

## **Blue River Quarterly Meeting Minutes 1991 April 13**

The Meeting for Business of the Blue River Quarterly Meeting began with Silence at 4:15 p.m. in the midst of the woods of the DuBois Center, near DuBois, Illinois. About 40 Friends gathered for the meeting, opened by Grayce Haworth, Presiding Clerk. Roy Treadway agreed to be Recording Clerk Pro Tem.

The minutes of the Fall Quarterly Meeting were read and approved with minor corrections. Several Friends attending for the first time were welcomed.

State of Meeting reports were presented by Roy Treadway for Bloomington-Normal, Helen Jean Nelson for Clear Creek, Bob Wixom for Columbia, Agnita Dupree for Decatur, Randy McClelland for Friends Hill, Dawn Rupert for St. Louis, Katie Medwedeff for Southern Illinois, B A Davis-Howe for Urbana-Champaign, and George McPherson for Rolla. Peoria-Galesburg, Charleston, Kankakee, Springfield, and Terre Haute had no one present. (Springfield representatives were not in the business session.)

We closed with silence at 5:30 p.m.

The Meeting for Business reconvened at 8:00 p.m. after dinner and an opportunity to share Friends creative works with one another.

Urbana-Champaign Monthly Meeting presented questions about planning the fall 1991 Quarterly Meeting. We wondered why there were 81 persons in attendance at some time during this weekend. A relatively central location, woods retreat setting, and involvement in planning by several meetings seemed to attract a large number of persons. This arrangement seemed to be preferable to a one-day quarterly meeting with over-night hospitality with local Friends. Planning will go forward.

Various people reported on planning for the adult program and site preparation for yearly meeting. A threshing session on use of the \$7,500 gift, innovative session of Friends organizations, celebration of Clear Creek Meetings sesquicentennial, and the keynote address by Muriel Bishop will highlight the evening sessions; Eldora Spiegelberg will give the Plummer lecture. Site preparation help, especially before yearly meeting, is needed. Workshops and Worship-Sharing groups are being planned.

Mew Simone, Urbana-Champaign, raised the issue about the AFSC's refusal to submit employment papers of prospective employees (I-9 forms) to the federal government. Since the AFSC does not feel it should be an agent of the government in determining a prospective employee's citizenship, it is involved in court hearings by the government to force the AFSC to release the papers. No other meeting than Urbana-Champaign received the information about the court case. We took no action.

Paul Buckley, Clerk of Illinois Yearly Meeting, informed us on issues to face yearly meeting in

July. He urged our consideration of the \$7,500 gift, historical recognition of Clear Creek Meetinghouse, updating the IVM Handbook, creation of the Assistant Clerk position, and continuing concern over reproductive issues.

We minuted our appreciation of the outstanding work of Columbia, Rolla, Southern Illinois, Springfield, and St. Louis Meetings in planning quarterly meeting. We closed with silence.

Roy C. Treadway,  
Recording Clerk Pro tem