

## LEYM Executive Committee

March 7, 2025

Present: Joe Mills (Clerk), Jack Smith (Assistant Clerk), Peggy Daub (Recording Clerk), Jeff Cooper (Publications & Archives), Flo Friender (Ministry & Nurture), Susan Hartman (Advancement & Outreach), Tom Kangas (Treasurer), Carolyn Lejuste (Arrangements & Site), Barbara LeSage (Advancement & Outreach), Joann Neuroth (Finance), Clémence Ravaçon-Mershon (Adult & Family Program/Nominating), Bill Warters (Digital Communications Facilitator)

The Executive Committee of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting met on March 7, 2025, to finalize the agenda for the Representative Meeting the next day. The meeting began in worship at 7:20 pm, with some participants in the Pittsburgh Meeting House and some online.

The Representative Meeting can be attended in person at the Pittsburgh Meeting House or online. Bill Warters has shared zoom links for the day's activities, except for times when small groups are meeting.

Jeff Cooper (Publications & Archives) described a few issues from that Committee and asked if a report was needed. Friends asked Jeff to give a report, as it is good to remind everyone that LEYM *Policies & Procedures* exists and that it is kept up to date to reflect decisions we make.

Clémence Ravaçon-Mershon thanked Bill Warters for his work as Digital Communications Facilitator, in which he somehow manages to streamline things more each year. This makes the work of her Committee easier.

Tom Kangas (Treasurer) asked if the Arrangements & Site Committee could answer a question about costs for use of space at Ashland University for the Annual Meeting. Tom was expecting the cost to go up \$1500 this year, but a recent invoice did not have any increase. Sally Weaver Sommer may have information about this. Carolyn Lejuste is our new Clerk of the Arrangements & Site Committee, but the transfer of duties from Jon Sommer to her has been somewhat delayed because of personal concerns arising.

Diane Mott (Youth & Children's Program) could not attend this weekend, but sat in on a meeting of the Adult Program Committee recently so they could coordinate efforts. She is writing something for the *LEYM Bulletin* to advertise the children's program more widely.

Clémence (Nominating) reported that the Committee has begun making telephone calls to those whose term of service is ending this year.

Bill Warters (Digital Communications Facilitator) announced that he has begun to put past plenary addresses for Annual Meeting on our website. Some are text and others are videos.

A question arose about our process for changing a Committee Clerk midyear, if needed. *Policies & Procedures* says that Nominating Committee brings a nomination to the body for approval, which could be by action at Annual Sessions or by Executive Committee (if time sensitive).

Friends asked the Clerk to invite Susan Loucks, Database Manager, to give a report during Representative Meeting, if she is able.

Ellerie Brownfain, one of our representatives to FWCC, is planning to put something in the *LEYM Bulletin* about questions that arose in the FWCC World Plenary this past summer.

The Meeting ended at about 8:45 pm.