

STANDARD B & P "NOISEAR"

The Blue River Quarterly Meeting, Illinois Yearly Meeting, opened with silent worship at 1:15 P.M., April 25th, 1953 at the YWCA, Peoria.

The following representatives were present: from Clear Creek - Helen Nelson, Edna Wolf, Lucretia Franklin, Charles Wilson, Albert and Martha Mills, Turner and Katherine Mills, Dorothy and Arnold Ashdown.

from St. Louis - Wolfgang Thron, Marcia Bauer, Edwin Oldendorf, Edward Wood, Keith ~~Streeter~~, *Reeder, Martha Bull*.

from Champaign-Urbana - Bruce Meserve, Marian Freeman, Rachel Weller, John and Grace Fogg.

from Peoria - Florence Tjaden, Dorothy Winston, Robert Clevenger, Kenneth Deselms, Henry Kaitel, Charles and Eleanor Harker, Horatio and Olive Wood.

The minutes of the previous Meeting, at Champaign-Urbana, were read by Bruce Meserve. Martha Mills stated that that the treasurer's Book is now with the records of Illinois Yearly Meeting at McNabb. The Minutes were approved as corrected.

Bruce Meserve discussed the correspondence he had had ^{regarding} with the National Committee on ^{National} Legislation ^{"Statement of Legislative Policy, 1953-54"} and that a saving would be made by ordering copies in lots of one hundred. It was agreed that Clear Creek, St. Louis, Champaign-Urbana Meetings, would each take thirty copies, Peoria to receive ten. The Clerk to be reimbursed for his investment.

Horatio Wood reported that if last year's budget was met, it would cover our needs. Martha Mills reminded the Meeting that the year ran from August to August; the books should be audited and the figures available for report at the Yearly Meeting.

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Charles Whitney gave the State of Society report for Clear Creek Meeting, in which he felt the Meeting is firming with steady attendance.

Horatio Wood said that Peoria had found the evening Meetings unsuccessful, so had resumed the regular morning Meetings at eleven o'clock. Charles Harker added that he felt the Clear Creek children's program at Christmas most rewarding. Also that Peoria has started a First Day School.

(Copies of St. Louis and Urbana-Champaign Meetings are attached separately.)

Bruce Meserve requested a more definite policy concerning the times and places for Quarterly Meetings be agreed upon. After some discussion, it was decided that St. Louis would prefer ^{the first weekend of} November 7th; Champaign-Urbana thought ^{the first weekend} in February ~~5th~~ would be satisfactory; and Peoria would hold the third Quarterly Meeting the first week-end in May. Concern was expressed that Blue River was only holding three Meetings, and Edna Wolf suggested that the representatives present at McNabb for Yearly Meeting might handle necessary business. A motion was made and approved that Blue River Quarterly Meeting does not recognize the need for a fourth Quarterly Meeting in 1952-1953, and that the representatives of the Quarterly Meeting, at Yearly Meeting, are empowered to conduct business in the name of the Quarterly Meeting.

The following representatives to the Yearly Meeting were appointed by the Quarterly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting is urged to review its' list of representatives and name substitutes if necessary, in order to assure three representatives being in attendance at Yearly Meeting.

Clear Creek - Albert Mills, Katherine Mills, Charles Whitney
 Champaign-Urbana - Elson Simms, Francis Weeks, Thorton Price
 Peoria - Robert Clevenger, Horatio Wood, Kenneth Deselms
 St. Louis - Wolfgang Thron, Edward Wood, Walter Bauer

The budget for Quarterly Meeting was discussed, and the sum of \$75.00 was agreed upon. Horatio Wood was directed to send a check for ~~\$647.50~~^{645.00} to Yearly Meeting. Next Years budget will be considered at the next Meeting.

Martha Mills suggested that the Quarterly Meeting year start in November, and members agreed to this.

Edna Wolf reported a visit to Salem. Nine of the group there were elderly people, the Meeting House out in the country, and it was felt that perhaps a study group could be formed, but that regular Meetings were impractical.

Wolfgang Thron asked for a minute expressing the thanks of visiting Friends for Peoria's hospitality.

Following the Business Meeting, it was announced there would be two Round Table discussions; "The Broyles Bills", led by Robert Clevenger, and "Political and Interracial Problems in Africa", led by Horatio Wood. Supper at six P.M. was followed by a talk by Lawrence Lew on "The United Nations - Prospects for Peace".

Olive Wood at 7.41.

Bruce E. Meserve