

**Ames Friends Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Feb 5, 2023**

Attending: David Wilcox, Victoria Albright, David Hansen, Jean Hansen, Steven Cannon, Deborah Fink, A.M. Fink, Charlie Johnson, Susan Ziegler, Becky Musselman, Lee Tesdell, Cindy Hemingway, Helen Jensen, Ebby Luvaga, John Spence

THE MINUTES from December were approved without changes.

FINANCIAL REPORT (Becky)

Becky submitted the financial report for December. Balance is around \$6,000 (after check to Friends House Moscow). Next to pay: Iowa Yearly Apportionment (\$4,400).
Account in house savings account (after roof): \$4,618.

REPORT ON HOUSE NEEDS (Charlie, David W)

Tree removal bid: \$1,500 (probably go with Weiss)
Ceiling repair: Charlie and David W. did the patch. Will ask Mullenbach for a re-bid (~\$600)
Furnace: C&K did a service visit. Repair: \$1,036; replacement: ~\$10,000
AC: could replace at the same time – but it is used little.
Heat pump: need to get a bid on that.
Water heater: waiting on clarification of bids.

Sense of the meeting: proceed with tree removal (from savings) and painting (from checking).

FCNL ADVOCACY TEAM; SPRING LOBBY WEEKEND

Logan Jimenez (Des Moines) is interested in attending the DC lobbying weekend.
Ebby will also meet with Britney Cuevas this week.
Cost for FCNL weekend is ~\$1k/person.

Sense of the meeting: to try and support two. Maybe with help from Des Moines meeting?

MINISTRY & COUNSEL

M&C lacks a convener. Cindy is willing to join (not as convener). M&C will discuss.

SCATTERGOOD

David Wilcox conveyed: school is in good academic & financial health; 41 students currently, split between lower and high school. Question about receipt of state funds to students for attendance at private schools. How to deal with non-Iowa students? More information to come. There will be a new capital campaign starting in August.

AIRA, ASIP:

David reporting about ARLA: Hosted a M.L. King day at the UU Fellowship, about the letter from Birmingham Jail. Good turnout.

ASIP: Licida court hearing in 2025; therefore, she needs support for several more years. Steven & Ethy will be primary sponsor, following sponsorship by Susan Benner.

Family reunification program: Daughter-in-law will go to Mexico to try to help with paperwork; but in the meantime, we will look for another family.

Backpacks program: Received a check from Interfaith Welcome Coalition, reimbursing ASIP for the backpacks (unexpectedly).

DACA: have received ~100 applications in phase II, and have given out ~70. The political viability program is shaky, despite the great need.

WESTERN IOWA ADVOCACY TEAM (Charlie)

Good turnout recently. Several efforts: Contacts with Feenstra & Nunn, re rights of Palestinian children. Eastern Iowa team will meet with Grassley's team; western team invited to join.

Steven Cannon, note taker