

Des Moines Valley Friends Meeting

FRIENDLY LINE

March 2024



Open Book: A Storytelling Project



In collaboration with IYMC, Scattergood Friends School & CultureALL.

DMVF Hosts Open Book Storytelling Collaboration Training March 22

The Open Book storytelling collaboration is a joint project developed by Scattergood School and Iowa Yearly Meeting Conservative. Its purpose is for people connected to Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative) to work with Scattergood students to help students get to know us -- and for us to get to know the students. In the process, we'll be creating a lasting archive of stories.

It would be wonderful for folks to come out to support this project --to come and tell your stories. Or attend the first event, a training, to learn more. That will be Friday night, March 22, from 5:45-9:00 p.m., at the Des Moines Valley Friends Meeting House (the evening before Midyear Meeting). Please click to [REGISTER](#) in advance.

If you can't make that event, there are other opportunities to get involved in the collaboration. Learn more at the Scattergood [Open Book web page](#) describing the whole project in more detail.

We'll be working with [CultureALL](#), a nonprofit organization based in Des Moines to facilitate this story

exchange, working with students, who will be helping create videos of our stories during their May Term class.

For examples of similar digital stories, find [two stories, made by Birdie Kisling and Peter Clay](#), a few years ago as part of a project through the Drake University Comparison Project.

Reach out to me at ssponheim@scattergood.org with questions.

Ann Robinson is helping coordinate a simple dinner for the Friday, March 22 event, which begins at 5:45. If you can contribute something to the meal, please text Ann at 515-250-8555.

-- contributed by Sonja Sponheim, Scattergood Friends School Dean of Students

Are You Registered for IYM(C) Midyear Meeting?

The IYM(C) Midyear Meeting is planned for 23-24 Third Month/ March 2024 at Bear Creek Meeting near Earlham, Iowa. This year's theme will be "Reflections on the Environment" with leadership from resource person Lee Tesdell of the Ames Meeting.

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A Quaker Minute How Can I Keep from Singing?

"How Can I Keep from Singing," is sometimes erroneously called the "Quaker Hymn." It was originally published in 1868 in the post-Civil War American Baptist hymnal and credited to "Pauline T". The original lyrics are:

*My life flows on in endless song
Above Earth's lamentation
I hear the real, though far off
hymn*

*That hails the new creation
Above the tumult and the strife
I hear the music ringing;
It sounds an echo in my soul
How can I keep from singing?*

*What through the tempest loudly
roars*

*I hear the truth, it liveth
What through the darkness
round me close*

*Songs in the night it giveth
No storm can shake my inmost
calm*

*While to that rock I'm clinging
Since love is lord of Heaven and
Earth*

How can I keep from singing?

Note: Two more verses have become a standard part of this song. Find the longer version collected in the "Rise Up Singing" songbook, page 43.

*One in a series on Quaker
history and practice, contributed
by Pam Blackburn*

**Meeting For Worship with
Attention to Business
02/11/2024**

Present: Charlie Brown; Katie Jacoby; Deborah Fisch; Claire Cumbie-Drake; Linaja Mikalonas; Forrest Detterman; Carol Spaulding-Kruse; Jim Dietz-Kilen; Catherine Dietz-Kilen; Dick Douglass; Dorothy Lifka; Billie Wade; Jack Holveck; Andrea Holveck

The Meeting began with a Moment of Silence

Minutes from Jan. 14, 2024, Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Minute: The Minutes are received and approved.

Announcements

1. Author Alison Lohans is donating a copy of her book, Don't Think Twice, to each monthly meeting of Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative).
2. We are testing a calendar system for hosting. It is not yet integrated with the regular DMVF Calendar, and it does not allow edits by users. Thanks to Linaja for creating the calendar.
3. Reminder: Second Hour on Feb. 18, "David Drake: A White Psychiatrist and the Ute Mtn Ute Tribe in Southwestern Colorado."
4. Reminder: The Comparison Project "Roads to Religion" 2024 will take place at Drake University on Sunday, Feb. 18th from 3-5 PM. Deb Fisch volunteered to sit at the table for DVFM.

