheksel on Sunday 9/2 as we watched Aletha in the First Day School room. We decided to buy foam squares to pad the floor in front of the toy cubby and dollhouse area. We will use them while we have toddlers that are learning to creep, crawl and walk. They can be readily picked up and stored when we don't need them. AJ will shop for the best buy and purchase them from our First Day School budget.