

Ames Friends Meeting for Business

August 23, 2020 (via Zoom)

Attendees: AM Fink, Deb Fink, Ebby Luvaga, Steven Cannon, Debi Meyers, Victoria Albright, David Wilcox, Jean Hansen, David Hansen, Lee Tesdell, Charlie Johnson

Minutes

Minutes from the June 14 meeting were approved with changes.

- Follow-up: At the June meeting it was decided to increase donations to organizations serving Ames residents in need. Becky and Ebby were not able to meet to on this item so rather than delaying further, it was moved and approved to send \$1,000 to the Story County COVID-19 Emergency Fund for Immigrants and \$1,000 to Food at First.

Ministry and Counsel

- A letter has been written that would be sent to everyone currently on the Friends mailing list to see if they want to stay on the list. The draft was read and revisions proposed after which approval was given to send out the letter and accompanying material.
- For the time being, hybrid Meetings for Worship will continue with some Friends meeting via Zoom and others in-person at the Meetinghouse.
- Steven has been Clerk for one year and would like to discontinue his responsibility as Clerk. He is willing to continue for another year if there is a clerk-in-waiting in place. This item will continue to be on the agenda.
- The question was raised about whether the Meeting should adopt a project or focus for the coming year. A suggestion was made that this focus be a more concerted partnership with or in support of ASIP (see additional notes on ASIP below).
- Lloyd McDonald, who was a faithful attendee at Ames Friends, passed away on June 10, 2020. The following letter was received from his family:
“To the dear friends at Ames Friends Meeting,
What a special group of Friends you are! You have shown such love and kindness towards our father and grandfather, Lloyd, in the past couple of years. Your kindness in offering rides, words of encouragement, meant so much to him. We will cherish the memory of your friendship to him. We feel loved, comforted, and supported by your kind deeds. The McDonald Family.”

FCNL

- This Tuesday there will be a priorities feedback session at 5:00 on Zoom for the General Committee. Participants will be able to look at the priorities as they have been narrowed down.

AFSC – no report.

AMOS

- A new representative from Ames Friends is needed for AMOS. The Ames AMOS group shares the goals of Iowa AMOS and has the additional subcategories of immigrant support, affordable housing, and mental health support. AMOS also conducts research to identify relevant facts for presenting to lawmakers & area leaders.

ASIP

- A discussion will be held following next Sunday's Meeting for Worship to explore how Ames Friends can more directly engage with ASIP.

Building & Grounds

- No new report from May intrusion, but there has been some ongoing use of the back porch. Some garbage was left.
- Charlie is still looking for an electrician to assess the circuit for the motion detector light.

Scattergood – no report

Other Items

- At the August 18th Ames City Council there was a presentation by Pale Blue Dot consultants that included the Ames Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory, a Climate Vulnerability Assessment, and a Renewable Energy Potential Study. These reports are on the city webpage. The Ames Climate Action Team will be holding a Zoom meeting to review the reports and discuss the development of a climate action plan.

Note taker – Debi Meyers