

8th month 26, 1950, with Madison Monthly Meeting as host, Blue River Quarterly Meeting met in the Y.W.C.A. building.

Following a half hour of worship and a message that portrayed the unhappy results of a weakened faith characterizing the 20th century, a well thought-out forum was presented on: Friends and the Korean Situation. Its leaders were Eugene Boardman on general backgrounds, Bob Daniels on the U.S. in Korea, and Martin Cohenstadt. Following Martin many from the floor contributed to a spirited discussion. A resolution for recommended action was requested.

Representatives named by 57th Street and present are: Achim Lepman, Glen and Carolyn Bartoo, Harold and Alice Flitcraft, Erna Lowenberg, and Mildred Mahony. Absent was Marianna Lepman.

Charles Yoder, present from Milwaukee, read the state of society from that meeting. It breathed the spirit of enthusiasm in the embrace of its new relationship with Friends and just pride in the amount of its benevolences.

The spirit of St. Louis has been buoyed by visits from Japan and General Conference leaders, and their letter declares against war hysteria and firm anchorage in Friends' testimonies. A First-day school is in the making. It awaits numbers for a standard classification.

Madison considers their children a sacred trust and faces the difficulties of religious education cheerfully. It attempts to become a creative force among college students. From the university students they gather quantities of cast-off clothing. Migratory workers and DP's are included in the Meeting's care. Social problems are met by flexible approaches. And their aim is toward a better, not a perfect, world.

57th Street is encouraged by the high calibre of new members, by excellent forums, and the presence of visiting travelers. A dozen committee heads are praised for services rendered and Paul Douglas for his reliance on conscience in the U.S. Senate. To further fathom depths of the spirit, a week-day meeting is provided.

Minutes of the Spring Quarter were read and approved after two pen slips were corrected.

Reports of Yearly Meeting were given by Elizabeth Simpson, Erna Lowenberg, Achim Lepman, and the clerk. Mention was made of peace action, namely, willingness to cooperate with New York and other meetings in quest of good will agencies. So good were the sessions that regret was felt that Madison, Milwaukee, and St. Louis had no representatives in them to share their inspirations, and helpful hints for better living.

Harold Flitcraft reported for the committee that welcomed the Milwaukee Monthly Meeting into membership in our Quarterly Meeting. Charles Yoder assured us that the committee left altogether pleasing impressions among the Milwaukee membership.

Favorable action was taken on a request from the Executive Committee of the Yearly Meeting

that the Quarterly Meeting should name the Yearly Meeting's treasurer as its own to receive monies from monthly meetings. It was stated that Robery McGonigle, the Quarterly Meeting's treasurer, had confirmed the existence of confusions and approved the recommended change. Accordingly Robert Whitney, of Magnolia, Illinois, was named treasurer. However, it was agreed that Robert McGonigle should complete work on quarterly meeting quotas.

The loss of the Madison Minutes made in August 1949 was announced by the clerk.

Jerry H. Sakamoto, a Friend from Japan, now a Madison University student, pleasantly presented greetings from his Tokio meeting.

For the picnic supper announced for Hoyt Park, we went instead to the spacious home of Helen Allen. Air was chilly and clouds threatened. A movie, The Quiet One, was shown in the evening. It showed the genesis of a mistreated youth, who, following a life of waywardness, visualized a normal life by dint of the play of friendliness upon him.

25 or 30 gathered Sunday for worship at 422 Murray Street when six messages were heard. This contrasts with only one last year. A feature was the humble effort of Jerry Sakamoto to tell what the Japanese should do in contrition to cleanse themselves for the sinfulness of their war attack upon the United States.

Sessions ending in deep spiritual unity, we parted to meet in Quarterly Meeting capacity in St. Louis in 11th month.

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