

Ames Friends Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, May 7, 2023

Attending: Cindy Hemingway, Lee Tesdell, Charlie Johnson, Susan Ziegler, Jean Hansen, David Hansen, Helen Jensen, A.M. Fink, Deb Fink, Steven Cannon, Becky Musselman, Eric Ma

THE MINUTES from April were approved without correction.

FINANCIAL REPORT (report from Becky)

- Tree service has been paid. Current balance of a little over \$2000. Will prioritize payment of budgeted expenses.

REPORT ON HOUSE NEEDS (Charlie)

- Sense of meeting is that furnace should be repaired for now (not replaced). Need another estimate for the repair (we have one currently). Lee will check with One Hour H&C.

ADVOCACY TEAM & FCNL SPRING LOBBY WEEKEND

- Logan Jimenez and Brittany Cuevas gave nice reports at the end of May.

MINISTRY & COUNSEL: Jean received no additional comments about the discernment from our meeting regarding potential revised language regarding contraceptive and abortion care.

SCATTERGOOD (no updates)

ASIP (David, Steven):

- DACA program received two substantial grants – enough to support 20 additional applicants.
- David presented at the end of May to the Presbyterian church, regarding the hybrid immigration/refugee program for Venezuela, Cuba, Nicaragua, Haiti.
- There will be a can and bottle redemption collection project this summer, for Licida; and the Ames Bottle and Can center will donate funds to ASIP in August (for Licida and remittance).

WESTERN IOWA ADVOCACY TEAM (Charlie, Lee, Deb) – No report.

OTHER – notice of events (Jean): A contact from Bethesda: an initiative (“Value our Families”) to introduce a bill to help with family reunification and to make immigration more family friendly. There will be a lobby action in DC and in Iowa June 6 or 7. To Representatives Miller-Meeks and Hinson.

IOWA YEARLY MEETING at Scattergood – July 26-31.

Close with silence.

Steven Cannon, note taker.