

Blue River Quarterly Meeting for the winter quarter was held in McKinley Foundation on February 5, 1955. A period of silent worship opened the meeting at 2 p.m.

Clerk Edward Wood called for representatives from the various meetings to identify themselves and the following responded: McNabb -- Martha Mills, Albert Mills, Lucretia Franklin, Anna Mary Wilson, Robert Whitney -- Peoria; not represented -- St Louis; Edward Wood, Gertrude Wood, Theodore Wood, Marcia Bauer, Margaret Haworth, Clifford Haworth -- Champaign-Urbana -- Grace Fogg, Joan Fogg, Harold Hurwitz, Bernice Hurwitz, Jack Kerridge, Janet Kerridge Marian Freeman, ~~Dorothy Freeman~~, Elson Sims, Rachel Weller, Natalie Davis, Thornton Price, Dorothy Weeks, Francis Weeks, Mildred Rose.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Reports from individual meetings were called for by the clerk. No report from Peoria was sent but Margaret Haworth reported that it was her understanding that Peoria was showing definite signs of resurgence.

McNabb reported that they were functioning at their usual pace with the gain in attendance from last year still holding. The complete report is appended.

St Louis reported, via Clifford Haworth, that their meeting was growing in spiritual depth. They found that the ad in the Sunday paper had drawn quite a few attenders and was worth the effort of placing it. St Louis and F.O.R. also met in a joint session in March on the A.F.S.C. Their study group is at present not functioning but it is expected to be renewed soon. Their First Day school is small but enthusiastic.

Champaign-Urbana reported that their meeting is vigorous tho reduced in numbers by the loss of members who have taken jobs in other communities. The Tot Lot continues to be their chief project. The First Day school is flourishing and the Adult Forum that meets before Meeting for Worship is well attended.

A letter from Milton Hadley of F.C.N.L. was read, the gist of which was that Quarterly Meetings could be outlets for attempts to defeat draft legislation. A letter from Guy Solt was the spearhead for a discussion on how to influence the climate of opinion on the draft and in turn influence members of Congress thru members of local meetings. Concern was expressed that we not only ~~resist~~ <sup>oppose</sup> the draft but all forms of regimentation. It was felt that this concern should be carried back to local meetings for action on these lines as the infrequency of Quarterly Meeting did not make that body a good source of continuing action.

Blue River Quarter agreed that moneys left over in the treasury from the three General Meetings held jointly under Illinois and Western Yearly Meetings regional auspices be given to Friends Committee on National Legislation where the sum would be used to send representatives from the area to Washington to work against U.M.T. This was initiated by Charles Yoder of Milwaukee.

The Friends General Conference Budget was read in order that we might better understand the scope of the work of the conference. The sum of the budget is \$26,000.

A letter was read from Bernard Walton concerning the meeting at Salem, Indiana. It was Bernard's opinion that there was little hope of reestablishing a meeting there and that the best solution was for groups and individuals in that general area to combine to preserve the meeting house and meet such needs as they could. Blue River Quarterly concurred in this opinion.

The Committees to propose new officers and to audit the Treasurers' books will be appointed in May.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be May 7, probably at Peoria.

Grace Fogg reported on the forth-coming Family Institute on June 24-26. The probable site will be College Camp at Lake Geneva. Grace also reported that intervisitation with the Rockford meeting would be very helpful to them and asked both meetings and individuals to try to meet with them.

Gertrude Wood asked for suggestions concerning Junior Yearly Meeting.

The following Quarterly Meeting budget was adopted:

Friends Intelligencer Associates-----	\$10
Postage -----	\$5
Quarterly Meeting Expenses -----	\$45
Clerk's Expenses -----	\$15

Tea was served following the business meeting after which the program "One God and the ways we Worship Him" was opened. A stimulating discussion of Buddhism and Mohammedianism was given by three foreign students of those faiths. Discussion pertinent to the questions raised by them occupied the periods before and after dinner.

A goodly number of members from various meetings were able to remain over night and join with the host meeting in Meeting for Worship the following morning.

Mildred Rose  
Minutes Clerk

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