

Des Moines Valley Friends Meeting

FRIENDLY LINE

August 2022



Some of the DMV Friends who participated in the 2022 Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative), enjoying time together at Scattergood Friends School and Farm.

IYMC Meets for First Hybrid Gathering

The 145th annual session of the Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative) met seventh month, July 27-31, at Scattergood Friends School and Farm near West Branch, Iowa, and online, for its first-ever hybrid gathering. Friends from at least six states and Washington, D.C. were among the participants.

Highlights of the collections (special evening programs) this year included inspiring presentations on Mutual Aid with Bear Creek's Jeff Kisling and Becoming a Quaker with FCNL staffer Bobby Trice. We also

received an enlightening update on the new Middle School at Scattergood from Head of School John Zimmerman, Middle School Director Jamie Newton and other Scattergood staff.

A panel discussion Thursday evening on "Providing Welcome - Being a Spiritually Hospitable Meeting Community," a panel discussion with DMV Friends Katie Jacoby and Billie Wade, along with Friends from Bear Creek, Lincoln and Iowa City meetings. In addition, there were spirit-led sessions of meeting for worship for business, workshops, Bible studies, Junior Yearly Meeting fun and delicious meals that featured food from the farm.

A Quaker Minute: Quaker Manners – Attend Business Meeting as Often as You Can

Quaker Meeting has the routine responsibilities of Care for Members, Managing Property and Finances, and being responsible citizens of the larger community.

As individual Friends strive to live their lives in harmony with the inward experience of the Light, the Meeting Community strives to conduct its business in harmony with the Light as experienced by its members.

Friends believe that each person has been given a measure of the Light. Each of us is privileged to attend the Meetings for Business and weave our experience of the Light into the tapestry of Meeting actions.

Many Friends view participating in Business Meeting as a valuable form of Spiritual exercise: strengthening our ability to discern the Light both within ourselves and as expressed by others and to translate ideals into practical action.

-- *One in a series on Quaker history and practice, contributed by Pam Blackburn and Jan Falb.*

DMVF Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business – July 10, 2022

Attending: Carol Spaulding-Kruse, clerk; Deborah Fisch, recording clerk; Charlie Brown, Claire Cumbie-Drake, David Drake, Dick Douglass, Andrea Holveck, Dorothy Lifka, DJ Newlin, Virginia Smith, Jackson Brock Wommack, Billie Wade

The clerk opened hybrid meeting for worship for business near the appointed hour with a time of worshipful Silence and shared the following reading, excerpted from Abington Monthly Meeting:

The Quaker “third way” of decision making, involves a kind of “Zen”, of moving out of the pragmatic and conceptual and into the spiritual and formative, “mind of Christ”, as early Friends would describe it. This is where the creative solution to most of life problems is to be found... Advice for a clerk would be to “Mind the Oneness!” This is an old Quaker expression that goes back to George Fox, and it admonishes us to always look for the unity within us and between us! Great advice for living, too! (at: <https://www.abingtonmeeting.org/role-of-quaker-clerk/>)

Minutes from June 2022 -

Friends approved the 06/10/2022 minutes as published in the most recent issue of *Friendly Line*. If someone finds a typo or other correction in the minutes within the next week, please contact the recording clerk so they can be amended for the officially recorded minutes. If a significant error is found the clerk will bring

it to the next business meeting for approval. Typos will be corrected, but they do not require approval from Meeting.

Minute – The minutes for the 06/12/2022 business meeting were reviewed and approved. Friends should contact the recording clerk (Deborah Fisch) within one week if there are needed corrections.

Finance Committee – There were no reports from the Finance Committee or the treasurer this month.

Ministry & Counsel Committee (Jim Dietz-Kilen, convener) – The committee gathered via Zoom at 8:30 a.m. on 07/03/22 opening with Silence. In attendance were Gordon Bivens, Andrea Holveck, Deborah Fisch, Jim Dietz-Kilen and Carol Spaulding-Kruse.

