

Minutes of Blue River Quarterly Meeting
of Illinois Yearly Meeting
Eleventh Month, Third Day, 1956

1. Quarterly meeting began with a period of silent worship.
2. In Martin Cobin's stead, Marvin Fridley, acting as temporary clerk, opened the business meeting with a comment concerning the spiritual importance of quarterly meeting.
3. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were not available and the events of that meeting were summarized by those who attended and the Yearly Meeting minutes.
4. Those present for roll call were: Clear Creek: Andrew and Betty Wolf and ^{Myrtle Bird} Albert and Martha Mills; Bloomington Normal: Dorothy Banfeld and Robert Bird.
5. Visitors to quarterly meeting included Trudy Sailor, formerly of St. Louis and John and ~~Dorothy~~ Willard of the A. F. S. C. Chicago office.
6. The states of society were read or given orally from Bloomington Normal, Champaign-Urbana, Clear Creek, ~~Peoria~~ and St. Louis and are attached to the minutes.
7. There being no old business the meeting proceeded to new business.
8. After much discussion as to the apportioning of money contributed by monthly meetings to Yearly Meeting to be returned to quarterly meeting, the following minute was written. Five percent (5%) of the donation made by monthly meetings to Illinois Yearly Meeting is to be returned to Blue River Quarterly Meeting. ~~Any amount over \$500.00 will be returned to Clear Creek Monthly Meeting.~~
9. A temporary finance committee was appointed. Members were Clifford Haworth and Edward Wood, St. Louis; Robert Bird, Bloomington Normal; and Andrew Wolf, Clear Creek. The committee was asked to present a report at the evening session.
10. The quarterly meeting approved the request of Bloomington Normal to have the status of a ^{preparative} monthly meeting and welcome their spiritual support to Blue River Quarterly Meeting.
11. Martin Cobin assumed duties of clerk.
12. The date of the next quarterly meeting was set for either Second Month, Second and Third Days or Second Month, Ninth and Tenth Days. The actual date will be decided upon by Bloomington Normal and Champaign-Urbana Monthly Meetings.
13. The proposed program made by Francis Hole for Illinois Yearly Meeting in 1957 was discussed. The only objection by Blue River Quarterly Meeting to the plans is that the college-aged group should be encouraged to attend the regular Yearly Meeting sessions rather than establish a separate and concurrent program.
14. Suzanne Wicks, speaking in behalf of the Illinois Yearly Meeting Advancement committee, asked Friends whether the family retreat of former years should be continued this forthcoming year in light of the increased number of families attending Yearly Meeting.
15. The first business session was adjourned until 7:30 p.m.

7:30 Business Session

1. Evening business session opened with a short period of meditation.
2. The clerk asked for the report of the finance committee. Clifford Haworth reported that the committee felt that the total financial needs of the quarterly meeting would be \$75.00. The meeting approved the recommendations of the committee.
3. The session closed at 9:30 p.m.
4. The even program was a talk given by Ralph Rose of the Friends World Committee on Quakers and Race. A spirited discussion on this subject followed.