

Finance Committee Report to Representative Meeting

March 7, 2009

Contributions from monthly meetings: Eight meetings have not yet sent in contributions for this fiscal year. The clerk of finance committee will send an email to the treasurers of these meetings to remind them to send a check to Eric Starbuck.

Considerations of next year's budget: We ask that committees submit their requests for changes in the budget to the clerk of finance committee before the annual session in June. The finance committee is aware of the following potential changes:

1. High school fund: This year we transferred \$1100 to this fund. The current balance in the fund is \$10,400. How much should we budget for this fund for next year?
2. Clerks' consultation: \$2400 was transferred to this fund this year for the consultation to be held in November 2009. We will not need to transfer more into this fund in 2009-10.
3. Nurturing Quakerism Campaign: We have made our last payment to this FGC for this campaign. FGC has launched a new campaign: Stoking the Fires of Quakerism. Do we want to commit to the new campaign?

Available funds: The youth activity fund has money available for youth programming. Youth should be encouraged to request funds. The scholarship fund for ministry has not yet been used. People interested in attending retreats, workshops or classes should be encouraged to send proposals to the ministry and nurture committee.

Scholarship program for first time attenders: We proposed a scholarship program for first time attenders to our annual gathering. The yearly meeting would commit to granting a scholarship for one-third of the registration, room and lodging fees. Attenders would be encouraged to ask their meetings for a scholarship to cover another one-third of the costs. The funds for the scholarships would come out of the \$5,000 balance in the annual meeting fund.

Registration fees for the annual meeting: The finance committee proposes that the registration fees for the 2009 meeting remain the same as the fees for the 2008 meeting: \$37 per adult on or before May 23 and \$47 after May 23. The registration fee for children and youth under the age of 18 is \$0.