

**MINUTES OF BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 1, 1981  
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, 714 W. GREEN STREET, URBANA  
ILLINOIS**

Blue River Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends held its regular fall meeting October 31-November 1, 1981, at Friends Meeting House, Urbana, Illinois.

The Meeting for Business was convened at the close of the Worship Period, by Eldora Spiegelberg, clerk.

Following a suggestion offered, those present then introduced themselves and State of the Meeting reports were given by representatives from the following monthly meetings: Peoria-Galesburg, Urbana-Champaign, Springfield, Decatur, Clear Creek, Columbia, Southern Illinois, Bloomington-Normal, and St. Louis. Considerable discussion ensued on the following issues raised:

Objections to the necessity for three state-of-the-meeting reports each year. It was suggested that the Spring Quarterly state-of-the-meeting report be used also for the Illinois Yearly Meeting report. No decision was made.

“Are there other alternatives to the current meeting places and times of Quarterly?” Donna Smith passed out sheets listing alternatives: an earlier date of spring meeting to avoid school examination conflicts; dividing Blue River Quarterly in two parts, northern meetings and southern meetings, this to save on transportation costs, allow smaller meetings to act as hosts occasionally, promote more participation. A suggestion that Blue River Quarterly might hold at least one of its two meetings at a camp or other rural setting seemed generally approved. Final agreement: Blue River Quarterly will hold its spring meeting at St. Louis the third weekend of April, 1982. An attempt will be made to reach final decisions on the matters discussed.

Bloomington-Normal requested help from the Quarterly meeting on how to become a monthly meeting. It had believed that it was a preparatory meeting for the past four years and therefore ready to apply for authorization as a monthly meeting. Volunteers formed a committee to meet with Bloomington-Normal representatives immediately after close of the Meeting for Business. Volunteers were Donna Smith, Agnita Wright, John Arnold and Marvin Fridley.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were then read and approved.

Donna Smith announced that a Friends General Conference-sponsored Religious Education Workshop would be held at Downers Grove Meeting House on March 26-27-28, 1982.

Kip Westling announced that Columbia Friends were now meeting at 100 Fifth Street, the Ecumenical Center having been purchased by a sorority.

Anna Mary Wilson and Grayce Haworth had many items of interest to relate concerning Clear

Creek Meeting's celebration this fall of its 140th Anniversary.

Donna Smith reported that over \$1800.00 had been given to the Haworth Fund and donations would still be accepted.

Grayce Haworth expressed her thanks for the emotional and financial help given her during and after Richard's last illness, the many cards and letters and acts of kindness, from near and far.

Following a tea-break, Meeting reconvened to consider Illinois Yearly Meeting tasks. Blue River Quarterly Coordinator Rosalie Megli of Southern Illinois Meeting announced duties as follows:

1. Site preparation and hospitality – Donna Smith, Peoria-Galesburg, to coordinate – will be helped by Clear Creek, Bloomington-Normal, and Peoria-Galesburg.
2. Registration – St. Louis.
3. Daily Housekeeping – Columbia and Southern Illinois.
4. Cleaning up – Quincy, Decatur, and Springfield.

The topic of the evening program was Announced as “What effective action can individuals take in the current warmongering atmosphere?”

Following a period of silence, the meeting adjourned.