

Social and Hospitality Committee Job Description

Logistics:

Last Reviewed 5-15; Nominated Committee? No ; Nominated by? NA Length of term NA
on committee NA Need to be MMM member? No

Day and time of Meetings: Meetings are very irregular. Lately only major activities are around holidays, and we meet to organize them.

Mission and Purpose:

The purpose of the Social and Hospitality Committee is to help foster and promote a friendly, welcoming, and caring community within our Meeting and to reach out to anyone interested in our Meeting. The general work of the hospitality committee is to help generate a sense of community by creating a hospitable atmosphere for Meeting for Worship and Fellowship Time, as well as organizing occasions where friendliness, welcoming, and care of individuals and the Meeting are promoted.

The original purpose of this committee was as a conduit for people to socialize and get to know each other. The most recent event we've organized is Friendly 8s - which are currently meeting from the last round. (Our committee is now very small, and members are over committed.)

Guiding principles:

The guiding principle for the Social and Hospitality Committee is the Quaker testimony of Community. An essential component of community building centers around sharing meals and celebrations and the provision of other opportunities for sharing and conversation.

“While Friends focus heavily on their individual connections to the higher power, they also value the power of their “gathered community.” The meetings for worship bring everyone together to collectively search for the word of God, as opposed to having them meditate independently. Quakers rely on unity and trust within their communities -- both inside and outside the meetinghouse -- which helps them to create open-minded conversation and cooperation.” ASFC

“There can be no vulnerability without risk; there can be no community without vulnerability, there can be no peace, and ultimately no life, without community.” M. Scott Peck

Duties and Responsibilities:

Reflect on the needs of the Meeting and initiate community-building meals or groups such as the following:

- Friendly 8s
- Summer potlucks
- Potlucks highlighting members who had traveled
- Thank You for all our First Day School teachers
- Special birthdays
- Holiday celebrations
- Coordinate welcome receptions for new babies and new children in the community

Specific duties for committee's members:

- Part of being in community is to share work, so this committee is encouraged to ask others to assist in the work of building community.
- Reflect on how our Meeting can best greet and welcome visitors and newcomers, and then lead by example and encourage everyone in Meeting to carry out that task.

Convener responsibilities other than above:

- Organize meetings of the Committee as needed.
- Arrange for someone to take notes at each committee meeting.
- Communicate with committee members, as needed, between meetings.
- Communicates to the Meeting regarding the planned activities and events
- Arrange for general announcements in the newsletter and elsewhere if needed
- Requests volunteers when necessary and checks that the tasks are being carried out.

Notes to nominating committee:

It's a fun committee to be on due to the fun and camaraderie that comes from hands-on work together and it provides the opportunity to get acquainted with people in the Meeting.