Ministry & Council Committee Report (Jim Dietz-Kilen)
Feb. 4, 2023, Meeting

In attendance: Billie Wade, Dorothy Lifka, Gordon Bivens, Andrea Holveck, Deborah Fisch, Peter Clay and Jim Dietz-Kilen (convener).

Following our gathering in silence, we first discussed an idea that surfaced during the recent Second Hour discussion about local efforts to support immigrants seeking refugee status or asylum. During the Second Hour discussion, it was suggested that we (the Meeting) might want to consider creating a designated fund to help support such efforts, including helping specific individuals/families. The committee wishes to express support for this idea, which we understand will be considered at our next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. (Additional information under the Finance Committee Report below)

Carol had made Friends aware of a BIPOC/LGBTQ+ coalition being formed and that organizers were hoping someone from our Meeting would take part. Jim volunteered to attend the initial meeting on Friday, Feb. 2. However, he ended up needing to help his in-laws at that time, instead. He plans to attend future meetings and will keep the committee apprised.

Deborah reported that she has not received a response from Ohio Yearly Meeting to her email regarding a message on our website from someone who self-identified as a member of Ohio Yearly Meeting, who suggested we should have more "Orthodox Christian" language on our website and in our Advices & Queries. She will try following up again.

We had a reminder of the organizational meeting for the book club discussion of How the Word Is Passed (later that same day, at 5:30). We hope that many Friends will be able to read and discuss this book together.

We talked about the possibility of having a Second Hour discussion on vocal ministry on March 24. With that being the Sunday of Mid-Year Meeting, we decided to ask Carol to let us know of a future opening. Peter and Deborah shared that they are part of a small IYMC committee that is considering a variety of questions related to vocal ministry. We will explore possible resources available through this committee for our discussion.

We closed with silence.

Minute: The report was received with appreciation for the work of the Committee.

Treasurer's Report: (Katie Jacoby)

Katie reviewed the financials, including Budgeted Receipts and Expenses report; the Summary of Available Funds report; and the Designated Funds Detail report.

A question was raised regarding use of the Jean Sandstrom Memorial Fund. Dorothy shared that the Finance Committee will be discussing use of these funds and will report back to the Meeting.

Finance Committee & Budget Report (Catherine Dietz-Kilen)

Jan. 17, 2024 Meeting
Attendees: Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Katie Jacoby, Dorothy Lifka and Dick Douglass

1. Financial Statement. The Committee reviewed the December financial reports

- and approved with corrections.
2. The Committee authorized the payment of the annual contributions to affiliated organizations.
 3. The Committee discussed whether or not to invest some of our funds in a Certificate of Deposit. The Committee first discussed and decided upon a guiding principle that we would hold liquid in our accounts for immediate access, no less than a six-months worth of our budget and any anticipated potential capital expenses such as repair or replacement of our geothermal system. Recognizing that we may need more information about potential capital improvements or repairs after the Friends House architectural review is completed, the Committee decided to be conservative in the amount we will invest in a CD and authorized our treasurer to invest \$30,000 of our current funds in a 6 month CD.
 4. Katie reported back on her initial research regarding the cost of setting up an internet account separate from Friends House. The Committee discussed and asked Katie to do a little additional research before the Committee makes a decision on an internet provider.
 5. Annual Tax Letters are being prepared and will be in the mail before the end of January.
 6. Having gone to a cash accounting system, we no

- longer need the QuickBooks account that has been so generously provided to us for many years. Before closing that account, we need to determine which files we need to archive in some manner. Catherine will reach out to Kelsea and to Pam because these two individuals are the most familiar with our QuickBooks accounts and will be able to advise us appropriately.
7. Our next scheduled meeting will be on the third Wednesday of next month, Feb. 21, 2024, 9:00 a.m., via Zoom.
 8. Other: Catherine offered to present options Meeting has if we decide to make a monetary commitment to the immigration issue. From Catherine: "Specifically, I would talk about the difference between having a line item in the budget and creating a new designated fund. Also, there will be a need to determine which committee or group will have the responsibility to make decisions regarding the disbursement of those funds, should we decide to make a monetary commitment.
 9. Friends who were present at the second hour discussion on immigration were in favor of creating a designated fund, so that individuals could specifically designate funds for that purpose.

