

# Omaha Friends Meeting

## Meeting for Business

### 20 September 2009

**Present:** Marshall, Debbie, Michael L., Pam, Carol, Frank, Lynda, and Bob

**Minutes** from August 16 were approved.

#### **Calendar:**

##### **First Day:**

- September 27 - discussion on glossary of Discipline – Carol
- October 4 - queries 10 & 11 – Frank
- October 11 - potluck, location TBA
- October 18 - Business Meeting

##### **Other:**

- September 21 - Mideast forum & potluck
- September 24 - Bob's retirement dinner, Taj @ 114<sup>th</sup> & Dodge, 5:30, Contact Beth to RSVP
- October 16-18 - Traces work weekend at Turin, Iowa – talk to the clerk

**Query:** Responses to queries 7,8, and 9 were approved.

Query 7

*Home and Family*

*Daily meditation helps some; college students find it difficult to find a time or place to be alone or quiet. Those who do find quiet, find it difficult to quiet their minds from making lists, thinking about worldly business, worrying. Some in the younger generation feel that their parents succeed in sharing values by talking about things such as who they voted for. One parent feels when she talks about religion with her children she gets a hostile response. Several admit feeling threatened by strong religious beliefs, whether expressed in books or in person. But when someone shares from his or her own experience we should not feel threatened.*

Query 8

Personal Responsibility

*We sometimes choose wasteful activities. It might be useful to ask ourselves what would Jesus do with this time? One said that he likes coming to Meeting because the more time he spends in worship, the clearer he feels about what's happening in his life. We all feel we have too many things to do, but if we are more GOD CENTERED it doesn't seem like we're so busy. The multitasking we do, the distractions we fill our lives with, do interfere with our spiritual side.*

Query 9

Civic Responsibility

*We do not associate much with people of non-progressive leanings. Therefore, we do not understand how to interact with them very well. Friends do not know much about what makes up extreme right wing belief systems. Religious beliefs may have something to do with this.*

*People with means have more access to media and better investments options. Many fear change and are distrustful of the government.*

**Treasurer:** The treasurer's report was approved. See attached.

Our fiscal year ends at the end of September. If there are any outstanding receipts or transactions that need to be addressed before then, please talk to Lynda.

\$200 was approved for Debbie's FCNL Annual Meeting registration.

Our proposed budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year will be the same as last year except for the following changes:

IYM,C apportionment has lowered from \$540 a quarter to \$534;

AFSC and FCNL will become items under Peace and Social Concerns;

the clerk's and treasurer's budget will be increased slightly.

The budget will be proposed at the Board of Directors Meeting.

**Other:**

Cedric is in the Twin Cities staying with Catholic Charities for three months while he obtains work.

Traces needs furniture of any nature, particularly beds. Please let the clerk know if you have any and she'll pass the word on.

The YM clerk's letter to Monthly Meetings following Yearly Meeting was shared.

A letter from the Yearly Meeting's Religious Education committee was shared.