

BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING

November 5, 1955

Blue River Quarterly Meeting was held in St. Louis at the YMCA on November 5, 1955 at 3 PM, following a Meeting for Worship. The monthly meetings were represented by the following members:

Clear Creek: Albert and Martha Mills, Lucretia Franklin,  
Joe and Genetha Hawks, Anna Mary and Arthur Wilson

Peoria: Charles and Eleanor Harker (Horatio Woods was absent)

Urbana-Champaign: Rachel Weller

St. Louis: Phoebe Anderson, Richard Bengston, Galen and Verna Wood,  
Marcia Bauer, Albert Ley

The minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of August 11 were read. There was one correction; only Doris, and not Marvin Fridley, was made a member of the Exercise Committee. The minutes were then approved.

STATE OF THE SOCIETY REPORTS

The Clear Creek Monthly Meeting Report, prepared by Helen Jean Nelson and read by Lucretia Franklin, told of their work with teen-agers. The Meeting is considering again putting into use a printed form for application for membership, since they believe that the possibility of young people wishing to become members may be overlooked.

Charles Harker reported that Peoria now has an attendance of about fifteen, and has been discussing the desirability of meeting once a week instead of once a month.

Rachel Weller read the report she had prepared for the Urbana-Champaign Meeting, giving a very searching examination of means they have explored for enhancing the spiritual life of the meeting.

Florence Ley read her report on the activities of the St. Louis Meeting, and their interest in acquiring their own meeting place.

Three visitors were asked to tell of their meetings. Elfrida Vipont Foulds told of her rural meeting in Lancashire, England, which was founded in 1652. They are active in hospitality and education, and their problems and activities are similar to our younger meetings.

Alice Brown reported on the Des Moines Unprogrammed Meeting, chartered last year by the World Committee. They have about ten families, mostly convinced Friends.

Francis Hole reported that the Madison Meeting is about the size of the St. Louis Meeting. They have recently remodeled an old house as a meeting place.

FINANCES

Martha Mills gave the Treasurer's Report.

The Clerk reported that Blue River Quarterly Meeting is requested to contributed the same amount to Yearly Meeting as last year, namely, \$691.25. If this is set up as it was last year, the contributions of the various monthly meetings would be:

Clear Creek . . . . .	\$500.00
Urbana-Champaign. . . . .	71.25
Peoria . . . . .	40.00
St. Louis . . . . .	80.00

The matter of the disproportionate amount paid by the Clear Creek Meeting was discussed. A committee composed of the treasurers of the monthly meetings was appointed to investigate this and report to the February Quarterly Meeting.

The same Quarterly Meeting budget as last year was approved, as follows:

Expenses incurred for Quarterly Meetings . . .	\$45.00
Postage . . . . .	5.00
Friends Journal Associates	10.00
Clerk's Travel Expense . .	15.00
	<u>\$75.00</u>

JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING BUILDING

Eleanor Harker, a member of the committee appointed to consider this matter, reported that the need for getting the building in shape was very real, since about 40 children had attended last Yearly Meeting. Marvin Fridley has volunteered to head a work camp to repair the building. The AFSC has offered cots and tents, and can provide a technical director. Joe Hawks reported on the condition of the building, and the possible repairs that can be made with the \$900 provided in the Yearly Meeting budget for this purpose.



MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Lucretia Franklin reported that Helen Jean Nelson is Quarterly Meeting representative on the Committee for the Fund for Meeting Houses. A pamphlet is to be published shortly giving information on this fund, and she will send it to the the meeting clerks.

Verna Wood, who is a member of the Central Committee, gave a report on the recent activities of the Friends General Conference. As a result of recent mergers of Yearly Meetings, there is now a membership of about 28,000.

Lucretia Franklin reported on a Conference of the Friends World Committee attended by 101 persons from 15 different countries and 15 different yearly meetings. It was international, interracial and intercultural, and accomplished a great deal in reorganizing and streamlining, as well as providing inspiring fellowship for the attenders.

The Clerk read a letter from Francis Hodé to Dr. Lowell Fisher at the University of Illinois concerning the booklet on military service for distribution to students, inquiring if the opportunities of conscientious objectors had been covered. A reply was read, stating that this had been covered. The Clerk thought it would be a good idea for us to have a copy of this booklet, since it will be widely used by high school students.

Lucretia Franklin brought up the concern of a young Friend who is preparing to teach and who wants a list of those states which do not require a loyalty oath. It was suggested that she obtain this from the AFSC or the American Civil Liberties Union.

It was decided that the next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Urbana-Champaign on February 4, 1956.

The business meeting closed with a period of silence.

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Elizabeth Watson was to have led a discussion, but she was unable to attend due to illness. Instead, the group exchanged ideas on making the religious experience real to young people.

Over forty friends enjoyed a box supper and period of fellowship.

In the evening we were privileged to hear an inspiring and moving talk by Elfrida Vipont Foulds on the lessons from Quaker history which are applicable today.

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Clerk

*Mary Curlee*  
Minute Clerk