

To: Property Committee and 15th Street Monthly Meeting for Business
From: Religious Education Committee
February 26, 2012

On February 26, 2012, the Religious Education Committee met and discussed potential uses of the former NYYM office space and what modifications would be required to meet our needs.

We adopted the following minute.

Minute: "We have several months to explore the possibilities of the use of the space by First Day and the 15th Street community at large. Discussions with the Property Committee were encouraged. We considered many ideas to envision a broader use of the space and made a wish list for our needs. Other Committees will be approached to generate additional ideas.

The ideas included:

First Day Committee Use:

More involved service projects such as a sleepover connected to a Shelter Party.
Children's library.

WIFI use for First Day lessons. We can incorporate our ongoing international outreach through skyping, into our lessons.

Easier secured access to the Arts Committee equipment and improved opportunities for collaboration and shared use for committees.

CD and piano to provide music activities.

Intergenerational activities, inviting adults to join the children.

Cooking projects that would be connected to service.

15th Street Monthly Meeting and Manhattan Monthly Meeting:

Committees Use:

Separate entrance would afford the Meeting access to the space for Worship Sharing Groups and Committee meetings when the main building is closed due to school holidays.

The space could be available after 9:30 PM for Committee meeting use.

The Arts Committee would be able to have easier access to equipment and film programs.

Quarterly use and broader community use:

Encourage partnerships with Quarterly Meeting children. Activities connected to service projects, sleepovers, and quarterly meetings.

AVP classes.

Community enriching events such as contra dances and pot lucks.

Space for the Circle of Young Friends gatherings.
Possible space for Quaker students who attend Friends Seminary to build
community.