

Chicago, Illinois, 2-1-1941

Jointly with Chicago Quarterly Meeting, Blue River Quarterly Meeting met on 57<sup>th</sup> Street near 3:30 p.m.

Representatives present and appointed were:

From Blue River Monthly Meeting, Millicent Baynes

From 57<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, –Jane Krauel, Hans Frey, Rachel Oesting, and Paul Reid.

From Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, Rosalind Whitney, Shirley Glover, Ralph Wilson, Walter Griffith and Mary Griffith. The last three named were not present.

Many guests were present. Those noted are Floyd Bowerman of Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Edgar Anderson of St Louis Monthly Meeting.

Millicent Baynes made a favorable report regarding the installation of a new furnace at Highland. Lucretia Franklin made a preliminary announcement of a celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of Clear Creek Monthly Meeting this coming autumn.

Also we were informed that there is room for a few more persons at Quaker Haven.

Albert T. Mills, custodian of funds, reported that money is at interest at the rate of 4 per cent.

As a nominating committee to name clerks, Millicent Baynes, Edna Wolf, and Harold Flitcraft were appointed.

The query on Peace was read. Altho there was no action decided upon, there was a long and searching discussion as to our duty in view of the preparedness crisis and the menace of war which may involve the United States in conflict. Session ended about 5:45.

Albert T. Mills, Clerk.

Memoranda. Robt. Balderson, was much missed. Martha Balderson is performing a needed service in the Scattergood Hostel. Clement B. Flitcraft has recovered sufficiently to be with us at all sessions. Clyde Allee did not feel equal to an attendance. A letter of appreciation was decided upon.

None of the Monthly Meetings made reports of spiritual growth or membership additions, or problems that confronts them. Merely naming representatives seems inadequate. The Quarterly Meeting should consider the welfare of individual meetings.

The meetings for worship were marked by much speaking and for brevity of remarks made. The clerk thinks he never heard so many different messages in a short worship period as those of Sunday morning in Woolman Hall. The first was a lesson from Michaelangelo's interpretation of Isaiah, seen on the ceiling of Sistine Chapel between spandrels along with eleven other gigantic figures magnificently draped, and which seem to brood over the chapel. Turning from his book of wisdom, Isaiah turns to listen to a voice, as from the child at his shoulder, to which he will say at length: Here am I, send me. At one session Rev. Boss explained what is being done for conscientious objectors and what more might be done. At the Sunday Forum, Lewis Benson explained the absolutist Christian position on War. Friends departed from the 17<sup>th</sup> century position on the occasion of the First World War. What is Christlike is one thing and not another.

Compromise is inadmissible and to follow a course of good will is not Christian. A deed must be done for Him, because of Him. He is the standard of righteousness. There were many who flung their challenges in disagreement. Good feeling prevailed.