The first item on the agenda was to select a new convener. Jim Dietz-Kilen agreed to serve again in this capacity. Since Gordon Bivens had the agenda for the meeting, Jim asked if he would facilitate for the remainder of this meeting.

Jim gave a brief update on Leo and his family, reporting that progress continues in what is likely to be a long process to reunite the family in Canada. The gifts made by folks from our meeting and meetings in other states/Canada have allowed us to meet the needs as they have arisen and have really made a difference for their family of seven. It was suggested that this might be a model for cross-meeting collaboration on other issues/efforts.

Deborah Fisch is preparing to follow a leading to resume her

former leading in traveling in ministry. IYM(C) and Paullina Friends Meeting have responded to her request to provide some people willing to be part of an "Anchor Committee" to support her in this role (and, she says, to hold her accountable). Several names rose from our discussion, with Peter Clay and Jim agreeing to reach out to them to see if they would be interested in serving in this capacity.

As usual, we had some confidential discussion about concerns for members and attenders. We also discussed the possibility of establishing a designated monthly time at which members and attenders would be invited to gather in our own homes for the purpose of holding each other in the light. We will take up this idea again at our next committee meeting.

We closed with Silence.

Minute – We heard the report of Ministry & Counsel Committee. We appreciate the years of service Gordon Bivens has given as convener of the committee and thank Jim Dietz-Kilen for his willingness to serve a convener for a second time. The report is accepted with appreciation.

Peace & Social Committee

(Patti Wengert, convener) – The committee met 07/08/2022. Present: Patty Wengert, Billie Wade, Peter Clay and Jack Holveck

We agreed upon a convener going forward, Patty Wengert will continue and Billie Wade will provide the technical Zoom set up for our meetings which will continue on the 1st Tues. of the month at noon. All meeting

members are invited to join our Zoom meetings. Just call us or text before those dates.

We discussed our upcoming year and whether we would be able to plan an in-person or some kind of hybrid event with some meeting members online. Our consensus was to stay in touch with the subcommittee that meets to address re-opening. We thought about a takeout soup lunch or a picnic.

Peter will draft a model statement of our committee action on Indigenous Boarding Schools following the first National Report of the Congressional Investigation of that issue. Our hope is that Iowa Yearly Meeting (C) will take that matter up for reflection and consideration this year, concerning acknowledgement of the issues involved and the activities that are pending in Congress. Our committee also wishes members to remain mindful that when discussing such sensitive issues of race, past discrimination and future healing of grave past wrongs of slavery and its continuing aftermath, we be sensitive to the vulnerability of Black citizens in our community who may face feelings of being left out of programs taken up for one minority, when others may also have similar concerns. We further hope to seek guidance from one local tribe close to our meetinghouses in Tama, Iowa. While that tribe owns their land and businesses, as opposed to being on a reservation, we seek their guidance, and we hope to ask how we may help them to preserve their language and the

oral history of the Sauk and Fox Tribe members in Iowa

We did not discuss any donations this month.

We also discussed concerns of the reversal of *Roe v. Wade* and the constitutional implications, and the concurring opinion of Justice Thomas, with language that other past Court precedents may also be revisited and undone.

Minute – We heard the fine report of Peace & Social Committee Report and appreciate the work they continue to do on our behalf. A draft minute addresses past and current treatment of Indigenous peoples by our government and by Quakers, specifically the practice of the use of boarding schools by Quakers and other Christian denominations that took children forcibly from their parents and home people to be “educated” in English and other topics deemed important to assimilate into the U.S. culture, and at the same time, prevent the use of their own language or any practices, customs or religions of their own people. The proposed minute, drafted by Peter Clay at the direction of P&SC reads:

Draft Minute from Des Moines Valley Friends Meeting Supporting Truth and Healing Initiatives for Our Country

Des Moines Valley Friends Meeting supports passage of the “Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act” (H.R. 5444 and S. 2907). We also support H.R. 40, the bill that would establish a commission to study and develop proposals for reparations for the historical and ongoing

devastating impacts of the institution of slavery on African Americans. We believe that acknowledging the truth of our nation’s history is essential to healing the deep divisions that now exist. We believe that it is important to see and acknowledge how all the historical harms and injustice are related and connected.

As Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland has now begun her nationwide listening tour to lift up the harms caused by the Indian boarding schools and to encourage full recognition that healing is needed for generations of Native people, our Quaker meeting raises our voice in support of this courageous and long overdue Federal initiative led by Secretary Haaland.

For decades H.R. 40 has been introduced into Congress but has never received the support needed for passage. As Quakers, our testimonies for equality, integrity and community lead us to reflect deeply on the linked struggles for equality and full inclusion in our country for Native people and for African Americans. We encourage individual Friends and Quaker monthly and yearly meetings to consider how they are led to respond to this moment of awareness and national attention on the harms caused by the Indian Boarding Schools. We encourage Friends to consider what our responsibilities are in this moment.

Recognizing that Quakers participated in and supported the goal of destroying Native culture, identity and languages through the boarding schools, Des Moines Valley Friends Meeting

commits to providing resources to support Native languages. We will reach out to our neighbors in the Meskwaki Settlement at Tama to learn from them how we may be supportive as well as reaching out to other Native tribes and nations such as the Ioway Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska.

Des Moines Valley Friends Meeting encourages Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative) to study our yearly meeting's history in relation to the Indian Boarding Schools and to report back to Annual Sessions in 2023.

Minute – We have a sense of urgency around the contents of the proposed minute and it generated animated consideration. It can be frustrating to table something when we feel there is so much to be done. However, the minute is not seasoned, in part because it has not gone through P&SC. In the future, we ask that such minutes of concern be seasoned and approved by the appropriate committee before coming to Meeting for approval in business meeting. Therefore, we ask that this minute be returned to P&SC for consideration, and we invite that committee to bring it back to business meeting when and if it is approved. We realize this means the minute will not be able to be sent to the IYMC 2022 Annual Sessions, but we believe it is important for Friends to have time to see the minute approved by P&SC for the clerk to know how much time to allocate for consideration of it and other agenda items, and for Friends to be able to come to business meeting able to understand the proposal and give

it careful, Spirit-led discernment in community.

Outreach Committee (Katie Jacoby, Ann Robinson and Billie Wade) – A short report of the committee meeting 7-8-22 and recent activity was presented verbally.

Minute – We appreciate the work the Outreach Committee is doing to make our meeting more visible to others and to help us be more welcoming for visitors and potential attenders. We appreciate Katie Jacoby's many hours of work on our website and to set up our own Zoom account.

Nominating Committee (Claire Cumbie-Drake, convener) The 2022-2023 slate of committee members and conveners is provided at the end of this issue of Friendly Line.

Minute – We heard the report of Nominating Committee Report. Hospitality Committee has not yet selected a convener for the new fiscal year and will do so before the next business meeting. Patty Wengert has been reappointed as convener of Peace & Social Committee.

The appointment of someone to keep Meeting's directory updated was not indicated in the report. Deborah Fisch has been appointed and Carol Spaulding-Kruse will assist.

Brock Womack volunteered to help create a list of Friends who have passed away in the last several years.

We appreciate all the work done on our behalf by the Nominating Committee and approve their report with thanks.

Religious Education Committee – (Dorothy Lifka, convener) – First Day School

continues to be offered virtually and in person on Sunday for older children and during the week virtually for younger children. There has not yet been discussion of when or how to resume childcare at the meetinghouse.

We need additional help for in-person First Day School in order to have two adults present.

Minute – We heard the report of the Religious Education Committee and appreciate the efforts of First Day School teachers past and present. We were reminded that the same three women have been sharing the duties of teaching both the Middle School-aged young Friends and the younger Friends First Day School for a few years. Friends were asked to consider volunteering to share in the responsibility of teaching First Day School. F/friends will likely find that they benefit from working with the children, and we know the children benefit when they have opportunities to learn from a wide group of F(f)riends.

We appreciate the report and the sharing that followed and ask F/friends to consider carefully if they could help by either volunteering to teach or co-teach a class, or to serve as an observer when classes are able to meet in person.

