

MINUTES, BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS
APRIL 20, 2002

1. The Meeting with a concern for business started with silent prayer at 3:20 pm. The following were present: Mariellen Gilpin (clerking), Sharon Haworth, Peter Lasersohn, Bob Wixom, Karen Shippen, Carolyn Treadway, Allen Treadway, Bobbi Trist, Grayce Mesner, Neil Mesner, Margaret Katranides, Harry Desroches, Dawn Rubbert, David Wixom, Nancy Jordan, Candy Boyd, and Scott Searles (recording).

2. The clerk read a tentative agenda and asked if there were any additional items, several of which were proposed and added. The Minutes of last fall's meeting were read by Carolyn Treadway, who was recording clerk at the time. The Treasurer's Report was given by Grayce Mesner, showing a current balance of \$3436, which is about \$400 more than one year ago. However, not all the meetings' contributions have been received yet, and of course, the receipts and expenses for the present spring meeting have not been entered yet.

3. State of the Meeting Reports were read: Urbana-Champaign's, by Peter Lasersohn; Decatur's by Carolyn Treadway; Columbia's by Karen Shippen; St. Louis's by Dawn Rubbert. Clerk noted that this is perhaps the first time that all meetings represented at Quarterly had been able to give their Reports, which will be published in the IYM 2002 Minute Book.

4. It was proposed by Grayce Mesner that it would be better to switch responsibilities for planning Quarterly Meetings when we switch sites, in order to keep the sites as close as possible to the meetings responsible. The following schedule was agreed on:

Fall 2002 (9/27-29,2002) DuBois Center Columbia, Rolla & So. Ill. meetings
Spring 2003 (4/11-13, 2003) Camp Cilca Urbana-Champaign meeting
Fall 2003 (9/26-28, 2003) DuBois Center St. Louis meeting
Spring 2004 (date to be arranged) Camp Cilca Smaller northern meetings

Dawn Rubbert volunteered to make the needed reservations at Camp Cilca, preferably for the second weekend in April of each year.

5. A report of a search for other sites for BRQ meetings was presented by Karen Shippen. From the Internet, she had identified four possible camps in central Illinois that might be possibilities. The one at Greenville, IL seemed the most likely and will be checked out further. Mention was made of Camp Oka-tipi, south of Hannibal, MO, which was used by Columbia and Friends Hill Meetings 20-25 years ago. Also, Camp New Hope in Mattoon, IL, south of Champaign-Urbana about 50 miles, was suggested.

6. The Blue River Quarterly Minutes for the 1990s and most of the 1980s have been deposited with the University of Illinois Library by Peter Lasersohn, but the record for the 1970's is quite incomplete. Everyone should search for them and forward them to Peter, who will deposit them in the Archives with the others.

7. An update on the Campaign of Conscience was presented by Dawn Rubbert. This is a joint effort of AFSC and the Fellowship of Reconciliation, which Blue River Quarterly joined two years ago. Last year a water treatment plant was sent to Iraq, because the lack of availability of good water has been a major cause of death for children. There was concern as to whether the plant worked or not, but we did not have good information. There is great concern about indications that major bombing of Iraq may start about October 1. BRQ approved renewal of commitment and making a contribution at this time of \$250.

8. A report on the accomplishments of Project Lakota last summer and its current status and plans was presented by Candy Boyd. This is in a sense a BRQ project, having been originally envisioned by Candy and greatly helped by the efforts of Greg Woods and Karen Shippen. Officially, it is a joint project with AFSC and Intermountain Yearly Meeting. BRQ has supported it regularly, and all contributions are matched, so as to double the value. Mention was made of the spirituality of the Lakota people, their sense of community, their non-materialistic philosophy, and the alcoholism-spirituality program in progress to overcome the alcoholism problem. At present the Lakota are greatly beset by disease, unemployment and miserable housing in a cold climate. Considerable progress was made last summer on construction of homes for the Lakota people, with the aid of 18 volunteers from IYM and 14 more from the Boulder, CO Meeting. After some discussion, it was decided to contribute \$750 to Project Lakota this year.

