

## **Southern Appalachian Young Friends (SAYF) Support Committee**

### **Report to SAYMA Yearly Meeting 2024**

The SAYF Support Committee was established by the 2018 Yearly Meeting. It has been some time since we have reported to SAYMA. The main intent of this report is to remind Friends that one of our main purposes is to provide a conduit for SAYF adults, teens and Friendly Adult Nurturers (FANS), and the SAYMA community at large to express their concerns and needs regarding the SAYF program. Please know that we are looking forward to hearing from you!

Over the past several years

- We updated the Friendly Adult Nurturer (FAN) training materials and held many training sessions.
- We participated in the ongoing revision of the SAYF Handbook and are reviewing the updated Retreat Planning Manual.
- We helped the SAYF Steering Committee navigate some personnel concerns.
- Members of our committee have participated regularly in SAYF Steering Committee meetings via Zoom and at the twice-annual Nurturing Committee/Steering Committee/Support Committee retreats.
- We have discussed the potential need to ask other folks to assist with specific matters.

Finally, as a reminder, the charge for our committee was approved in RM142, Spring 2019 as follows:

### **SAYF Support Committee Responsibilities**

The purpose of the SAYF Support Committee is to support the SAYF program and provide a conduit for SAYF adults, teens and FANS, and the SAYMA community at large to express their concerns and needs regarding the program. The committee will work closely with the SAYF Steering Committee to facilitate smooth functioning of the program, recruitment of adult volunteers and teen participants, and other administrative tasks.

The Committee will consist of 4 to 6 members, one of whom will be selected from the SAYF Steering Committee. The committee will:

1. Collaborate with SAYF Steering Committee to review and revise program guidelines and policies on a continual basis.
2. Review serious behavior issues that may occur from either teen participants or adult volunteers and determine appropriate sanctions, with the goal of restorative justice and healing.
3. Assist SAYF Steering Committee with recruitment of adult volunteers.
4. Arrange relevant trainings for both the steering committee members and adult volunteers.
5. Assist the SAYF community with issues of inclusion, particularly for teens and families of color.

Respectfully submitted,

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