Buildings & Grounds Committee (Charlie Brown, reporting) – To my understanding on June 18th, someone using the meetinghouse opened the windows because it was warm in the hall. It was quite warm outside, and the system got overloaded and caused a warning

and would not allow the cooling system to run.

On the 19th of June I arrived at the meetinghouse, unaware of this. The thermostat was set at 76° but was reading 79°. We decided to open the windows as it was cooler outside than inside. After meeting, we closed the windows.

It was forecasted to get quite hot that week, so I called Greens to get an appointment and they came on Monday and said the whole system needed to be replaced.

We, the House & Grounds Committee, discussed the matter and decided to get another opinion. We scheduled Greens and Golden Rule to come on Tuesday and eventually got quotes. Steve Timmons came by as well and was able to get it reset and running. It ran well until this morning. We have received two estimates and will obtain a third.

Steve came by during meeting for business and was able to reset the system. It is now running properly, set at 76°, running at 76°.

Minute – We were dismayed to learn of problems with our geothermal system. The problem likely started, at least in part, when someone opened the entryway windows and then forget to close them when leaving the building. This system has been in use about 18 years with only about \$1,200 cost to the meeting, mostly on service fees. It has only cost approximately \$30 to \$35 a month to heat or cool the meetinghouse, much less than conventional HVAC units would cost.

The committee has gotten bids from two providers and will get a third before making a recommendation to Meeting. Greens quoted a bid of \$14,478 to repair the faulty parts. Golden Rule reported a total system replacement would cost \$23,500. We have not yet received a quote from them for simply repairing the faulty parts. Charlie recommends fixing the problems since we have had so few needs for repair until now. Currently Steve Timmons has been able to reset the A/C so that it cools the meetinghouse, so we are okay, at least for a while if we can continue to reset. Charlie will ask Steve to show him how to reset it so we don't have to continue to call Steve. As long as this continues to work, it will suffice until the system can be repaired. Charlie and the committee plan to seek a third bid since this is a significant cost.

We appreciate all that Charlie and the committee have been doing to get this problem fixed the right way at the lowest cost to Meeting. Meeting approves the report.

Hospitality Committee – The Hospitality Committee is not currently meeting so there is no report.

New Business

Monthly Schedule – The clerk suggested the following schedule start right away if approved.

First Sunday – Queries

Second Sunday – Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Third Sunday – Second Hour Program (suggestions welcome)

Fourth Sunday – Second Hour Series: Journey to Friends

Fifth Sunday – Soup Lunch

Minute – Friends expressed appreciation to the clerk for the suggested regular First Day schedule for the new fiscal year and a fruitful consideration followed the sharing of the report.

There was some concern about the safety of meeting for a meal since COVID is on the rise and the current strain is very contagious.

Some Friends expressed a desire to hold the monthly soup lunch following meeting as was done prior to the pandemic, but without committee meetings during the meals. It was suggested each committee determine the best time for them to meet each month.

Several Friends liked the idea of inviting the folks who have offices in Friends House to join F/friends for worship and/or a few soup lunches or special occasions each year. During the difficult two years after the departure of AFSC when Meeting and office occupants in the old part of Friends House struggled to write and approve new bylaws, we all realized we didn't know each other well and as a result some mistrust surfaced. Friends had expressed at previous business meetings a desire to look for ways that Friends and those working in FH could get to know each other and develop a more Friendly relationship. Some expressed the belief that an occasional invitation to join us for worship and/or our soup lunch could be a first step in developing better relationships with each other.

It was suggested it would be safer to meet outdoors as long as

the weather holds. One Friend noted that eating outdoors could also help raise awareness for those driving and walking by as they could see that a group is using the meetinghouse. Since the first month with a fifth First Day is this month Friends approved holding a soup lunch for the next Fifth First Day (after July when Yearly Meeting will be in session). We ask Hospitality to find people to provide a vegetarian and a meat option along with bread, crackers, etc. The first soup meal will be planned for Tenth Month, the next time after Yearly Meeting when there are five Sundays in the month.

