

**Blue River Quarterly Meeting for Business – Sat., Oct. 19, 1985  
Riverview Club Retreat Center, Mahomet, Ill. 1:30 P.M.**

Meetings represented today:

Clear Creek, 4	St. Louis, 2	Springfield, 1
Urbana/Champaign, 11	Decator, 2	
Bloomington/Normal, 2	Carbondale, 1	

Friends expressed appreciation to John Arnold for well written copies of the Spring Quarterly minutes. A suggestion was made to send out copies of this quarterly's minutes earlier next Spring, so they could be read.

State of Society reports were given by: SIU/Carbondale, St. Louis, Clear Creek, Bloomington/Normal and Decator.

#### CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Frankie Day reminded us of the twelve Sanctuary Workers who were being indicted on Oct. 22, 1985, and asked that Friends here agree to a minute which read;

“The Blue River Quarterly of Ill. Yearly Meeting Of the Society of Friends expresses support and concern for the 12 indicted Sanctuary workers whose adherence to religious principles have resulted in the prosecution in Tuscon. They have come to the aid of refugees fleeing from the torture and death unto the governments of Guatamala and El Salvador.”

The minute was to be sent to the Tuscon office, which was collecting statements of support, and money donations for the Arizona Sanctuary Defence Fund. She also read a letter addressed to Edwin Meese, Attorney General in charge of the Dept. of Justice, which asked the Dept. of Justice to use its powers to give refugees Extended Voluntary Departure and to reconsider them as war refugees instead of economic refugees.

Virginia Gilmore suggested that we need to broadcast concern in order to bring pressure on the agency & to raise public concern. The idea of sending a copy of the letter to the Editors of papers in local Quaker communities was brought up and agreed to.

The announcement was made that Jim Corbet has accepted the invitation to speak at Friends General Conferance at Cartlon College next June.

Grace Hallwarth announced that she would be hosting a meeting in her home on March 8 for the Religious Education Committee of Quarterly Meeting. The suggestion was made that the Fall of 86 State of Society reports for Monthly Meetings could focus on Religious Education concerns. This was approved. Then it was suggested that for the Spring of 86, each monthly meeting should give their usual State of Society reports, which would go to Ill. Yearly Meeting. This was

approved also.

There was a question of accuracy of the term “state of Society” report. It really is a “State of the Meeting” report, as we cannot examine the entire Society of Friends. The meeting agreed to consider the matter.

The IYM Youth Oversight Committee called for a Youth Coordinator, as well as such for Quarterly Meeting. After a short discussion, Max El suggested that if Monthly meetings consider Quarterly Meeting in their response, Youth Oversight will get the information they need. B. A. Davis-Howe suggested that the Young Friends group could consider this too and give some input at the end of the weekend. This was approved.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 3:15P.M.  
ACTING RECORDING CLERKS  
G. Kidder, K. Brosnan