

Minutes of the session of Blue River Quarterly Meeting held November 14, 1942, near M^cNabb Illinois

Representatives from the 57th Street Meeting were present as follow: Blanche Krauel, Clement Flitcraft, Luella Flitcraft, Ethel Jones, Ruth MacKensen and Judy MacKensen

From Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, the four first named were present: Perry Hall, Kathryn Mills, Rosalind Whitney, Lucretia Franklin, Ralph Wilson, Andrew Wolf Jr. Grace Benjamin and Luella Parker are present from Benjaminville. On the state of society, Lucretia Franklin made an oral statement and Alice Flitcraft read a prepared report.

Quotas The committee on remaking quotas, appointed one year ago, is released; and a new one appointed, the membership of the same being suggested by its relationship to group finances, namely: Clement Flitcraft, treasurer of Blue River Qtly. Mtg.; Robt. Whitney, treasurer of Blue River Monthly Meeting; Raymond Bumgarner, treasurer of Clear Creek Monthly Meeting; and Ralph Oesting, Ch. of the finance committee of the 57th St. Monthly Meeting.

Funds A trustee of the Alvin Fawcett and the Hoopeston Funds reports that the amount of both in the Mutual Home Savings Assn. Bank, Decatur, Illinois is \$822⁸⁶ The trustees are requested to study types of cases for which the Fawcett fund might be available, or what might be classified as "poor relief."

Lost Minute Book The retrieving of a lost minutes' book of Benjaminville Monthly Meeting was again under consideration. The price asked now of \$25 seems still too high.

Wilmington Conference Looking toward the post-war world, Perry Hall made an oral report of the Wilmington, Ohio, conference (date Aug. 31–Sept. 4, 1942) and circulated a printed booklet on Peace and Reconstruction, which embodies the conclusions of the Wilmington Conference.

Following the reading of paragraphs from the Discipline on organization of new meetings, a request for a new meeting came before the Quarterly Meeting. The letter of request, addressed to the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting and under date line of Peoria, Illinois, October 18, 1942, reads in part as follows:

Peoria Monthly Meeting "Some of you have been aware of the fact that for almost a year, a small group who hold to the principles of the Society of Friends has been meeting together regularly for worship in Peoria. In this group are individuals who have been members of other Yearly Meetings, some who are members of Clear Creek M^cNabb, one who comes from 57th Street Chicago, and others whose convictions have lead them to declare their intentions of becoming members of the Society. * * * *

"We have discussed the privileges and obligations of such a step as that on several occasions, and, in our meeting for worship held two weeks ago, we

agreed that we petition the Blue River Quarterly meeting asking that our group be officially incorporated into the Society of Friends as the Peoria Monthly Meeting. This letter is therefore, the formal request to you for such recognition. If our request is granted we are prepared to assume all the obligations in the Quarterly and Yearly Meeting which shall be placed upon us.

* * * Please be assured that it is the very deep desire and prayer of each member of our group that we as individuals may be worthy members of the Society of Friends, and that our interest in and our service to our fellow-men may be patterned after our Master Teacher, Jesus Christ, who went about doing good.”

Very truly yours,

404 Parkside Drive
Peoria, Illinois

Herbert W. Crowe

Oak Park
Monthly
Meeting

In the midst of many cordial expressions of unity with the request from Peoria, there was interjected a second request of similar purport, namely: a petition from Friends of the Oak Park, Illinois, area for the recognition of a Quaker unit to be known as the Oak Park Monthly Meeting, and signed by Robt. MacGonagle

Altho patriotic economy argues favorably for the division of the larger and older groups, the recognition by the Quarterly Meeting stems primarily in the belief that the new units, already vital, are well located geographically for permanence, growth, and a widening influence.

Committees
to attend
organization
of Monthly
Meetings

The following-named persons are appointed to be present at the organization of Peoria Monthly Meeting and “to render assistance or advice if needed”:

Albert Mills	Charles Whitney	Edna Wolf
	Rosalind Whitney	Eleanore Wolf.

And the following named to perform a like service for the Oak Park Monthly Meeting:

Albert Mills	Lucretia Franklin	Charles Smith
Elizabeth Smith	Harold Flitcraft	Perry Hall

The Tenth Query, on Peace and Coöperation was read along with disciplinary comment thereon.

Program
Committee
for Joint
Meeting

To serve as a program committee for the February session of the Quarterly Meeting Garfield Cox, Robt. MacGonagle and Luella Flitcraft are appointed.

Memo in re Clear Creek meeting.

The new meeting in Oak Park has been in the making for about two years; at first occurring once a month. “Later” writes the acting Clerk, Robt. MacGonagle, “the meetings were held at greater frequency and, for the last year, we have been meeting each First Day. We have an unprogrammed Meeting for Worship,

followed by a discussion period. A First Day School for the children of the group has also been formed. Over the period in which we have been meeting, we have felt a very definite spiritual growth.”

A reflection about the meeting is this from W^m MacKensen: “The more I think about Saturday’s Quarterly Meeting the more thrilled I am at the prospect of new life in our Yearly Meeting. The time is at hand for a confident and friendly aggressive attitude for all of us.”

In reference to the long lapse of time since a new meeting within Blue River Quarter was set up, the Clerk quoted Chas. Beard: “When it gets dark enough, the stars will come out”

Of the six messages in the meeting for worship on First Day, one was a book chapter about Jesus in the language of children. The adult class at Clear Creek under competent leadership is studying the post war world.

Seventh day evening D^f Garfield Cox, Dean of the School of Business at the U. of C., spoke on “What Kind of an Economic order should we strive for?”

It called forth many intelligent questions which were met by constructive answers.

So many were in attendance that neighborhood hospitality was stretched

Assignment of homes was made in open meeting. The weather was sunny and dry. Delay in the bean and corn harvests detained some members.

Albert T. Mills, Clerk.

Kathryn Mills, Asst. Clerk.