Announcements

IYMC – Annual sessions are scheduled for 07/27 to 07/31 and will be hybrid this year. As usual, sessions will be held at Scattergood Friends School & Farm near West Branch, Iowa. This year, portions of Yearly Meeting will also be offered virtually for those who choose to avoid meeting in person due to health concerns or for other reasons. Those planning to attend in person and those planning to attend virtually should register. Friends are encouraged to participate as much as possible in IYM(C)'s Annual Sessions, whether in person or via Zoom if necessary. As in the past, there is no required fee to attend. However, Yearly Meeting needs to raise money to cover the costs of using the Scattergood campus, food, supplies and paying support staff including the Junior Yearly Meeting coordinator, etc. Donations can be given in person or by mail.

Meeting concludes – There being no more business, the clerk closed meeting with a period of silent worship. The next meeting for worship with attention to business is scheduled for 08/10/2022 at 1:00 PM.

NEWS of OUR FRIENDS

Jim and Catherine Dietz-Kilen are excited to be taking a long-awaited trip to Scotland. Send them traveling mercies!

Some sad news from friend **Osh Anderson**: Paul the guinea pig, passed away of pneumonia on June 28. He was buried in the shady backyard near a small log where his cousins, the chipmunks, play and eat walnuts. Osh was the only attendee at the funeral and read Portia's Quality of Mercy speech from *The Merchant of Venice* and *The Day is June* by Curt Systma, retired Des Moines lawyer/ poet. Fortunately, Osh reports, Paul's brother Butters, is hale and hearty and enjoying twice as much attention.

In other news of her summer, Osh enjoyed a ride across Missouri, her third trip across the state, via different routes. She says it was hot and very hilly, but beautiful and the people (both riders and Missourians) were "so friendly."

Peter Clay reports that he is currently at his cabin in Wisconsin. Work to repair his home on the south side of Des Moines damaged by the tornado began July 18. He hopes to be able to be back in it before winter, and he is grateful for love and support from DMV Friends.

Query # 12 for August: Peace & Nonviolence

ADVICE

We seek peace within our own lives. Sometimes there are barriers to peace within families and meetings, and among individuals. Anger and frustration may result in hurtfulness which leaves physical, sexual or emotional wounds. Healing and forgiveness are possible when our hearts are opened to the transforming love that comes from the Spirit Within. The violence we oppose is not only war, but all unloving acts. Friends seek peaceful resolution to conflicts among nations and peoples. Wars can easily erupt when nations depend upon armed forces as an option for defense and order. To oppose war is not enough if we fail to deal with the injustices and inequalities that often lead to violence. We need to address the causes of war, such as aggression, revenge, overpopulation, greed, and religious and ethnic differences.

QUERIES

What are we doing to educate ourselves and others about the causes of conflict in our own lives, our families and our meetings?

Do we provide refuge and assistance, including advocacy, for spouses, children, or elderly persons who are victims of violence or neglect?

Do we recognize that we can be perpetrators as well as victims of violence? How do we deal with this?

How can we support one another so that healing may take place? What are we doing to

understand the causes of war and violence and to work toward peaceful settlement of differences locally, nationally, and internationally?

How do we support institutions and organizations that promote peace? Do we faithfully maintain our testimony against preparation for and participation in war?

My Journey to Friends

By Peter Clay

What brought me to Friends?

As my digital story shares (see link to both Birdie Kisling's digital story and my own at the end), I was a seeker from a young age but grew up in a home where neither of my parents went to or had any connection to a church, synagogue or mosque. I remember that I was really challenged as a teenager by my father's secular humanism though I was inspired and guided by both of my parents and by observing how they lived their lives. Deep inside I felt that there must be more and I was hungry to explore what that might be. Our parents decided that some experience of organized religion might be helpful to their two sons and both my brother Scott and I attended the youth group and sometimes services at the Glencoe Union Church although neither of our parents had any connection with this church and to my knowledge never attended services there. It is a non-denominational Protestant church in the village of Glencoe along Lake Michigan where I grew up from the age of seven. Once during high school I was given the chance to speak from the pulpit. I focused on Henry David

Thoreau's "Walden," ending my remarks by reading the final sentences from "Walden." *"Only that day dawns to which we are awake. There is more day to dawn. The sun is but a morning star."* I remember that when presented with the opportunity to join the church I knew immediately that this was not my spiritual home. In reality, from childhood on, Earth was my church and my parents created that understanding for me without ever saying it explicitly. That is even truer today.

