

MINUTES OF BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING

The Blue River Quarterly Meeting was held at the Y. M. C. A. in Peoria, Illinois, on the 11th and 12th, Fifth Month, 1958.

The meeting opened with an hour of silence.

Attending Friends identified themselves. Those present were:

Clear Creek

Lucretia Franklin
Anna Mary Wilson
Albert Mills
Edna Wolf
Ralph Wilson
Verna Wilson
Joe Hawks
Gynetha Hawks
Andrew Wolf
Betty Wolf

Peoria

Charles Harker
Cecil Smith
Horatio Wood
Louise Wood
Jane McCarty
Mac McCarty
Howard Teeter
Mary Ellen Teeter

St. Louis

Clifford Haworth
Margaret Haworth
Phoebe Anderson
Edward Wood

Bloomington - Normal

Robert Byrd
Emily Scott

Urbana - Champaign

Martin Cobin

Friends from other quarterly meetings who were present were: Luella Flitcraft and Paxton Hart from Oak Park; Harold and Alice Flitcraft from Fox Valley Quarterly Meeting; and Catherine Wagenseller of Decatur.

The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and approved.

Reports of the state of the meetings were given by: Phoebe Anderson of St. Louis; Chuck Harker of Peoria; Emily Scott of Bloomington - Normal; Lucretia Franklin of Clear Creek; and Martin Cobin of Urbana - Champaign.

Albert Mills proposed that the clerk prepare a letter to Rachel Weller for all at the meeting to sign, to show our interest and to wish her quick recovery.

Three concerns came before the last quarterly meeting, but had not been discussed by the monthly meetings during this quarter.

Joe Hawks gave the treasurer's report. Income in 1957 - \$729.50; disbursements - \$462.66; balance - \$266.84; Blue River balance - \$91.84.

There was a discussion of the quarterly meeting's responsibility to the host monthly meetings. The practice is that the quarterly meeting pay half of the cost, up to \$15.00.

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The clerk read a letter from Francis Hole asking that these matters be discussed:

- 1 - The attendance of at least 100 persons at Yearly Meeting.
- 2 - The possibility and desirability of the Yearly Meeting's dividing into North and South meetings. Discussion followed. The prevailing feeling was unfavourable to such a change without careful consideration. It was felt that the distances involved are a negligible factor and that valuable relationships would be lost by thus dividing.

Harold Flitcraft spoke of the Cape May Conference.

Robert Byrd announced a dinner meeting to be held in Chicago for the benefit of the Illinois - Wisconsin Friends Committee on Legislation.

Edna Wolf spoke of her concern for temperance and urged that we all consider the problem in the light of what we can do about it.

The evening meeting was held in the Y. M. C. A. at 7:30. Clifford Haworth was chosen Clerk for the next year, and Joe Hawks was chosen Treasurer. No assistant clerk was chosen. Twenty - three people attended. Clifford Haworth reminded the group that the Quarterly Meeting would meet for one hour preceding the gathering for Yearly Meeting.

The guest speaker was Dr. James Stafford, who spoke on the problem of restricted housing.

Junior Quarterly Meeting was conducted by Eleanore Harker and Donna Smith at the home of Chuck and Eleanore Harker. Thirteen children attended.

Mary Ellen Teeter
Recording Clerk