

MINUTES OF BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING; Peoria, Illinois; 5/25/57

1. Following an hour of worship, the Quarterly Meeting's Business Session was convened by the clerk, Martin Cobin. Twenty-one persons were present, representing Clear Creek, Bloomington-Normal, Peoria, and Urbana-Champaign Meetings. Carol Urner visited from 57th Street Meeting, Chicago.

2. The minutes of the previous Quarterly Meeting were read and accepted by the Meeting.

3. The suggestion was made and approved that, in the future, all Status of Society Reports be put in written form, to be attached to the minutes, rather than to be incorporated in the body of the minutes.

4. The Meeting approved the suggestion that the convenor of each Quarterly Meeting be responsible for the sending of a notice to the Friends Journal.

5. The Status of Society reports from each meeting were read. These reports are attached.

6. Friends were encouraged to ask their meetings to consider the need of the Koinonia Community for assistance in the form of insurance pledges. Rachel Elder told of Bloomington-Normal Meeting's interest in making such a pledge.

7. Lucretia Franklin announced plans for the opening session of Yearly Meeting, which will be guided by the Ministry and Counsel Committee.

8. Charles Harker reported on the work of the Yearly Meeting Committee to adapt a Book of Discipline for Illinois Yearly Meeting. A subcommittee has prepared a proposed flyleaf relating to the sections on Business Procedure. Copies of this will be sent to each Meeting.

9. Lucretia Franklin read the proposed historical statement for a possible Supplement to the Faith and Practice. The statement (attached) was prepared by Lucretia Franklin and Albert Mills. Some expression was given to the thought that a fuller statement might be preferable.

10. A report from the Meetinghouse Fund Subcommittee of General Conference was read by the clerk. (Report attached.)

11. The following committees were appointed by the Meeting:

(a) Auditing Committee (to audit books and nominate treasurer)
Martha Mills
Jim Kemp

(b) Nominating Committee (to choose clerk and assistant clerk)
Bob Beech
Martin Cobin
Edna Wolfe
Jim Elder

12. Lucretia Franklin described the program planned for Yearly Meeting, August 15-18, the theme of which is to be "Peace is Power."

13. It was announced that construction has been completed on the Junior Yearly Meetinghouse, and that volunteers are being sought for painting and, possibly, erecting partitions.

14. The Auditing Committee announced its approval of the treasurer's records and its nomination of Jo Hawks for treasurer. The Meeting accepted the report with approval.

15. Charles Harker brought before the Meeting the thoughts of some Peoria Friends that Quarterly Meeting might, in the future, bring together representatives from the various committees, for the purpose of sharing experiences in their particular committee's work. Each Meeting was asked to consider this plan.

16. The treasurer's report was presented by Martha Mills.

Old balance:	\$ 77.34
Received:	105.00
Total:	182.34, of which \$100.00 is to be sent to Yearly Meeting.

17. The afternoon Business Session adjourned. [It was followed by a speaker, Carol Urner, who discussed the work of Friends Committee on National Legislation in Chicago.]

EVENING BUSINESS SESSION

1. The Nominating Committee reported the following nominations, which were approved by the Meeting:

Clerk, Robert Byrd
Assistant clerk, Robert Whitney

2. Gratitude was expressed to Carol Urner for her contribution to the program. Support for the efforts to establish an office of Friends Committee on National Legislation in Chicago was indicated, and Friends were encouraged take the concern to each Meeting.

3. There was an expression of appreciation for the services of Martin Cobin as Clerk.

4. The evening session adjourned. [It was followed by the evening speaker, Larry Gara.]

Maurine Witte and Eleanore Harker
Acting Recording Clerks