

Indiana USFW Fall Gathering

Oct. 29, 2011

The Fall Gathering met at Marion First Friends with 30 women, representing 9 meetings, present. After signing in, the women were treated to treats, beverages, and conversation. Soon they entered the sanctuary to music provided by Joan Reece and Marsha Andrew.

Joan Reece, president of Marion First USFW, gave a short history of the meeting and introduced Penny Sitler, co-president of the Indiana USFW board. After thanking Marion First for hosting the gathering, Penny welcomed the group and introduced the other board members present. She also recognized Peggy Hollingsworth, president of WYM USFW, and Sylvia Graves, retiring Secretary of FUM. Marsha Andrew then led the group in singing.

The devotions, chosen by both Chris Nicholson and Penny separately, were based on the FUM Weekly 'on-line' Devotional. Penny quoted "We have often wondered whether there is anything Quakers today can say as one." The answer was "...there is a living God at the center of all." The devotion continued to explain how God would have us lay down our differences and live in His love. To subscribe to these devotionals, send a blank e-mail to (fum_devotions-subscribe@lists.fum.org)

Chris introduced Sylvia Graves, Secretary of FUM. Sylvia showed a video as she talked about Missions supported by FUM. They included Cuba, Jamaica, Belize, Ramallah Boys and Girls schools, Amari Play Center in Ramallah, Friends Peace Team, African Ministries Office, secondary peace curriculum, Samburu, Kaimosi Hospital, Lugulu Hospital, Turkana Friends Mission, Lindi Friends Primary School in Nairobi, and Friends Theological College. If you contact FUM, you can have a disk with the videos to show at your meeting. Sylvia ended her talk by saying how much the support and work of all the women in the USFW is needed and appreciated by the mission workers and people in the field.

The offering, which came to \$455, will go toward a computer for _____ in Belize. Continue to save your Pennies for Peace. Mowa Choctaw Center is asking for labels and box tops. Peggy Hollingsworth talked about the USFWI triennial, July 3-6, 2013. Judy Taylor gave a brief report on the retreat. Following the announcements, we were 'served' a delicious luncheon.