

Omaha Friends Meeting

Meeting for Business

19 April 2009

Present: Marshall, Debbie, Frank, Carol, and Lynda

Minutes from March 15 were approved.

Calendar:

First Day:

- April 26 - worship only
- May 3 - queries 4 & 5 - Debbie
- May 10 - "How has the Lord dealt with thee since last we met? What is thy teaching for us this day?" - sharing how we daily live our faith – rescheduled from April 26
- May 17 - Business Meeting

Other:

- April 25-26 - Midyear Meeting at Bear Creek near Earlham, IA
- May 3 - PULSE benefit dinner at the TAC building at 31st and Burt; 3-6, \$10, to remember victims of homicide. RSVP by April 29th.

Treasurer: The treasurer's report was approved.

Our Yearly Meeting apportionment of \$540 is due in June.

An approved donation of \$100 to FCNL will be sent once our bank balance allows it.

Religious Education:

Midyear Meeting's theme this year is «Reflections on Quaker Service». The presenter is Susan Corson-Finnerty, the editor of «Friends Journal». To let Bear Creek Meeting know you are planning on attending, please email Wanda Knight at rwknight@wesleythevillage.net. Debbie has registration forms, too. If you need suggestions for lodging, either Wanda or Debbie could help. It is the last weekend of April, the 25th and 26th.

Peace and Social Concerns:

Earth Day's celebration, with food, music, speeches and exhibits, has been rescheduled for April 25th in Elmwood Park.

Ohio Yearly Meeting, Conservative will be hosting a third annual event at Stillwater Meetinghouse and Olney Friends School near Barnesville, Ohio, newly named as QuakerSpring: Experiencing the Inward Christ Together, June 9th – June 14. Cost is \$25 per day for 1 to 5 days. For information, contact Debbie.

Yahara Friends Meeting from Madison, Wisconsin, part of our Yearly Meeting, has started a program called «True Cost of Travel». Costs of motorized travel have had a carbon offsetting price put on them by this program. Suggested amounts are 12 cents for each gallon of gas, \$.0053 per airline mile, \$.0024 per train mile, \$.001 per intercity bus, and \$.004 per passenger mile. These donations can be sent to YFM or directly to Scattergood Friends School to support its newly developing sustainability program. Look at www.quakernet.org/yahara.html for more information or contact Debbie.

Ministry and Oversight:

Michael and Jules should be graduating from high school May 20th. Meeting has chosen a book believed to be suitable for them for this occasion. The treasurer will order the book in hopes of being able to present it to them on May 17th.

Ginny has moved to California and is living with her sister and niece. Her kitties are currently living with Ginny's father and punishing Ginny for their having to be spoiled by him. She would love to hear from us. You may get the address from Debbie or Lynda.