

Blue River Quarterly Meeting Minutes 1993 April 3

The Meeting for Business of the Blue River Quarterly Meeting began with a period of silence at 4:00 p.m. in the midst of the woods of the DuBois Center, near DuBois, Illinois. About 18 Friends gathered for the meeting, opened by Bobbi Trist, Presiding Clerk.

Minutes of the Fall 1992 Quarterly Meeting were read.

Friends gave long and prayerful consideration to the separation of the Heartland Friends Worship Group from the Bloomington/Normal Meeting. This followed a re-reading of previous letters from the Heartland Friends Worship Group, from the Bloomington/Normal Meeting, from the Quarterly Meeting to the Bloomington/Normal Meeting and the Heartland Friends Worship Group and the response from the Heartland Friends Worship Group. We are troubled by the emotional pain that is obvious in both the Bloomington/Normal Meeting and the Heartland Friends Worship Group. We will give any support requested by either group. At the same time, we minute our concern that Illinois Yearly Meeting Ministry and Advancement resume, and not abandon, their active role in the healing of problems within and between Friends of the Bloomington/Normal Meeting and the Heartland Friends Worship Group.

Although we responded to the Heartland Friends Worship Group and the Bloomington/Normal Meeting letters last fall, we did not directly respond to the Heartland Friends Worship Group's request for recognition of their status. The Blue River Quarterly Meeting, after much consideration, has realized that we have no process at present for formal recognition of constituent Friends bodies. A draft procedure was proposed at this session for further consideration and approval at the next Quarterly Meeting (see attached). A letter will be sent to the Heartland Friends Worship Group informing them of this delay. Katie Hurley and B.A. Davis-Howe volunteered to compose the letter to the Heartland Friends Worship Group.

This session of the Meeting for Business was closed with a period of silence. The meeting was reconvened at 6:25 p.m. with a period of silence.

The date for the next Quarterly Meeting was set for October 22-24th, 1993, the fourth Saturday in October, to coincide with the Continuing Committee Meeting. The hope is to have Continuing Committee members stay for the Blue River Quarterly Meeting. Camp CILCO has been reserved but we have received no confirmation yet. Grayce Haworth will call Camp CILCO for confirmation. Lodging will be in the same buildings as the last fall Quarterly. More meeting space is needed to accommodate both Blue River Quarterly and Continuing Committee. The Chapel should be reserved also. Blue River Quarterly and Continuing Committee were combined so that two weekends would not be required to attend both meeting and to make it worthwhile for children to attend. A letter regarding this will be sent to Mary Nuremberg.

Concern was expressed that the letter that was supposed to go to all meetings asking for contributions to a new Quarterly treasury fund to support children under 19 attending Blue River Quarterly Meeting at no cost was received by the Quarterly Planning Committee but apparently

not by monthly meetings. This letter was read. We did not charge registration this Quarterly for children under 19 but did charge for food and lodging. The letter will be revised to reflect this oversight and sent to meetings again.

Grayce Haworth gave the Treasurer's report. Deposits were \$387.50. Withdrawals were \$357.25 and were for Camp CILCO. The balance is \$208.50. The beginning balance of \$200.00 included \$100.00 held by Roger Sherman and \$41.00 by Grayce Haworth. This account exists because many meetings cannot cover costs for Blue River Quarterly Meeting until payment is received. A procedure needs to be set up so that money is available for the planning meeting. Guidelines were set for meeting contributions to the new treasury fund to support free attendance at Quarterly Meeting by children under 19. Meetings will be asked to contribute \$5 for each resident adult member or attender. Meetings should also suggest individual, direct contributions.

There was a concern whether we can afford Camp CILCO next spring. It was decided that we can as the facilities are so good. The pre-registration postcards sent in early February were a good idea. Dawn Rubbert will try to reserve Camp CILCO for 3rd or 4th weekend in April, 1994.

The Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) Annual Section of the Americas 1994 Meeting will be in St. Louis. Marie McCracken is the Midwest Region Clerk. It was suggested that a way to liven up the regional Meeting would be to hold it contiguous with the annual meeting. The question was asked if St. Louis would be willing to do this as well. St. Louis attenders will take this back to their home meeting. Marie will be asked to write a letter to Mary Phillips, the St. Louis Clerk, stating more clearly what this entails.

State of the Meeting Reports were given by the St. Louis, Champaign/Urbana, Columbia and Clear Creek Meetings.

Bob Wixom announced that the 20th annual float trip will be held the 2nd weekend of June (11-13). It will be a 2 day canoe float trip near Rolla, Mo.

Sabina Wangia thanked meetings for contributions for her twin girls to attend schools in this country.

Dawn Rubbert is hoping to participate in a 2 1/2 month peace tour to 14 countries with the International Women's Choir. The tour will spend 3 days in each city. Workshops on peace, social and environmental concerns will be held the first day. A concert will be held the second day. Dawn had a Clearness Committee and her meeting officially supported her. She needs to raise money if chosen for the tour.

The meeting closed with a period of silence

Tom Short
Recording Clerk

Proposed Procedure for Recognition of Worship
Groups as Constituents of Blue River Quarterly Meeting

A worship group desiring recognition as a constituent body under Quarterly Meeting must request so in writing.

Quarterly Meeting will then appoint a clearness committee to determine if the worship group fulfills the following criteria and report back to Quarterly Meeting:

Requesting groups should worship after the manner of Friends.

Worship groups should strengthen the relationship with the larger body of Friends.

Worship group is so far removed from any monthly meeting geographically or spiritually that it is impractical to attend.

TREASURER'S REPORT 3/29/93

Grayce Haworth opened an account for us in Farmers State Bank of McNabb on 8/12/92 with \$200, named Blue River Quarterly Meeting. Its number is 102-520.

As I understand IRS regulations, contributions to the quarter are deductible on form 1080 for those who itemize deductions.

The last statement I have found is dated 12/31/92. We should expect statements for such small and inactive accounts only on an as-needed basis.

Deposits total \$378.50.
withdrawals total \$389.00, of which \$357.25 was to Camp Cilca.
Our balance was \$209.50

I am sorry that I have not found any checks, although it seems sure that some were mailed to me. I did look carefully. If a problem in payment for this quarter results, please send the bills to me at

Roger Sherman
c/o Roy Schubert
4797 Milestrip Rd
Buffalo NY 14219 until April 12; after that to

Roger Sherman
1523 Fontana Dr
StLouis MO 63146.

I am sorry not to be with you there, & hope to attend regularly after this.

In peace
Roger