

2021 Publications Committee Report

The “publications committee” does not meet as a whole. Friends who serve the yearly meeting in separate tasks of communication have continued to do their jobs to the best of their abilities.

The pandemic has brought us new means of communication between SCYM Friends. At the same time some of our older forms are not working as well.

This year we saw the birth of SCYM Connections, a new web-based means of social connection for SCYM Friends. It has provided 3 times monthly when Friends could gather over Zoom to share their lives and concerns in relaxed conversation with no agenda. Many Friends have found this helps with the isolation we are all experiencing.

Since SCYM sessions in September 2020, 13 e-newsletters have gone out to the whole yearly meeting list with notices about SCYM opportunities, news of Friends in the yearly meeting and opportunities for Friends to participate in activities of other Quaker organizations.

While Bev Randolph again did a great job of producing a newsletter, we decided to only distribute that electronically. A registration reminder postcard was produced and mailed with the volunteer efforts of our clerk, Karen Takemoto, and friends.

We recognize that the online directory needs to be updated. A group of Friends including our clerk, Karen Takemoto, Jan Michael, Liz Yeats, and Cathy Guttentag will be contacting the clerks in the local meetings to get this task done between now and representative meeting. We are hoping that meetings will send us this information in a timely manner and we will be able to update our lists. Then we can all look people up and get accurate information from the website. We hope to be able to update that information at least twice a year, making the online resource more useful.

A volunteer has been located who has offered to redo our SCYM website. Specifics have yet to be discussed.