

Ames Friends Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, June 4, 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, David Wilcox

THE MINUTES from May were approved after this correction: move note regarding “Value our Families” meeting in Des Moines from Advocacy Team to “Other – notice of events” category.

FINANCIAL REPORT (report from Becky)

- New assessment from city for property and land: \$184k.
- Current balance is OK, but not flush.
- Becky will pay Friends Journal next.

REPORT ON HOUSE NEEDS (Charlie)

- Still waiting for additional bids for furnace repair.

MINISTRY & COUNSEL:

- Annual report about state of our meeting: Jean will write a draft.
- John Spence’s funeral – on June 24, in the afternoon. Coordinating with Janet Spence (sister). Probably 4 family members will come from Ohio. Others joining remotely.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: David Wilcox will rotate on, to serve with AM.

ANNUAL MEETING:

- July 26th-31st, at Scattergood.
- AM will write the Recorder’s report – reporting John’s death, and when he joined (February 2020).

SCATTERGOOD (David W) – The school year has finished. Fundraising & capitol campaign are underway. Education and farm program are doing well. Looking to attract more students.

ASIP (Steven, David)

- Bethesda is sponsoring a Venezuelan family of four (now at border). Ames Friends Meeting is 2nd sponsor.
- DACA program: 109 have been supported. Concern now about status of DACA program, as it is reviewed in a court case in Texas.
- Recycling program on the 10th, for benefit of Licida and her family. The Ames Bottle and Can center will donate funds to ASIP in August (for Licida and remittance to family in Honduras).

WESTERN IOWA ADVOCACY TEAM (Charlie). A meeting Wednesday evening.

MEETING MINUTES – should go into binder in Meetinghouse. Susan has been adding these after Meeting for Business; will review and fill in gaps with Cindy and Steven.

Close with silence.

Steven Cannon, note taker.