

MINUTES OF BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING

November 12, 1949

The Quarterly Meeting was held in the Y.M.C.A. at St. Louis, Mo. on November 12, 1949. Following a meeting for worship at 2 o'clock, the business meeting was held at 3 o'clock, with Albert Mills as Clerk and Mary Curlee assistant. The following were present:

St. Louis Meeting

Members:	Josephine Lockwood	Others:	Ralph Cope	Children:
	Keith Reeder		Mary Cope	Eleanor Hinshaw
	Edward Wood		Esther Kolling	Elizabeth Hinshaw
	Verna Wood		Orland Kolling	Howard Bull
	Galen Wood		Martha Bull	Tommy Bull
	Marie Burling		Cecil Hinshaw	
	Gertrude Oldendorph		Gertrude Wood	
	Edwin Oldendorph		Margaret Lockwood	
	Mary Curlee		Pauline Hinshaw	
	Edgar Anderson			
	Richard Burling			
	Helen Johnson			

57th St. Meeting

Delegates:	Harold Flitcraft	Meeting appointed according to the record:
	Alice Flitcraft	Joachim Leppmann
	Dorothy Trautman	Ralph Vistor
		Erna Lowenberg
	Marianne Leppmann	Harold Flitcraft
	Joachim Leppmann	
	Elizabeth Smith	

Clear Creek Meeting

Delegates:	Lucretia Franklin
	Andrew Wolf
	Edna Wolf
	Albert Mills
	Martha Mills

Madison Meeting

Myrtle Peterson

Oak Park Meeting

Louella Flitcraft

We were glad to have two guests from Philadelphia — Bernard Walton and Guy Solt.

Letters giving the State of the Society were read by the following:

Madison – Myrtle Peterson
Oak Park – Louella Flitcraft
St. Louis – Edward Wood
Clear Creek – Lucretia Franklin
57th St. – Marianne Leppmann

Albert Mills commented on various points brought out in the reports, and suggested that the meeting pause a moment to get the savor of what had been read.

Edgar Anderson made a verbal report of the St. Louis Meeting's program of visiting patients in the City Infirmary, adding that he believed a great spiritual deepening came from association with people of different backgrounds who are in trouble.

Edna Wolf reported that Peoria Meeting had appointed a representative, who could not attend.

Harold Flitcraft announced that the 57th St. Meeting is moving from the Unitarian Church where they have met for the past 18 years to International House at 59th St. and Blackstone Ave. This will enable them to meet at 11 AM instead of 3 PM. The name of the meeting has not yet been changed.

He also reported that Penn Valley Meeting at Kansas City is now an independent meeting reporting to the Fellowship Council, and is not part of Blue River Quarterly Meeting.

The Assistant Clerk read the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held at Madison on August 27.

Next February, at a joint meeting of the General Conference and Five Year groups, it will be decided whether another general meeting should be held, and the Clerk asked for expressions from those who had attended the meeting held in October. Joachim Leppmann, Martha Mills and Edwin Oldendorph all spoke of the meeting as a deep spiritual experience, which they felt should be repeated.

Verna Wood told something of the work of Lucretia Wood, who has been serving with the AFSC, and is now in Darmstadt.

Guy Solt told of new projects of the American Friends' Service Committee. In Israel they propose to undertake a small agricultural cooperative experiment designed to bring together Arabs and Jews. They are also starting a program of education on international relations with the AFL and CIO. He thought this was an excellent opportunity to reach their combined membership of between 15 and 17 million with our peace testimony.

He also mentioned that the Chicago Office of the AFSC is going to try a new approach to the race relations problem. They hope to have a Chicago staff who will approach executives of prominent business firms and talk to them about discriminatory practices in employment. Bernard Walton added that the Midwest office carries on the education work as before. They have done good work in getting together groups from labor and management.

Guy Solt reported on a visit to President Truman by Clarence Pickett and Harold Evans and Harold Chance, regarding the release of conscientious objectors. The President said he did not think there was any difference between these men and any other offender against a Federal law, and gave them no encouragement in the matter.

The Clerk asked what should be done with the interest accumulated on the fund of \$685.24, belonging to the Quarterly Meeting. It will amount to about \$40 at the end of December, and it was the sense of the meeting that it be turned over to the AFSC at that time.

The Clerk told that the minutes of the meetings laid down and of Illinois Yearly Meeting will be sent to the Swarthmore Depository for safekeeping.

We have been advised to keep in mind the London Conference in 1952, and possible representation.

Jeannette Cox was appointed to act jointly with a member of the Chicago Quarterly meeting to prepare the program for our next quarterly meeting to be held in Chicago.

The business meeting was followed by a dinner served in the YMCA Cafeteria. Before dinner a panel, consisting of Cecil Hinshaw, Guy Solt, Harold Flitcraft and Bernard Walton led a discussion of the Fellowship Council, which lasted for about half an hour. We then heard an address by Robert Blakely, chief editorial writer of the St. Louis STAR-TIMES on "Changes in the Atomic Age".

Albert T. Mills Clerk
Mary Curlee
Assistant Clerk