9. Clerk brought up the matter of Blue River Quarter's responsibilities for the IYM program this summer, which is to take care of the children's and FUN programs. Volunteers had come forward for several jobs, but we needed a FUN coordinator. The statement of the responsibilities for this position was read to us by Sharon Haworth from the Log Book; they seemed rather extensive. After discussion, Mariellen Gilpin offered to coordinate FUN, with the advice and support of Sharon Haworth and Dawn Rubbert. Dawn also offered to arrange snacks for young Friends in mid-morning (with Beth Schobernd providing the snacks). Finally it was suggested that a resource person be hired for the junior high program. Is there funding for such? Clerk will investigate this.

10. A new proposal to recommend to Illinois Yearly Meeting establishment of an IYM Committee on Peace and Conscientious Objection, was presented by Bob Wixom. It was not to duplicate efforts of Monthly Meetings' Committees on Peace, but would develop an active program for potential conscientious objectors, in case the military draft is reinstated. After much discussion concerning the wording, it was decided to have members refine the wording and to present it at the continuation of Business Meeting Sunday morning.

11. The final item was a new proposal to make Columbia Meeting's annual Float Trip a Blue River Quarterly function. This was presented by David Wixom, who pointed out the value of this float trip, which is now in its 29th year, as a father-son activity, which could be better if it were organized as an activity of the whole Quarterly. Others saw this as a way to add a summer meeting, which could be a step towards making BRQ meet four times a year. Some saw the YM's annual meeting, with a brief meeting of BRQ, as serving that purpose. The possibility of doing a mid-winter meeting regularly was also mentioned. Friends suggested that Blue River

Quarterly was too small a group to make a commitment of effort for the Float Trip without consulting the monthly meetings. The clerk asked David Wixom to email her the proposal, so she could forward the email to all the meetings in the Quarter. Monthly meetings are to be asked to consider the proposal and respond whether they are interested in supporting the Family Float Trip. As the hour was getting late and supper was waiting, further discussion was postponed. It was announced that the Columbia Meeting's Family Float Trip will be on July 12-14th this year.

12. Meeting with a concern for business closed with silence at 5:20 pm.

Submitted by Scott Searles, recording clerk.

MINUTES OF THE CARRY-OVER MEETING FOR BUSINESS,
BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING, APRIL 21, 2002

1. The meeting started with silent prayer at 10:25 am. Present were Margaret Katranides (clerking), Allen Treadway, Carolyn Treadway, Harry Desroches, Bob Wixom, David Wixom, Nancy Duncan, Caroline Ziel, Jonathon Wixom, and Scott Searles (recording).

2. A revision of the Minute proposed by Bob Wixom yesterday was read by Dawn Rubbert. This was discussed and approved. It is to be distributed to all IYM monthly meetings and to the Yearly Meeting Clerk. (Minute attached.)

3. Recently in Missouri, at least, there have been very punitive legislative efforts to penalize young men who refuse to register for the draft on the basis of conscientious objection. These include denial to them of any state and federal financial aid for higher education and lately to the denial of a driver's license. This winter Columbia Monthly Meeting approved a minute to assist any young man so affected to find alternative funding or to provide it from meeting resources. This was described by Scott Searles, but it was the intent of Columbia Meeting to send copies of its Minute to all IYM monthly meetings. It is probably in the mail of each Meeting. It is urged that Meetings consider this problem. It is an attempt to deny Conscientious Objection in the immediate present, preceding the possible enactment of a new military draft.

4. Meeting closed in silence at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted, Scott Searles, recording.

Attached Minute on Peace and Conscientious Objection:

Dear Friend,

The following minute will be considered at this summer's IYM business sessions. It was sent out generally to IYM members with email last week so you may have received it once before. This time, you are receiving the minute because you are either the clerk or IYM representative for

war taxes; 7) To serve as a resource for monthly meetings, quarterly meetings, regional meetings and IYM's program committee in identifying knowledgeable speakers and workshop leaders on the above topics.