

**Minutes of Blue River Quarterly Meeting
Camp CILCA, September 26, 1998**

Minutes of the Spring Gathering were read.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted, with thanks for the good work of Beth Kidder.

The letter sent to absent meetings following our Spring gathering was re-read. This letter was received and noted by some of the meetings addressed, but not by others. In response to a concern for keeping contact among Friends, Grayce Haworth has offered to compile a list of people who have attended Blue River Quarterly in recent years. We encourage visitation among meetings as a method of outreach.

Blue River is responsible for FUN (children's program) during IYM next July. We struggled to fill slots for the several jobs still open. Some remain; several persons present agreed to contact other members of local meetings about covering these jobs. A listing of the positions, filled and unfilled, is enclosed.

Preparation of business for Yearly Meeting is a concern which has come before us. The role of the Quarterly Meeting in this process is not clear; business items have not come through this channel in recent years. Nevertheless, we feel that this is a possibility. Julie Hue feels that Bloomington-Normal would benefit from learning of concerns from other Monthly Meetings, either directly or through Quarterly Meeting.

Pat Wixom requests that the agenda of the Spring 1999 business session of Blue River Quarterly include consideration of the desirability of Illinois Yearly Meeting minuting affirmation and welcome to all who seek to worship with us, regardless of individual differences such as gender, age, race, sexual orientation or disability. Friends agreed that the Clerk should write to Monthly Meetings seeking input for this discussion.

Because we do not yet know what the overall theme for IYM '99 will be, Friends agreed that the four Blue River Friends who are on IYM Religious Education Committee should determine the FUN '99 theme after learning of the overall theme.

Friends agreed to hold Fall Quarterly Meeting at Camp CILCA again on the fourth weekend of September in 1999. The program will be under the care of Urbana-Champaign Monthly Meeting; other meetings in the region may be called upon to help if needed.

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Margaret Katranides, Clerk