Logan Jiminez reports that Grace United Methodist Church would be interested in co-sponsoring such a fund.

Discussion: Friends expressed interest in creating a designated fund, and discussed the option of amending the budget and moving funds over to a designated fund immediately. Another option is if the Finance Committee could further discuss setting up the fund as a line item in the budget and having it start in July. Friends also suggested that Peace and Social Concerns manage expenditures from the fund. A Friend suggested that \$2500 be moved over from the general fund reserves to create the designated fund. Friends are encouraged to match this amount with individual donations.

Minute: Friends approved creating a designated fund to support concerns related to immigration, and to initially move \$2500.00 from the Meeting's general fund reserve to create the fund. Friends expressed a sense of urgency related to this matter. Friends are invited and encouraged to make additional donations to the designated fund. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee is asked to discern if they are willing and able to manage the use of these funds, and to consider possible co-sponsorships and, more broadly, how to assist beyond making financial contributions. The Peace and Social Concerns is also asked to consider whether a new committee should be created to manage the designated fund.

Building & Grounds Committee (Dick Douglass)

The committee conferred this month regarding the yearly service contract for the geothermal system. This contract

provides two service checks spring and fall as well as discounts on parts and priority service. The current contract expires March 31. Since we have had no problems with the geothermal since the last repair, we have decided to renew the contract in late March and schedule the spring maintenance. We are hopeful that the current system will last through most or all of this year.

Minute: Friends received and approved the report.

A concern was raised about the buzzing noise created by the smoke detector in the ceiling of the Meeting House. Charlie Brown will check the device and possibly have a technician come out consider a repair.

Religious Ed Committee No report this month.

Friends House Board (Dorothy Lifka)

Jan. 19, 2024 Meeting

Present: Cole Fuller, Renee Cawthorn, Heidi Yang, Dorothy Lifka, Billie Wade, Deborah Fisch, Randy Adams (for financial report only)

The board meeting began and ended with silence.

Financial Report: Randy competed and filed a 990 form with the IRS for Friends House for our last fiscal year. He will send out a tax form requested by WILPF.

As of Dec. 31, 2023, the FH checking account balance was \$5482.19 and the savings account balance was \$35,926.17 Total expenses for the first quarter of the fiscal year (Sept. 1, 2023 to Dec. 31, 2023) were \$17,245,91. Total income (rental and other) was \$14,584.45. It

was noted that expenses for this quarter included the total yearly insurance payment and that the cost for liability insurance, office supplies, water, snow removal and repairs were higher than this quarter last year. Some of the difference may be due to more people in the building this year. Income from rent was also significantly higher.

The building manager will contact our new insurance company to find out why our bill is so much higher and to find out if we will be getting year-end dividends as we did with our previous insurance company. It was suggested that building supplies be purchased by the manager at Costco as was done previous to the start of the pandemic.

Minute: We accept the financial report and appreciate Randy's service to the board.

Building Concerns: Snow has not been cleared from the sidewalks and back driveway and entrance of the building. The manager will send a copy of the contract with CD's Lawn Care to board members and we will discuss this issue by email. The building's pipes made it through intact during the recent sub-zero weather due to Cole's and other's diligence. Dorothy will contact Angelo Architectural Associates to make sure that this issue is addressed in their assessment of the building. Dorothy will also remind the firm to contact her or the manager in advance of the assessment, slated to begin in late January or early February, so that access to the building can be arranged.

Sayda Chavarria, who has cleaned Friends House for many years, will be moving. We will need to find a new cleaner. It was asked that a list of cleaning duties be made available to the board members.

It was suggested that distributing the mail and maintenance of the website be added to the manager's job description. Heidi will pay the outstanding bill for development of the website.

Renee, in consultation with the other tenants, is willing to work on making the foyer more inviting. She has furniture that she is willing to loan/donate and the board is willing to allocate funds if needed.

Minute: We appreciate all of the work that Heidi Yang has done in her role as manager and her willingness to continue in that role temporarily as we transition to a new manager.

