

Omaha Friends Meeting

Meeting for Business

24 May 2009

Present: Michael, Ian, Robin, Jules, Debbie, Frank, Carol, and Lynda

Minutes from April 19 were approved.

Calendar:

First Day:

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| May 31 | - | Quaker studies – Carol |
| June 7 | - | Queries 6 & 7 - Debbie |
| June 14 | - | share drafts of Yearly Meeting reports |
| June 21 | - | Business Meeting |
| June 28 | - | picnic at Elmwood |

Other:

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| July 28 – 31 | - | Yearly Meeting |
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Query: Responses to query 4 and 5 were approved.

Query 4

Harmony within the Meeting

Deeper relationships have been fostered over the past few years by our routine fellowship period that occurs between worship and second hour discussion. The relationships between us rely on a covenant, bonded by such sharing times. This covenant helps to

hold each of us accountable in our faith and practice, a quality heightened by our small size.

A topic we often avoid to discuss directly is the role of Jesus in our religious lives, since we sense we don't have unity on this topic. We struggle with the prospect of hearing about how others may think we should believe.

Query 5

Mutual Care

We make intentional effort to keep up with those members who have moved away from the area or who are in a hiatus from Meeting.

We see that the care of the Meeting stems directly from Meeting for Worship. It is the core of who we are.

Treasurer: The treasurer's report was approved.

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

We determined that we can continue with this amount of apportionment when the question arises with the Representatives at Yearly Meeting. If apportionment percents and/or overall amount need to be reassigned at Yearly Meeting , we can discuss this further at that time.

Peace and Social Concerns:

Bob, Beth, and Lynda attended the PULSE dinner. Lynda reported that about forty people attended the event which included entertainment and a meal catered by Popeyes, and that it appeared most of those present were supporters and not family of murder victims. Media covered the event.

Ministry and Oversight:

Michael and Jules each received a copy of Lloyd Lee Wilson's Essays on the Quaker Vision of Gospel Order in celebration of their high school graduations.

Other:

Thank you to Lynda for updating our contact list and for preparing the books for our graduates.

Nominating committee for our Monthly Meeting will be Ian and Lynda. They are to report back at the June Business Meeting. In addressing membership for committees, they will see if people are moved to participate and will not feel the task is to fill slots.

Carol and Frank will serve as Representatives at Yearly Meeting. Marshall will be asked if he will serve as a caretaker. Michael will serve on Nominating Committee.

The clerk will contact Bob to see if he can prepare a draft for PSC for our June 14th meeting. Carol will prepare one for Religious Education. Frank will prepare the draft for the State of the Meeting report.

We shared a letter to Monthly Meetings from Sandy Tomer regarding her feelings about how Yearly Meeting Friends reacted to her family after her youngest daughter was expelled from Scattergood a year ago. Carol will draft a response to Sandy.