

# Omaha Friends Meeting

## Meeting for Business

### 17 January 2010

**Present:** Debbie, Carol, Frank, Matt, Lynda, and Jon

**Minutes** from December were approved.

#### **Calendar:**

##### First Day:

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| January 24  | - | FCNL priorities discussion – Debbie              |
| January 31  | - | Bible study – Book of James - Lynda              |
| February 7  | - | Queries 2 & 3 – Carol                            |
| February 14 | - | framing issues with respect to religion - Curtis |
| February 21 | - | Business Meeting                                 |

**Query:** Response to query 1 was approved.

#### *Meeting for Worship*

*Yes, we generally sit in a spirit of expectant waiting. However, sometimes we are tired and have trouble maintaining focus. One Friend noted that sometimes thinking about the individuals present or the events from the week occurs. Another mentioned how he reflected on what he is actively reading.*

*Many agree that it helps to prepare by putting the mind at ease. Some prepare by the ritual of getting ready and getting to meeting. Part of the ritual is putting the sign out front and re-arranging the*

*room. Another ritual is driving to meeting, driving slowly and having plenty of time for travel.*

*There are many ways to refer to God. Some prefer terms that refer to God as One. Others identify with terms that refer to attributes. God has both female and male attributes. Depending on the context, emphasizing one attribute over another may be appropriate.*

**Treasurer:** There was no treasurer's report.

**Other:**

The Yearly Meeting minute books from the 2009 session are available. Please let Debbie know if you'd like one.

The Omaha World Herald op ed article from December 20, 2009 on climate change was shared that had been co-signed by Meeting with other clergy.

AFSC is looking for a new General Secretary and suggestions for nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize.