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

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

THE MINUTES from February were approved accepted after corrections:
- FCNL spring lobby weekend.
- Ames Area Religious Leaders Association (AARLA) hosted MLK Day at UU Fellowship.
- Interfaith welcome coalition sent us a receipt for the check that we received from us.

FINANCIAL REPORT (report from Becky, in absentia)
- Finks will cover expenses for the Spring Lobby Weekend for Logan Jiminez & Britney Cuevas. Des Moines Valley Friends may cover part of Logan's expenses.
- Question: leave the Yearly Meeting apportionment the same for the next fiscal year?
- Increase from 4400? Re-evaluate after house expenses this year.

REPORT ON HOUSE NEEDS (Charlie)
- Bill from Muellenbach (painting): $600
- Furnace and water heater: Charlie to report again next month.

Yearly Meeting needs an assistant treasurer. (We are in favor.)

MINISTRY & COUNSEL: Cindy will join; Steven will rotate off.

SCATTERGOOD (Charlie)
- Regarding state vouchers: the school will subtract the voucher amount from the portion that would have been given as scholarship. The benefit will go to the family.

AIRA, ASIP (David):
- AIRA and ASIP have worked to clarify their respective focuses: ASIP on immigrants; AIRA on refugees & immigrants via the hybrid program for Ukraine, Venezuela, Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua.
- DACA (ASIP): trying to keep that funded.
- Licida sponsorship: Steven & Ethy primary; meeting is willing to help with secondary sponsorship (playing a supportive role as needed, e.g. for errands etc.). ASIP will also continue to help. Licida would like greater independence. Will be getting a work permit.

WESTERN IOWA ADVOCACY TEAM (Charlie & Lee) – Nothing new to report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Nothing new to report.

Close with silence.

Steven Cannon, note taker