Manager's Position: The board updated the manager job description with the added duties of mail distribution and website management. It was agreed that pay for the position would be \$17.00/hour and that five hours/week would be guaranteed; the manager is asked to track all hours. Renee had submitted a letter of interest, resume and references for the position of manager and the board enthusiastically agreed to her taking the position. She will start on January 29th and Heidi will continue in the position until February 2nd to facilitate a smooth transition. Dorothy will contact Randy about any paperwork we need to complete. Cole will store this paperwork securely.

The board's preference is to have a new tenant board member; Renee will continue on the board as manager. Cole will ask Gerald if he is interested. We will discuss the possibility of adding community board members at a future meeting. This would require a change in our by-laws.

Next board meetings are:

-April 19 at 1 p.m.

-July 19 at 1 p.m.

-October 18 at 1 p.m.

*Followed by Jan. 17, 2025 at 1 p.m.

Discussion: Dorothy, Catherine, and Katie will be working together to prepare a recommended budget for Friend's House.

The DMVF representatives and the FH Board overall have not been satisfied with the lawn care and snow removal service. They will follow up with the full board regarding this matter and report back to the Meeting for Business in March.

Hiring Renee as the FH Manager seems to be a positive change. She is working with Angelo and Associates for an updated building assessment. The report may be available at the March Business Meeting.

Peace & Social Concerns Committee (Patty Wengert)

Hello. We met on the first Tuesday at noon.

The Palestinian devastation is heavy on our thoughts. There is an event in Ames this afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 pm: A description and discussion of Palestine from 1948 to the present.

We approved donations to Doctors Without Borders \$100 and AFSC Gaza \$100

Easter is early this year, the end of March. Our meeting will be asked to co-sponsor the Palm Sunday Peace March and service. Eloise Crank will be contacting us.

The committee discussed that the legislature is moving a bill out of subcommittee concerning the death penalty. This year, it is limited to peace officer killings I believe. Every year it seems there is a bill introduced that would only apply to certain serious crimes.

Jack Holveck has graciously agreed to draft a letter to be signed by the clerk. Quakers are mindful of how important this legislation would be and that there are possible majorities that would pass this plus a Governor that although she may be personally opposed, she could just not sign the bill and it would still become Iowa law.

Thank you to everyone for your service to others!

Discussion: Jack will email the letter to Carol to send out to the Meeting for a quick review before it goes out.

Minute: The report was received with appreciation to the committee members for their work.

Outreach Committee. No report this month.

Library Committee No report this month.

Deb reminded Friends that the book sale is Saturday, February 17th from 10 AM to 3 PM at the Meetinghouse.

New/Other Business:

1. Logan and Corey funding request for travel to travel to FCNL spring lobbying weekend.

From Logan: "Corey and I will be going to FCNLs spring lobby weekend. We will have the RV because we will be taking a pause from our tour to go to it. I thought RV spots would be cheaper than hotels, which is the case in most of the country, but the cheapest RV park I found is an hour from DC and will cost \$1760. Ames Friends has offered to help pay for \$880 for expenses. If our Meeting could help with any of the remaining balance, we would be very appreciative."

Discussion followed about whether this matter should go before Ministry and Counsel or Finance Committee. Jim will email Ministry and Council members to consider this matter.

2. Scattergood Friends School is excited to share an opportunity for Friends and the wider Scattergood community to participate in a collaborative storytelling project with Des Moines non-profit, CultureALL. The goals of this project are to create connection points for Scattergood alumni, parents, staff and IYMC members, and to deepen the narrative practice that is an essential part of the Quaker faith tradition. More information can be found on our website at scattergood.org/open-book. Please feel free to email questions to Dana Chastine at dchastine@scattergood.org.

If you are interested in participating in this project, please register through the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd1GCfsE2v6AOhFr9hMJWj7P7J-UKc20nMyBuQuoTaP6fRg6A/viewform>

3. Peter Clay sent a concern about the Meeting's response to Gaza. What does our meeting have to say as a body? Do we have a responsibility as a faith community to lift up our voices and speak to our elected officials?

