

## **Ames Friends Meeting for Business**

September 27, 2020 – via Zoom

**Attendees:** Deb Fink, AM Fink, Steven Cannon, Debi Meyers, David Hansen, Jean Hansen, Charlie Johnson, Susan Zeigler, Victoria Albright, David Wilcox, Becky Musselman, Lee Tesdell, Cindy Hemingway

### **Minutes**

- Minutes from August 23 meeting were approved pending any comments received after the meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Becky reviewed the proposed budget for FY21. As per the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting for Business, \$1,000 was sent to Food at First and \$1,000 to the Story County COVID-19 Emergency Immigrants fund. Discussion was held about the need to budget for possible expenses related to yard/lot clean-up. The consensus was to wait until the need actually arises. There were no suggested changes to the budget. The budget as submitted was approved. David Hansen expressed appreciation for the support of ASIP.
- Charlie will investigate and report back on options for other internet providers that might improve audio quality. If a new contract is signed, Becky needs to be on the account in case there are payment issues.

### **Other Items**

- Lee Tesdell has agreed to serve as Assistant Clerk, with Steven continuing as Clerk into the coming year.

### **Ames Friends Meeting participation in supporting immigrants**

- Steven gave examples of Quakers' historical commitment to supporting immigrants. He proposed that Ames Friends Meeting get behind the Ames Sanctuary Interfaith Partnership (ASIP) with significant involvement. The question then becomes "how." Part 2 of his proposal was that participation would be at the individual level. Doing so would reduce the amount of discussion needed before making a commitment. Lee shared that Practical Farmers of Iowa and Iowa Food Coop currently support families from Central Africa and that we as Quakers discover our faith through action. Deb reminded the group that St. Cecilia's Catholic Church could use volunteer time and food donations as part of their Hispanic family food pantry. Deb will circulate information about future food drives. David Hansen explained that ASIP is organized around congregation teams that provide the interface between individual congregations and ASIP. The teams collect suggestions from their congregations and in turn circulate suggestions from other congregations back to their members. Steve noted that another option for involvement would be to support Ebby's congregation in Africa.

Note taker – Debi Meyers