My first experience with Friends was draft counseling with the American Friends Service Committee in Chicago during high school. When it came time to consider where I would go to college my mother encouraged me to visit and think about choosing Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. I only remember vaguely what Mom said to me. My recollection is that she said Quakers had a commitment to education and also to supporting the full humanity of each person. That is my sense of what my mother said looking back now, fifty-two years later. Truly my decision to attend Earlham changed everything for me. That is the only reason I am here among you today. Speaking directly to my mother now, whose spirit is forever with me- *"Thank you for your critical insight into where I might find the support and nurturing I needed. Your love and mother's intuition has made all the difference in my life."* At Earlham I was curious about what REAL Quaker worship was after tasting a bit of it in what was called "All College

Meeting," where each Sunday limited silent worship was incorporated into a programmed gathering at 11 AM at the meetinghouse on campus. So I started attending Clear Creek meeting earlier in the morning, which gathered in the same meetinghouse. It immediately felt right. I knew that I had found my spiritual home. That is how I came to Friends.

What keeps you with us?

I have attended Quaker worship in many places over the past five decades. Always, as I center down into the silence, I feel that I am in the same place and that I am "at home." As I age, this sense of place, spiritually speaking, is fundamental to my understanding of what gives meaning to my life. Whether at the Quaker meeting on the Earlham College campus, at Muswell Hill Meeting in London, Northside Friends Meeting in Chicago where I was a member for well over twenty years or here with Friends at Des Moines Valley always I am home when I am with Friends gathered to worship that sacred mystery which remains beyond my understanding. Since 2007 I have been privileged to support the conservation of the Gishwati Forest in Rwanda. During my times working in Gishwati I had the opportunity to attend the Église des Amis (Church of the Friends) in Gisenyi, Rwanda on multiple occasions. This congregation is part of Evangelical Friends and is mostly programmed. It was my first and remains my only

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experience of programmed or Evangelical Friends. That experience enriched, challenged and stretched me. I so enjoyed the ecstatic and infectious singing and dancing! I could barely suppress my yearning to jump up and start dancing too! What keeps me a Friend? It is this ongoing experience of being stretched and challenged. That is certainly true here, where we are being called to deepen our understanding of who we are and where our common destiny will lead us. My work in support of the American Friends Service Committee and Friends Peace Teams continues to stretch and challenge me in wondrous ways. My understanding of what it means to be a Friend and how our role in the world matters continues to evolve. That is what keeps me a Friend.

<https://comparisonproject.wp.drake.edu/digital-stories/digital-stories-des-moines-valley-friends-meeting/>

Upcoming Events

Hiroshima- Nagasaki: A Remembrance and a Commitment

Monday, Aug. 8, 7:00 p.m., at the Japanese Bell, west of the Iowa Judicial Branch Bldg, 1111 E. Court Ave. DM. (Rain location: Wesley UMC, 800 E. 12th St.)

The annual memorial observance of the US bombing in 1945 of the two Japanese cities. In music, poetry and words of recommitment, we will recall and grieve the unfolding of the nuclear age, the horrendous cost



DMV Friend and AFSC Midwest Communications Director Jon Krieg (red shirt) and Nancy Jordan of the Lincoln Meeting, shared news about the American Friends Service Committee at IYMC.

to the people of Japan, and the continuing costs and threats to people all over the globe. We will also renew, to our children and future generations, our commitment of “Never Again.” More info under Events at: <http://iowapeacenetwork.org/>

Aug. 21 – 2nd Hour, 11:30 a.m.

