

In joint session Chicago Quarterly Meeting and Blue River Quarterly Meeting were in order at three o'clock 2-6-1943 in Woolman Hall, 57 St., Chicago.

- Representatives present Present were the following-named representatives: Perry and Ona Hall, from Peoria Monthly Meeting; Martha Chilton, Jeannette Stetson, and Robt MacGonagle, from Oak Park Monthly Meeting; Edna W. Wolf and Ruth B. Daubs, from Clear Creek Monthly Meeting; Blanche Kravel, Clarence Cunningham, Eurah and Howard Marshal from 57 St. Monthly Meeting.
- Absent And absent were Robt. Steele, 57th St; Chas and Rosalind Whitney and Walter and Mary Griffith of Clear Creek; and Herbert and Susannah Crowe of Peoria.
- Report in re Oak Park Mo. Mtg The assignment of overseeing the setting up of the Oak Park Monthly Meeting was met by Lucretia S. Franklin, Charles C. Smith, Elizabeth M. Smith, and Harold W. Flitcraft who report confidence that the new organization will assume a definite place locally and in the Quarterly Meeting orbit. The official organization date is December 13, 1942
- Ditto Peoria For the committee appointed to attend the opening of the Peoria Monthly Meeting, in an advisory capacity, Albert Mills reported that the duty was happily discharged on November 22, 1942. Others present were Laura Smith, Lucretia Franklin, Turner and Kathryn Mills, Martha R. Mills, Sara Mills, and Wm MacKensen. They found a group of marked intelligence and high purpose and eager to cooperate in the work of Friends.
- Quotas again In regard to the committee on Quotas (See p. 152) [*editor's note*: the reference is to the first page of the minutes for the Fall 1942 session. -PNL 2015] Ralph Oesting's name shall be omitted and the impersonal reference stand - i.e. - Chairman of the finance committee. No report, being at hand from the Quota Committee, decisions on pressing matters of the distribution of financial loads must be postponed.
- Use of A.F.F. Edna Wolf reported that the Alvin Fawcett Fund may be available for dependents of members of C.P.S. camps. Funds now in the hands of trustees total 839³²
- To name clks To nominate clerks were appointed: Robt MacGonagle, Ona Hall, Ruth Esther Daubs, and Alice Flitcraft. Jeannette Stetson was named to report Q.M. to the Intelligencer
- About activities Advancement Committee Chairman, Jeannette Stetson spoke of Camp Illindo and Intervisitation and of the new Quarterly newspaper "Friends Here and There. And Wm MacKensen described his activities in the field and gave reasons for establishing new and united meetings. Perry Hall mentioned the growth of the Peoria meeting thru births, and interest in the Japanese problem. Robt MacGonagle reported an Oak Park forum for light on post-war problems, also a First day school and sewing circle. Garfield Cox gave information regarding a St

Louis minister's favorable reaction to the St. Louis group of Friends. Edwin Morgenroth spoke regarding the work of the service committee.

Note was taken of visitors; one from New York Yearly Meeting, three from the Milwaukee group, one from Champaign, and Claude Shotts formerly with Merom C.P.S. Camp as director.

With a friendly gesture to Chestine Morgan, Clerk of the Chicago Quarterly Meeting, our clerk announced at 4 p.m. the completion of the business of Blue River Quarterly Meeting

Albert T Mills Clerk
Alice Flitcraft Asst. Clk

Memo on the Meetings at 57th Street 2-6-43

The most enjoyed feature of the day was the dramatization of John Woolman, a play prepared by Fred Eastman and a cast drilled by him. Theological students they were, one a preacher from Indiana — all mature and all well costumed. The play centered in Woolman's tailor shop and was built around the sale of a negress, for the legal transaction of which J.W. was asked to write the bill of sale. He induced the purchaser to buy then to liberate a negro couple and their child. Fred Eastman explained his family practice of teaching the Bible stories thru dramatizing its episodes. Once his boy would play God and once Fred played the role of ass.

State of society was given consideration at the meeting of Ministry and Counsel, and not in the general business session. Wm. MacKensen is getting around a good deal and seems to be displaying energy and supplying satisfactory leadership. The business was conducted brightly and with some merriment yet with dignity.

Woolman Hall proved an excellent place of meeting for the general session — the group was more compact. A fall of snow Saturday morning which approached the appearance of a blizzard prevented the attendance of some from M^cNabb. There were some eight acceptable vocal messages during Saturday meeting for worship. In the Oak Park meeting Sunday there were five messages. During the forum period at Oak Park Sunday post war arrangements for the world — political and economic — were under consideration. Perhaps 25 were present — these included two Japanese and one German refugee — a former judge.