

Ames Friends Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, Sept 3, 2023

Attending: Lee Tesdell, Jean Hansen, David Hansen, A.M. Fink, Deb Fink, Steven Cannon, Becky Musselman, David Wilcox, Charlie Johnson, Susan Zeigler

THE MINUTES from August were approved after correction: Eric Ma attended the August meeting for business.

FINANCIAL REPORT (report from Becky)

- Becky has written checks to the remaining local organizations in the budget.
- Becky has handled expenses from Brittany and Logan (\$ back from Logan) for the spring lobby weekend.
- Internet cost: the price has increased. Charlie will check with the company to see if any discounts might be available. Steven will bring up the question with ZenFields regarding internet options for their use.
- Ebby, Deb, and Becky will meet to budget for the next fiscal year.
- House insurance (from American Family) cost will increase to \$895. The premium is higher for churches due to premiums for liability for staff ... which we don't have.

MINISTRY & COUNSEL:

- M&C needs a convener. David Wilcox and Cindy will discuss.
- An open house in October? Depends on meeting of M&C.

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 (May 13), and when he joined (February 2020).

BUILDING AND GROUNDS (Susan)

- Has purchased pruner and saw.
- Susan would like to add some Aronia bushes to replace the daylilies.

ASIP (David)

- Recycling program in August, for benefit of Licida and her Honduran family, was a success. Collected ~\$700 through Ames Bottle and Can redemption center.
- Licida's sister and son have arrived in Ames. Both have moved into an apartment.

PLANNING FOR MIDYEAR and YEARLY MEETING for 2024 (AM, Deb)

- planning needs to start about now, to decide on a theme, find speakers etc.
- Third weekend in July.

FCNL Western/Eastern Iowa Advocacy Team (Charlie)

- Visits to Hinson, Nunn, others. FCNL positions have been shared with all representatives.
- Logan Jimenez would like to attend the spring lobby weekend again.

INTERFAITH GAY PRIDE SERVICE, OCTOBER 1 (David)

- Cancel meeting in order to attend service on campus? Sense of the meeting is "yes."
- Delay next business meeting to Oct 8.
- Jen Hibben (Collegiate Presbyterian) is leading the effort.
- Will need to put a notice on the meetinghouse door.

Schedule

17 potluck

24th discussion; David leading

Close with silence.

Steven Cannon, note taker.