

## **Minutes of Blue River Quarterly. April 26, 1997.**

The business meeting of the Blue River Quarterly was called to order at Camp Dubois out of the silence on April 26, 1997. The meeting was attended by 21 adult members and was chaired by Chris Starbuck, Clerk.

The minutes were read and approved.

A minute was read on hunger from the Champaign meeting . This minute is to be delivered to elected officials in Illinois and some members wondered why it was being brought to the Quarterly. Bobbie Trist gave background information on it. It was decided to let this minute stand now and there were various discussions about how to establish a Peace and Social Justice Committee at Quarterly to deal with such matters.

Karen Stephens from Columbia indicated that the meeting was \$400 short in paying for DuBois. It was indicated that the Committee to look at alternative cheaper sites had not made progress and the pros and cons of DuBois were discussed. Concern was expressed that people are not coming to Quarterly because of the cost involved. The meeting was reminded that the policy is that people pay what they are able to but that they do come.

The issue of the withdrawal of Friends Hill Meeting was discussed. Many members expressed concern at the loss of this group to IYM and past contributions were discussed. It was finally decided that at their request, the meeting would be laid down but it was felt that they would be missed. The Clerk was asked to draft a letter to the meeting explaining the view of the Quarterly. It was unclear what would happen to their records and memberships of individuals who wanted to continue as members of a Quaker Meeting.

This part of the meeting was adjourned at 4 PM.

Business Meeting was continued on Sunday Morning at 9 AM (April 27, 1997).

It was decided to donate \$100 to the Field Secretary Fund as suggested in the previous minutes.

Chris Starbuck read a draft of a letter to the Friend's Hill Meeting which was approved with a few suggested additions. It was decided that there would be a Quarterly Overseite Committee to help transfer members and records in an orderly fashion. The Committee would be convened by Margaret Katranides of St. Louis and that Nancy Duncan would serve on this committee. Bobbie Trist and Chris Starbuck will receive the records from the meeting. They are working on an archive system for the Quarterly.

State of the Meeting Reports were read or verbalized by representatives of the various meetings attending.

It was decided that the Nominating Committee would suggest replacements for the Clerk and

Recording Clerk next Fall. Dawn Ruppert will reserve Dubois for the fourth weekend in April and Grayce Haworth will make sure that Camp Cilco is reserved for the fourth weekend in September.

The meeting was adjourned.

Mary Cunningham, Recording Clerk.