

Youth Activities Fund

This is a proposal for establishing a Youth Activities Fund at FMC for the use of groups of parents and/or youth for projects they propose. I propose the availability of the fund be announced to the FMC community at the beginning of the fiscal year, with groups of FMC youth and/or parents invited to develop youth activity proposals for use of part or all of the fund.

Overview

• *Why this project now, and will it engage with or benefit the FMC community? If so, how?*

This fund is proposed now because the youth of the Meeting are not active in Meeting activities. One possibility is that the activities being offered are not attractive to the youth and their parents. This fund would provide an opportunity for Meeting youth and/or parents to design projects that would interest them.

• *How will this project deepen the spiritual life of FMC and reflect its testimonies?*

The projects would only be approved if they are consistent with Friends' Testimonies. An additional benefit would be that parents and youth involved in the projects would be forming a community and becoming more connected to FMC, which could not help but deepen FMC's spiritual life.

• *How much is being requested, and what do you hope these funds will accomplish? Will you personally oversee execution or will it involve another organization or non-FMC persons? Over how many years will the funding be used?*

I propose a fund of \$5,000 be provided for each of two years. I hope that Meeting may decide to incorporate the Youth Activities Fund into the operational budget in future years if the funds are used for successful projects. I believe the projects would be successful if they cause youth and/or parents to gather to undertake projects which provoke additions to our community. I would be willing to do what I can to personally set up the fund and help groups form to start projects.

• *Is this a local proposal, elsewhere in the U.S., or international? Or for FMC itself?*

This proposal is for projects that would involve FMC youth and/or parents. They may choose to travel to another location as part of the project.

• *Who will carry out this project, both short-term and long-term if applicable? What are the roles, who will be doing them, and will there be adequate support?*

I propose the fund will be announced at the beginning of the school year by the First Day School/Youth Programs Committee, and a group of parents/youth would seek sponsorship of their project(s) from a FMC committee or working group, presenting it to a Meeting for Business in Worship (or its replacement) for official approval. The

sponsoring committee or working group would provide assistance to the youth/parents group, but the youth/parents group would carry out the project. The project should not be funded if there is not adequate support.

Use of Funds

● *Does this proposal advise keeping some or all of the bequest for FMC's capital or budget use?*

I am not quite sure what this question means. The request of \$5,000 is for just a small part of the bequest – it does not make any request for the remaining funds.

● *Is this the only funding for this project or is it part of a larger effort?*

This is the only funding for this project, but youth/parents groups may propose projects which would be part of a larger effort.

● *Is it ongoing after these funds are depleted?*

This proposal is to make funds available for two years. Future funding would be part of the FMC operational budget if desired.

● *Is this funding for a start-up, a program already up and running, or is this for an expansion?*

The fund proposed in this proposal is a start-up, but the youth/parents groups may propose joining or expanding an existing program.

● *If being given to an existing program, what portion of that budget will this represent?*

This proposal does not plan any connection to any existing program, but the youth/parents groups may propose joining or expanding an existing program.

● *If an existing project, are members and/or attenders at FMC already engaged with this project, and if so, how? Are community members welcome to become involved and how?*

Not an existing project. Community members would be invited to become involved through announcements and personal contact.

Budget

Costs need to be quantified whether or not a grant is to be carried out by you or given to another organization to carry out.

● *Personnel cost including taxes and benefits if applicable, and/or "in-kind" volunteers*

I cannot anticipate the personnel costs of projects using this fund. The administration of the fund would be handled by FMC volunteers.

- *Capital costs*

I cannot anticipate the capital costs of projects using this fund. The administration of this fund would not require any capital costs.

- *Cost of supplies, equipment*

I cannot anticipate the supplies and equipment costs of projects using this fund. The administration of this fund would not require any supplies or equipment costs.

- *Travel needs*

I cannot anticipate the travel costs of projects using this fund. The administration of this fund would not require any travel costs.

- *Additional?*

I cannot anticipate additional costs for projects using this fund. I can't think of any additional costs for administering the fund.

Request

I apologize for not having more details worked out. I welcome anyone interested in this proposal to contact me.

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