At least two Ukrainian refugees involved with the Scattergood Center in Germany, will speak about the current situation in their country and abroad. Feel free to invite others to join via Zoom or in person at the Des Moines Valley Friends (Quaker) Meetinghouse in Des Moines.

For more information, contact MichaelLuickThrams@gmail.com

Hosting List for Upcoming First Days

Aug. 7 – Deborah & Katie
Aug. 14 – Dorothy
August 21 – David & Claire
Aug 28 – Jim & Catherine
Sept 4 – Charlie Brown
Sept 11 – Ann R.
Sept. 18 – Deborah & Katie

Des Moines Valley Friends Meeting for Worship: Sundays at 10 a.m., at the Meeting House and by Zoom via email invitation from clerk, Dorothy Lifka, at dmlifka@yahoo.com

Meeting for Worship/Business: Regularly held on the second First Day each month at 1 p.m.

Coming Second Hours:

Aug 21, 11:30: The Scattergood Center in Bad Langensalza, Germany

Query Discussions: First Sundays - Online & in person. Billie Wade, facilitator

Child Care: Temporarily suspended at the Meeting House. If you have a child who would like to be included in Zoom childcare or first day school for older youth, please contact Dorothy at dmlifka@yahoo.com.

Building & Grounds: Questions about the building or grounds of the Meetinghouse to Building & Grounds Committee Convener, Charlie Brown, 515-689-6470.

Hospitality Committee: If you see a housekeeping problem that needs attention, please contact the Hospitality Committee convener Charlie Brown, 515-689-6470.

Friendly Line: Send info for next Friendly Line to Ann at anny@mediacombb.net by Thursday, Aug.26, 2022.

Find us online at:

www.desmoinesvalleyfriends.org

Check out our Facebook group for members/attenders. To be added, email Jan Falb, at jfalb0326@yahoo.com

Des Moines Valley Friends Meeting – Preliminary Nominating Committee Report
Proposed Committee Roster for 2022 – 2023

Clerk:	Carol Spaulding-Kruse
Assistant Clerks:	Dorothy Lifka, Fred Nelson, Deborah Fisch
Recording Clerk:	Deborah Fisch
Asst Recording Clerk:	Claire Cumbie-Drake
Treasurer:	Kelsea Gillespie
Asst. Treasurer:	Cindy Winchell
2 nd Hour Scheduler:	Carol Spaulding-Kruse
Query Facilitator:	Billie Wade
Query Recorder:	Brock Wommack
Finance Committee:	Catherine Dietz-Kilen (convener), Dick Douglass, Kelsea Gillespie, Cindy Winchell, Dorothy Lifka
Ministry & Counsel:	Jim Dietz-Kilen (convener), Gordon Bivens, Andrea Holveck, Deborah Fisch, Peter Clay, Dorothy Lifka, Carol Spaulding-Kruse (ex-officio)
Peace & Social Concerns:	Patty Wengert (convener), Jon Krieg, Peter Clay, Jack Holveck, Billie Wade,
Hospitality:	Charlie Brown, David Drake, Andrea Holveck – <i>The committee needs to select a convener.</i>
Religious Education:	Dorothy Lifka (convener), Andrea Holveck, Patty Reynolds, Deb Fisch, Ann Robinson
Buildings and Grounds:	Dick Douglass (convener), Charlie Brown, Fred Nelson, Edith Munro, Bob Henderson
Library:	Virginia Smith (convener), DJ Newlin, Pam Blackburn
Friendly Line:	Ann Robinson, Virginia Smith, Billie Wade
Property Management:	Fred Nelson, Dick Douglass, Bob Henderson
DMARC Representative:	Claire Cumbie-Drake
FH Board Representatives:	Deborah Fisch, Billie Wade, Dorothy Lifka
Outreach:	Ann Robinson, Billie Wade, Katie Jacoby, Susan Meyers
Audit Committee:	Ann Robinson, Billie Wade
Phone messages:	open
House scheduler:	Claire Cumbie-Drake