

Blue River Quarterly Meeting

Fall 2008 – Tenth Month 24-26

Gathered at Dubois Center near Dubois Illinois

The following adult Friends (26) from our monthly meetings were in attendance during the weekend. Two friends from North Meadow Circle of Friends (Ohio Yearly Meeting) were also with us bringing the total adults to 28. We were also blessed with the presence of five Young Friends who are listed below. Note that the names in bold identify those who participated in the business session.

- Dawn Amos, Southern Illinois MM**
- Mark Amos, Southern Illinois MM
- Ellen Baranowski, Urbana-Champaign MM**
- Michael Batinski, Southern Illinois MM**
- Steven Bhardwaj, Rolla Preparative Meeting**
- AyJy Bhardwaj, Rolla Preparative Meeting
- Yuan Phoun, Rolla Preparative Meeting
- Rachel Bradley, Evanston
- Paul Buckley, ILYM Field Secretary
- Tina Busch-Nema, St. Louis MM
- Kathy Cotton, Southern Illinois MM**
- Michael Burnside, Southern Illinois MM
- David H. Finke, Columbia**
- Mariellen Gilpin, Urbana Champaign**
- Margie Haworth, Urbana Champaign, Treasurer**
- Sharon Haworth, Urbana Champaign**
- Ginny Hoffman, Southern Illinois**
- Chris Jocius, Rolla Preparative Meeting**
- Margaret Katranides, St. Louis MM**
- Peter Lasersohn, Urbana Champaign**
- Grayce Mesner, Clear Creek**
- Neil Mesner, Clear Creek**
- Creedon Miller, Columbia MM**
- Obi Nwakanma, St. Louis MM
- Dawn Rubbert, St. Louis – Recording Clerk**
- Mira Tanna, St. Louis MM
- James “JT” Taylor, North Meadow Circle of Friends, Ohio Valley YM, Presenter
- Bob Wixom, Columbia**

The following children attended:

- Marlena & Delia Amos, Southern Illinois MM
- Nathan Lasersohn, Urbana-Champaign MM
- Sophia Bradley, Evanston MM
- Kiran & Priya Nwakanma, St. Louis MM

5/5/2008	Rolla	\$150
5/5/2008	Clear Creek	\$140
5/12/2008	Peoria- Galesburg	\$25
6/16/2008	U-C Friends	\$170

Quarterly Planning - Spring 2009 sessions are under the care of Urbana-Champaign MM. Mennohaven has been reserved for April 3-5. They will be making further plans at their November Meeting for Business. The theme is being developed and square dancing will be held on Saturday night.

Fall 2009 is the responsibility of St. Louis MM and DuBois Center has been reserved for September 18-20.

2009 Yearly Meeting Planning - Friends have taken responsibility for most of our tasks. There is a need for someone to coordinate clean up. Friends who came to mind for this duty are: Bobbi Trist; Elke & Tim Narkiewicz; the Treadways and Mike & Diane Dennis. Later today we will appoint a nominating committee and they will be asked to contact these five persons/families to enquire if they will serve. We have no one in charge of over-all planning to coordinate and support volunteers. It was agreed to use the same process as above asking the same persons/families identified if they would take one of these tasks. Additionally the names of Mira Tanna and David Wixom were brought forward as possible over-all coordinators.

Nominating Committee - A committee is needed to bring forward nominations in Spring for the positions of Presiding Clerk, Recording Clerk, and Treasurer to serve for two years beginning at the rise of Spring 2009 Quarterly Meeting. In addition the nominating committee will approach the persons above regarding Clean-up Coordinator and Over-All Coordinator for YM sessions in 2009. Grayce Haworth and Mariellen Gilpin agreed to serve.

BRQ Website – A committee was formed in Fall 2007 to create a website for BRQ. Peter Lasersohn and Dawn Amos have been working on a site and presented the prototype to those gathered via three laptops. The url for the website is www.blueriverquarterly.org. Questions were raised and answered. Friends noted appreciation for the excellent presentation and all of the work involved in creating the website. “Wow!” We approved moving forward with use of the site for BRQ.

We noted that the committee which created our new website was ad hoc and has completed its task. We agreed to lay down this committee with thanks expressed above. There is a need for some group or person to have oversight of our website: someone to manage who is given access to write to the website and to assist people who request help posting documents and events.

It was suggested that we identify one knowledgeable person who would serve as our webservant for the first year. Duties would include reporting to our sessions regarding the nature and volume of the work and to create a description of the job and its duties to inform us for future decisions regarding this work. It was approved that we create the position of Webservant for one year and that we accept Peter Lasersohn’s offer to serve in this capacity.

One Friend has the thought that we might create a correspondence committee and that such a committee could work with the Webservant and Recording Clerk. This idea may be seasoned for a future business session.

Tonight's Program - Bob Wixom announced that the sharing of our gifts and talents will continue after dinner with Friends sharing about their hobby/activity. This will include a poetry reading and other active presentations.

Sunday Session - It was agreed that we would use the first 40 minutes of the 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. time slot tomorrow to hold our meetings and members in the Light. During this time we can informally share about our meetings in a spirit of worship. The last 20 minutes will be for presentation of our YM's building plans for the Peace House on the Prairie.

Urbana-Champaign MM has taken under its care the Springfield Worship group. Formerly their care was under Clear Creek MM. The concern was raised about how this might affect the balance of sharing the planning for BRQ sessions. The question raised is whether Springfield would then be asked to help plan sessions under the care of Urbana-Champaign MM or continue as part of the small northerly meeting planning group. This will be discussed with Springfield Friends and brought to a future business meeting.

Publicizing of BRQ Website – It was suggested that this be taken home by each of us for consideration, sharing with others at our home meetings and revisited in the Spring of 2009.

State of the Meeting Reports – We were reminded that written state of the meeting reports from Monthly Meetings, worship and preparative groups should be presented at the Spring meeting. The recording clerk would be pleased to receive these reports in advance via email attachment or if necessary, as soon after the sessions as possible.

Following silent worship we adjourned for dinner.