

BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING – NOVEMBER 10, 1951

Held at
ST. LOUIS, MO. Y.M.C.A.

The following were present:

Monthly Meeting:

Peoria Charles & Eleanor Harker

57th Street Mary Balderstone, John
Willard, Sylvia Way, Alice &
Harold Flitcraft, Jacqueline
Douay

Oak Park Louella Flitcraft

Clear Creek Edna Wolf, Albert & Martha
Mills

St. Louis Marcia Bauer, Jean &
Randall McClelland, Edward
& Gertrude Wood,
Miriam Brush, Arthur
& Mary Curlee, Doris
Spruss, Marvin
Friedley, Josephine
Lockwood, Wolfgang
Thron, Gertrude &
Edwin Oldendorph
Galen, Verna &
Theodore Wood,
Hiram Hunnicutt,
Betty Pottenger

The delegates from Milwaukee (Bernard Alexander) and Madison (Mildred Ashman) could not attend.

Other out-of-town guests were Bernard Walton, Philadelphia, Arabella Clark, Westchester, Pa., and John Forbes, Carlinsville, Ill.

The time from 2 to 2:30 was devoted to a Meeting for Worship.

The Clerk, Albert Mills, opened the Business Meeting and called for reports on the State of the Society. The reports were thoughtfully prepared and helpful to all. The Milwaukee Meeting had

sent a separate note stating that 3,195 lbs. of clothing had been shipped in 1950, and 4,718 to date in 1951.

Albert Mills commented that in recent years reports on the State of the Society have made no mention of the use of the Queries by the Meetings. He emphasized the searching character of the Queries, and their practical nature and usefulness in daily life and education.

He also called attention to the fact that there are 30,000 students from other countries attending our universities, and this is an excellent opportunity to develop international friendship and understanding.

The Clerk commended the activities of Lela Bell and Paul Laneker in Kansas City, saying that they have been doing very courageous work in connection with race relations.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held at Madison on August 25, 1951 were read. There were two corrections. One was that the Joint meeting is to be the last week in April, instead of in May as stated. The other was that Mary Ruth was the only member of the Jones family in attendance.

Martha Mills, Treasurer of Blue River Quarterly Meeting, read the treasurer's report, which showed a balance on hand of \$315.50. She explained the need for additional amounts for transportation of delegates to the World Conference, which should be paid by the monthly meetings before January 1. She asked representatives of the meeting to get together after the business meeting to see if the proportionate amounts requested from each meeting would be acceptable.

Charles Harker, Clerk of Illinois Yearly Meeting, was asked about the money needed for transportation to the World Conference. He replied that we want to have \$300 by the end of this year to be used by the two delegates. It will be up to the Executive Committee of the Illinois Yearly Meeting to determine how it would be divided between the two delegates. He then read the report of the Executive Committee appointing George R. Bent as the first delegate, with Irma Duncan as first alternate and Caroline Wills as second alternate; John Haworth second delegate, with Marshall Hodgson, Robert Wilson and Jack Kavanaugh as alternates.

He further stated that the Illinois Yearly Meeting will be represented at the Young Friends Conference to be held immediately preceding the World Conference. We have also been asked for funds for delegates coming from outside the country. The Finance Committee is unable to provide this, and therefore is asking for special donations for that use.

Alice Flitcraft asked if the Treasurer had authorized a gift to Scattergood, after Leonore Goodenow's address to the last Quarterly Meeting. Martha Mills said this had been discussed and it was the feeling of that Quarterly Meeting funds were only to be used for the expenses of the speaker. Therefore, money was given to the Madison Meeting to pay the speaker's expenses. Alice Flitcraft said that Scattergood is in need of money, and asked if the money in the treasury could not be used for such a gift.

At this point the clerk called attention to the interest on the Hoopeston and Fawcett funds, which can be spent by the trustees in suitable ways. For the past several years this has been decided at the Autumn Quarterly Meeting, and has been sent as a donation to the AFSC. It was the sense of the meeting that this year the interest (approximately \$25) should be sent as a gift to Scattergood.

After some discussion it was the sense of the meeting that Quarterly Meeting can use the funds in their treasury as they see fit. It was felt that we should not omit a donation to the American Friends Service Committee, and it was decided that \$30.00 should be sent them.

Charles Harker said that the Illinois Yearly Meeting's share of the funds needed to bring those from other countries to the World Conference is \$210, and asked that Quarterly Meeting to give consideration to making this contribution. Harold Flitcraft approved the suggestion that Quarterly Meeting make good the Yearly Meeting's share, and the meeting approved the payment of \$210 for this purpose.

It was then brought out that the 5% payments to the Quarterly Meeting Treasury from the Monthly Meetings should be continued as usual.

John Willard, executive secretary of the Chicago Regional Office of the American Friends Service Committee, gave a very interesting and complete report of their work.

The Clerk read an invitation to hold the Quarterly Meeting in Evanston on April 26. This was approved.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be the last weekend in January, at 57th Street.

There was some question about the future joint quarterly meetings, and Harold Flitcraft was asked to report back to the next Quarterly Meeting.

The business meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

This was followed by a forum discussion, led by Wolfgang Thron, on the chapter "Work and Worship" from "Vocation of Friends in the Modern World".

After a buffet style supper and social hour, we had the rare privilege of hearing Gerald Heard speak on the contribution that religious people can make to our times.

Mary Curlee
Minute Clerk

Albert T. Mills
Clerk