

Minutes of the Blue River Quarterly Meeting,
held at St. Louis Monthly Meeting,
November 13, 1960

Present from monthly meetings:

Clear Creek: Albert and Martha Mills, Lucretia Franklin, and Arthur and Anna Mary Wilson.

St. Louis: Mary Barbour, Verna and Galen Wood, Edward Wood, Lillian Hubbell, Marvin Fridley, David Swamey, Hallie Wood, Gertrude Oldendorph, James and Billie Shepherd, Clifford and Margaret Haworth, Herbert and Amanda Fraser, and Holbrook McNeille.

Following a period of silent worship, Marvin Fridley opened the business meeting by reading a selection from Thomas R. Kelly. Minutes of the previous meeting were read. They did not require approval, this having been given at the previous meeting.

States of society:

Lucretia Franklin read the report from Clear Creek. The meeting had suffered much from losses due to death and illnesses. Most of the young people were away at college. A public meeting devoted to a rededication to the Quaker peace testimony was well attended by members and some from outside. Attendance at meeting for worship continued good.

James Shepherd gave the St. Louis state of society. Their monthly meeting is sometimes divided on lines of action, but many are seeking a deeper understanding of the meaning of Quaker and Christian unity. The Bauer and Ley families are deeply missed, but membership keeps up and attendance is good.

Clifford Haworth gave the Urbana-Champaign report, which was a lengthy and inspiring report of the meeting's preparation for the tercentenary observance of the Peace Testimony, culminating in the delivery of the voluntary United Nations tax to the United Nations.

The above states of society are appended.

Quarterly Meeting then considered two Urbana-Champaign proposals made last May: 1. That Quarterly Meeting change to a semi-yearly meeting, and 2. That Quarterly Meeting give up its function as an organization to do business with Yearly Meeting. It was the sense of the meeting that further discussion of the proposals be taken up at next Quarterly Meeting at Urbana-Champaign in February.

Yearly Meeting representatives Martha Mills and Clifford Haworth were asked for reports. Martha Mills stressed the need for monthly meetings to increase their contributions to yearly meeting. Clifford Haworth reiterated this point. Clifford Haworth brought up two additional points: that contributions or ways of raising money are needed for the purpose of financing representatives to the Friends World Committee Conference to be held in Africa and that the Executive Committee has been asked to review and study the entire structure of Yearly Meeting, with a view to possible desirable changes. Suggestions would be welcomed.

Meeting closed with a moment of silence.

Lillian Hubbell, Minute Clerk

Marvin Fridley, Clerk

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(Addendum: Peoria monthly meeting state of society arrived late, was read at evening meeting, is appended.)

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(also for
representatives)