

Business Meeting 11/16/2009  
Diane, Lynda, Frank, Bob, Carol

Repower Nebraska invited Omaha Friends Meeting to post a video on You Tube giving some kind of Quaker statement of faith on Climate Change. It could be personal, or a montage, or an official statement from the meeting. A written editorial might also be useful. If we could think of something to say, they would probably help with the actual video production. Carol will talk to Marshall and see if they can come up with a "screenplay."

We approve being associated with Repower Nebraska in whatever way would be useful to their work (endorsing, sponsoring etc.).

Michael Luick-Thrams of the Burr Oak community, invited us for worship and pot luck next week in Turin, near Onawa Iowa. Carol is interested in going to Turin, and Frank and Lynda offered to stay in Omaha and open up the regular Meeting room. Friends can choose which place to attend Meeting. If you want to carpool to Turin, please contact Carol.

Queries. Frank read the responses to Query 10, Environmental Responsibility, and Query 11, Social and Economic Justice, which were approved.

#### Query 10:

*One Friend is backsliding somewhat because of getting older and not using a bicycle as transportation as much. The transportation trail system in Omaha is not efficient for daily needs. Vegetarianism is helping some to reduce their footprint. Many Friends are doing little things and have been for some time. Another trend that is helpful is natural landscaping. One Friend noted using the bus system with a bicycle more. Omaha busses have added bike racks recently.*

#### Query 11:

*Our entire economic and political system is set up to benefit us. Most of what we buy is made overseas to lower cost. As the dollar goes down, production will trend back. The financial industry takes advantage of us. The wealthy have benefited at the expense of common workers retirement accounts. Most everyone becomes a victim.*

*Most of us are not directly involved with the prison system. We can help by working to relax laws such as three strikes and you're out. The educational system needs to be more flexible to accommodate individual differences. There is a need to help others understand that there are alternatives to violence.*

The treasurer's report was read and approved. Lynda noted that we are due to make our quarterly contribution of \$534 to Iowa Yearly Meeting

(Conservative) in December, and at this point we only have \$115 in the general fund, so contributions would be welcome.

Diane reported that she is planning to attend an OTOC meeting on employment tomorrow evening, and she will let us know what happens at the meeting.

Calendar:

November 22, Meeting for Worship either at the Yoga School or at Burr Oak, with a pot luck at Burr Oak

November 29, Climate change statement (Meeting and pot luck at Carol's house)

December 6th, Query 12 (Frank)

December 13th Bible study (Lynda)

December 20th Meeting for Business