Peter writes: "I am glad that our meeting will reflect on the questions I posed and at least begin to consider what our corporate response can be. Business meeting is when we can potentially come to unity, or not, on an action that we can take together. My heart is telling me that if we can find unity in Spirit (sense of the meeting) to find our voice as a faith community and then take action on that unity at our February meeting for worship with attention to business that would be a good outcome. I fully understand that such unity may elude us. That is OK. I yearn for us to move into our discomfort and explore what Spirit-led unity for action there may be among us."

Clerk forwarded a letter by Lee Tesdell ("Gaza letter") which Peter asked to be included in the agenda along with his concern. Lee delivered this letter in person to Representative Zach Nunn's Deputy Chief of Staff

when a group met with him some weeks ago.

Clerk notes the IYMC Peace & Social Concerns Committee recent decision to make \$1100 in funds available for the purpose of matching each monthly meeting's donation of up to \$100 to the AFSC Gaza emergency response.

A suggestion was made to further discuss this matter during a second hour. March 17 is available. (The vocal ministry discussion tentatively scheduled for that date will be moved to April 21.)

The Meeting closed with a Moment of Silence

Midyear Meeting

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Registration & schedule information are available at <https://www.iymc.org/>

If you are aware of children who might want to participate in activities during MYM, **please register as soon as possible** and let DMVF Clerk

Carol Spaulding- Kruse (carol.spaulding@drake.edu) know so she can share the information with the Junior Yearly Meeting Committee for MYM to assist with planning.



A good friend is like a four-leaf clover; hard to find and lucky to have.

-- Irish proverb

Important Message from the Finance Committee

Friends,

As announced at meeting for worship, the finance committee and the Friends House board became aware of an issue involving mail distribution during the last part of December through the first part of January. The former Friends House manager was out of the office and mail was not distributed.

It has come to our attention that some mail was lost, including checks, during the transition between the former house manager and the current manager. We have no reason to believe that the checks were stolen but were rather mishandled and likely inadvertently thrown out before the former manager left.

If you sent a check to Des Moines Valley Friends during that time, and it has not yet been cashed, it was not received by us. Please be assured that the new Friends House manager has been handling the mail properly and any funds received are being deposited (with gratitude) in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, please contact me at treasurer@desmoinesvalleyfriends.org.

--Katie Jacoby, DMVF Treasurer



Addison Williamson sharing deep and moving comments with DMVFriends and special guests during a Journey to Friends discussion, Feb. 25. Thank you, Addison. We are enriched by your words and your sojourn with us.

News of Our Friends

Hello Friends! My planned five-week Friends Peace Teams work trip to the African Great Lakes region had to be shortened by half due to grave illness in my family. However, the time I was there was incredibly rich with much learning about a number of programs I was able to visit. I plan to be at Ritual Cafe in Des Moines March 15, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, to share informally about Rwanda and my experiences on this trip. Please feel free to come for any part of that 3-hour window. (Also, I ask anyone who shows up to make a purchase at Ritual Cafe.)

-- With gratitude, **Peter Clay**

Congratulations to **Claire Cumbie Drake** and **David Drake** on the birth of their second grandchild, **Casey Dylan Hennessee** – who joins the family of **Emily, Zachary** and **Patrick** in Atlanta, Georgia.

Congrats to **Billie Wade**, who has had two stories published in a new collection of women writers entitled “We See You, We Hear You,” Anthology Volume I...

– Upcoming Events –

Palm Sunday Procession & Service for Peace, March 24

This year’s Palm Sunday Procession and Prayer Service for Peace, March 24, begins at 3:00 p.m., in the parking lot of the Corinthian Baptist Church, 814 School St., with a service at 3:30 p.m. at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 600 6th Ave.

The keynote speaker will be Rev. Christine Cowan. Participants will raise voices in support of justice and peace everywhere.

The event is organized by the Des Moines Faith Committee for Peace. DMVF Meeting is a co-sponsor.

The Life and Legacy of Bayard Rustin

By Billie Wade

Bayard Taylor Rustin was born on March 17, 1912, in West Chester, Pennsylvania, where his grandparents, Janifer and Julia Rustin, raised him and 11 other children.

