

Steward for IYM

This has been the first year of IYM having Stewards rather than Trustees. Dick Ashdown and Carol Bartles are Stewards for IYM.

The work of the Stewards is very similar to the work of the Trustees. Below is a short list of some of the things Dick and Carol have done this year. We hope this give you an idea of the work of a Steward in Illinois Yearly Meeting.

This year we have researched the zoning regulations of Putnam County, Illinois and are working on how to proceed with zoning if a new building/buildings are built on the property. We work with the insurance company assessing the type and quantify of insurance to carry on IYM. We work with the Maintenance and Planning Committee, the Environmental Concerns Committee and the Finance Committee. We answer questions such as, where the Meetinghouse front steps paint was purchased, share historical information on the camp ground, explain were the sewage system tiles are located, we find a local tree trimmer to prune the trees on the Meetinghouse grounds, we have lit pilot lights on the stoves, arranged LP fuel to be delivered to the property and respond to many questions over the year.

Dick Ashdown helped rescue the great horned owl chick he found on the ground, sick and needing attention. We signed contracts for services arranged by the Maintenance and Planning Committee. We arrange the lawn mowing and lawn maintenance. We know the "raccoon man" and arrange his raccoon removal treatment of the Meetinghouse. We answer questions from neighbors in the McNabb community as they arise.

Some of our work requires a lot of attention to details. Some of our work requires a friendly smile. It feels very similar to the role of Trustee. The transition from Trustee to Steward is a smooth one for us.

Carol Bartles
IYM Steward