

In the meeting home of 57th Street Monthly Meeting, Chicago, 2-1,-1947 Blue River Quarterly Meeting met jointly with Chicago Quarterly meeting at the hour of 3.

Present from Madison Monthly Meeting were Eugene Ackerman and Peter Kaufman.
From Clear Creek, Margaret Kaiser and not present Charles and Rosalind Whitney and Kathryn and Turner Mills.

From Oak Park, Carolyn Wills, Martha Chilton, Clement and Luella Flitcraft, and Robert MacGonagle, the last named had traveled 540 miles to be with us.

From 57th St. George Watson, Everett Liston and Betty MacLeod and not present Elizabeth Watson, Marshall Hodgson, and Charlotte Beshears.

A letter from Kathryn Mills explains satisfactorily the reason for the nonattendance of Friends from McNabb. A severe storm imposed upon them unusual home duties.

Vital reports were heard from 57th St., Madison, and Oak Park. The last named announces three new members, the study of Elbert Russell's "History of Quakerism," and some gatherings that seem measured and others overflowing.

Minutes were approved without amendment.

A guest from the Urbana meeting, Katherine Taylor was introduced for a brief statement of their fellowship.

Earle Edwards for the Quota Committee made the following report:

Recommended to be raised by

St. Louis Monthly Meeting		\$80.00
Madison	" "	55.00
Peoria	" "	45.00
Oak Park	" "	178.75
Blue River	" "	125.00
57 th St	" "	500.00
Clear Creek	" "	525.00

Reporting for the trustees of funds, Albert Mills stated that interest money to the amount of \$10. had been given to the clothing group at McNabb, \$10. to Madison's, and \$20. to the A.F.S.C. for use in the Mid West office.

As directed the Clerk reported a ballot cast for officers of Intelligencer Associates, and stated that 81 subscribers in Illinois take the Intelligencer. He also stated that he had written a letter to the Supreme Court of Illinois to uphold the case of Clyde Summers who has thus far been denied a license to practice law in Illinois, the denial being on the grounds that he could not consent to perform combatant service in case of war. The letter written set forth the belief that there are other ways of defending the U.S. besides killing enemies and destroying their property.

To nominate clerks, appointed are –

Luella Flitcraft, Margaret Kaiser, Fred Baynes, George Watson, and Peter Kaufman.

George Watson urged greater contribution for the Peace Section of the A.F.S.C.

For the Service Committee Earle Edwards made a report covering work camps, the possibility of a mid-west Institute, Peace interests, work in China, and the continued need for foreign relief, and staff needs.

In opposition to a program of universal military training a letter was prepared by Evanston Friends and approved by both Quarterly Meetings and directed to be signed by both clerks and sent to the Hon. Joseph Martin, the Speaker of the National House of Representatives and to others as ways open to monthly meeting clerks and others. Also the sending of individual letters was urged by many.

Having transacted the business in a fine spirit of harmony, we concluded to meet next with Salem, Ind. Friends.

Albert T. Mills Clerk
Robert MacGonagle Asst.

Memo –

The Ministry and Counsel meeting from 10 to 12 was largely attended. No written reports had come from St. Louis, Peoria, Salem, or Clear Creek. It was reported that a Friends Meeting in the home of Albert and Martha Mills of Decatur, Ill at the request of Robt Wilson who had recently returned from Bremen, where he had gone with a shipload of horses for Czechoslovakia and who is awaiting a call to service in Finland.

There were four messages in meeting for worship.

The Saturday evening talk was made by Katherine Taylor of Urbana. From the expert fitting of mates for marriage her theme carried along to urge careful study of Russia that we may come to know her, to appreciate her good characteristics and acquire an understating that will make for cooperation.