Following high school graduation, he moved to New York, where he spent most of his adult life. Influenced by his grandmother’s Quaker background and work with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), he became a Quaker in 1936, just prior to his moving to New York. Although he did not receive a college degree, he completed five years of university studies.

From the 1930s until 1941, Rustin joined the Youth Communist League. He served as an organizer for the League. He left the organization when it veered from its focus on civil rights in response to World War II. Later, he denounced communism and became involved with the democratic socialist movement.

Described as brilliant, Rustin, a pacifist, served as one of Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr.’s closest and most influential advisers in King’s commitment to nonviolence. Inspired by Gandhi, Rustin had sojourned to India in 1948 to study Gandhi’s philosophy of nonviolence for seven weeks. Despite his tainted reputation as a gay man, King saw value in Rustin’s skills and vision. He held roles at King’s side as “proofreader, ghost writer,

philosophy teacher, and nonviolence strategist.” Rustin wrote a substantial portion of King’s memoir, *Stride Toward Freedom*, though he refused to have his name associated with the book to avoid burdening King with his controversies.

In April 1947, Rustin and George Houser organized the Journey of Reconciliation, an interracial freedom ride—the first of its kind, which set the model for future freedom rides—originated in Washington DC and crossed the states of Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky. The ride comprised eight each of Black men and white men. The Journey tested twenty-six segregated seating practices during the two-week travel.

In late 1947, early 1948, Rustin spent twenty-two horrific days on a North Carolina chain gang, after which he wrote a report, *Twenty-two Days on a Chain Gang*, that led to the reform of chain gangs. The New York Post and several other newspapers published the paper as a serial.

In 1963, amid concerns by civil rights leaders, Rustin was appointed deputy director of the *March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom*. In under two months, he orchestrated the event, which brought “over 200,000” participants to Washington, DC.

Rustin became ill on an expedition to Haiti in 1987 and died on August 24, 1987, from a perforated appendix. “His life is documented in the film *Brother Outsider* and his collected writings were published in a *Time On Two Crosses*.”

DMVF Book Club reads How the Word is Passed

How the Word is Passed by Clint Smith is the focus of the DMVF book discussion just getting underway.

Readers are meeting the first and third Sundays, 5:30pm-7pm, over Zoom. The first discussion was on March 7th. Subsequent discussions are March 17th, April 7th, and April 21st.

There is still time for people who want to join us, even if they do not wish to take part in the discussions directly. Dorothy got a "book club set" from the Des Moines Public Library. The books are in our library and people may check them out while in the book club.

Schedule for reading/discussion:
3/3/2024: Prologue, Monticello Plantation, The Whitney Plantation - pp3-84 (82 pages)
3/17/2024: Angola Prison - pp85-117 (33 pages)
4/7/2024: Blandford Cemetery, Galveston Island - pp118-206 (89 pages)
4/21/2024: New York City, Goree Island, Epilogue - pp207-290 (84 pages)

Contact Dorothy Lifka (dmlifka@yahoo.com) or Billie Wade (billiewadewriter@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom invitation/link or to ask questions.

Upcoming Hosting List

Mar 10 – Peter & Andrea
Mar. 17 – Linaja & Forrest
Mar. 25 – Jim & Catherine
March 31 - Jim & Catherine
April 7 - Charlie & Dorothy
April 14 – Ann & Linaja
April 21- 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, Carol Spaulding-Kruse, at carol.spaulding@drake.edu

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

Upcoming Second Hours & Events:

March 22 – Open Book
Storytelling training

April 28 – Palestine situation - discussion with Mike Merryman-Lotze, AFSC Just Peace Global Policy Director

Query Discussions: First Sundays, 11:45 a.m. - Online & in person. Billie Wade, facilitator.

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

Building & Grounds: Questions about the building or grounds of the Meetinghouse to Building & Grounds Committee Convenor, Dick Douglass, 515-864-1119.

Hospitality Committee: Questions about housekeeping at the Meeting House to Hospitality Committee convenor Charlie Brown, 515-689-6470.

Friendly Line: Send info for April FL to Ann Robinson at anny@mediacombb.net by Friday, March 29.

Find us online at:
<https://www.desmoinesvalleyfriends.org/>

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