

Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church,
Oak Park, Illinois 5/21/1949.

After a worship hour, Blue River Quarterly Meeting turned its attention to business at 3 P.M.

The assistant clerk being excusably absent Adah Manby was named to fill the vacancy. Representative lists were read, absentees being marked with an a.

Clear Creek: Laura Smith, Fannie Griffith, Ruth Ash a, Ruth Esther Daubs a, and John David Wilson.

57th Street: Clifford Haworth, Margaret Haworth, Achimm Leppmann, Marianne Leppmann, a part time, Gertrude Liepe a, Wolfgang Liepe a, and May Jones a.

Madison: Megan Smith and Dorothy Johnson.

Oak Park: Luella Flitcraft, Buelah Nelson, Peggy Brown, Martha Chilton, Maurice Crew, William and Adah Manby, and Robert McGonigle.

Visitors introduced were Lester and David Figgins and Isabel Reynolds.

Reports indicate that 57th street members are concerned to give encouragement and assistance to conscientious objectors and much thought is being given to procuring a meeting place of their own.

Clear Creek reports a large First-day school and neighborhood cooperation in constructing a basement dining room for the Yearly Meeting house.

St. Louis has secured time on the radio for the A.F.S.C. programs, meant to stir interest in relieving distress. Also they report informative talks and music recitals.

Oak Park survives in the hope that autumn will see an enlarged and strengthened circle. It looks forward to the return of two valuable members who have spent this year in Europe.

Madison now calls itself, not a University students' meeting, but a family centered meeting.

Three different groups meet in three different places.

New life in the Peoria area is reported in a letter from Eleanor Wolf Harker.

The clerk will forward all of this issue of the State of Society to Yearly Meeting.

Minutes of the winter meeting were read, and with the substitution of two words, approved.

Robert McGonigle presented an itemized report of the treasury; Proverbs having been quoted, namely:— "In the house of the righteous is much treasure." The statement shows a balance of \$275.42. To audit the report and nominate a treasurer, Edna Wolf, Martha Mills, and William Manby were appointed. The auditors found the figures correct and proposed the retention of Robert McGonigle. Approval was cordial.

A memorial to Sylvester Jones was read and becomes a part of our records. Appreciation was voiced of Clement Flitcraft, now ill, who was for long years our faithful treasurer.

Regarding the field secretaryship, there was favorable comment regarding the services of Richard Eastman, and on the question of his retention there was no dissenting voice.

Following are items in the report of George Bent, secretary of the Midwest Branch of the A.F.S.C.

Eura Marshall is the new head of the clothing room. Stacks of clothing are lessening, but the need does not slacken.

From June 21 to 26 the Institute of International Relations will be held on the University of Chicago campus.

There will be two institutional service units this summer, –one at Lincoln, Illinois, and one at Peoria, Illinois.

An interne-in-industry institute will be held in Chicago this summer.

An international service seminar will be held for the third summer in Woodstock. Here high caliber students from other lands assemble. Visits to the seminar are worth while.

The service committee is finding difficulty but is doing the best it can to penetrate the iron curtain and thus contribute to the solution of the East-West conflict.

Monthly meetings were advised to send representatives to the Institute of International Relations.

Martha Mills, who was instrumental in getting the A.F.S.C. radio programs broadcasted from WSOY Decatur, told stories of the six plays.

For the committee on the General Meeting, Clifford Haworth reported that the next meeting will occur near McNabb in Friends' Meeting House on Tenth month 22, 1949. The theme selected is "Experiments With Truth."

The committee on clerks reported the continuance of Albert T. Mills. The nomination met with approval. And it was decided to name the assistant clerk of each host meeting to assist him.

To represent the Quarterly Meeting at Yearly Meeting, the following were named: Laura Smith, John David Wilson, Luella Flitcraft, Edward Wood, Fred Baynes, Dorothy Johnson, Eleanor Harker, Eura Marshall, William Manby, Adah Manby, and Earl Edwards.

Dorothy Johnson in behalf of Madison Monthly Meeting offered hospitality for the summer sessions of the Quarterly Meeting. Acceptance was instant and privilege granted for naming the date to suit Madison Friends.

Grateful for the uplift of friendly communion, for the generosity of the Presbyterian Church for furnishing a pleasant meeting place, and the forethought of the Oak Park Friends, especially those who managed the meal, we concluded submerged in moments of worship.

Albert T. Mills, Clerk
Adah Manby, assistant.

Memo. The evening meal was addressed by Clyde Allee who drew lessons from the habits of animals that are helpful in the management of human affairs. Meetings to survive should not be too small. Also, they should not be too large. Effective cooperation is the test...