

Minutes of the Blue River Quarterly Meeting for Business
February 6, 1960

There was an opening period of silent worship, starting at 2 P.M.

The minutes of the October business meeting were read and accepted with one minor correction.

Representatives from each Monthly Meeting were introduced, as follows:

Clear Creek: Albert Mills, Martha Mills, Lucretia Franklin,
Kathryn Mills, ~~Margaret~~ J. Turner Mills,
Peoria: Cecil Smith, Herschel McCarty.
St. Louis: Margaret Haworth, Phoebe Anderson, Suzanne Wicks,
Clifford Haworth.
Bloomington-Normal: Clark Bouwman, Lois Begun, Bobbie Hill.
Urbana-Champaign: Caroline Martin, Gretka Wolfe, Joseph
Allen, Natalie Davis, Scott Keyes, Frances
Day, Marion Freeman, Constance Reeder,
Francis Weeks, Thornton Price, William
Shoemaker, Catharine Shoemaker, Robert Gwyn,
Rachel Weller, Norma Price, Martha Gwyn,
Dorothy Rose, Dorothy Weeks, Alta Mae Reber,
Sabron Reynolds, Martin Cobin.

Also present were John and Grace Fogg from Downer's Grove, and Robert Byrd, Clerk of the Illinois Yearly Meeting.

State of Society Reports (copies attached) were presented for Clear Creek by Lucretia Franklin, for Bloomington-Normal by Clark Bouwman, for Peoria by Herschel McCarty, for St. Louis by Phoebe Anderson, and for Urbana-Champaign by Francis Weeks.

The Clear Creek report centered on a query concerning the meeting for worship and expressed a need for sensitivity to the seeking of all--member and non-member, adult and youth.

The Bloomington-Normal report reflected the activity of the Meeting and a concern over the smallness of the Meeting and the uncertainty of its future development. Discussion following this report stressed the lack of relationship of either size or stability to significance.

The Peoria Report noted the passing away of Blanche Krauel. The report also noted the growth of a greater sense of unity in the Meeting.

The St. Louis report described a period of searching and self-evaluation.

The Urbana-Champaign report presented the inception and development of the peace witness of the 1% tax for the UN.

The recording clerk was instructed to word a minute upon completion of consideration of any matter of business. This minute is to be submitted to the meeting immediately, for correction and approval, and then made part of the permanent records of the Quarterly Meeting. There was some definite thought that this procedure might

be suggested to Yearly Meeting, but that we consider again at the next Quarterly Meeting whether such a suggestion should be made to Yearly Meeting. It was felt that minutes should reflect not only actions taken, but also the general flow of discussion.

Grace Fogg presented a report of the Illinois Yearly Meeting Building Committee on the building of a dormitory at McNabb, giving details of procedure, raising of finances, costs, and uses. Total cost was given as \$18,500; promise of funds indicated we might, shortly, be within \$5,500 of the needed amount. There was discussion of details of financing, of the question of personal solicitation, and of the use of the facilities.

It was agreed to lay over to next Quarterly Meeting consideration of the "Queries addressed to the Monthly Meetings of Blue River Quarterly Meeting pertaining to the spiritual unity of Illinois Yearly Meeting." (See October minutes for these Queries.)

It was suggested that a sense of unity might be fostered by attendance of as many Friends as possible at the Fox Valley Quarterly Meeting in Minneapolis.

Need was expressed for nominating a Junior Yearly Meeting Chairman to replace a Friend who is moving. Friends with ideas on the matter were asked to confer with Grace Fogg during the supper hour.

, at 5:30 P.M.,

It was decided^A to reconvene at 7 P.M.

At 7 P.M., after a brief period of meditation, Norma Price reported on a Friends Coordinating Committee for Peace conference held at Pendle Hill. Norma Price described a stirring and significant meeting dealing with the sense of urgency, the need to deepen the peace testimony of the Society, and the recognition of the fact that each Friend must work in terms of his individual gifts. Also coming out of the conference was a statement calling for bold leadership in an effort to achieve disarmament, controlled through world law, by 1970, and for a clear corporate witness for peace on the part of the Society of Friends.

Scott Keyes spoke to the concern of Friends regarding the recent wave of anti-semitic acts and wondered as to whether Friends had any information regarding causes or possible positive action. He called for an exchange of information as to any future thoughts or actions taken by Friends or Friends Meetings. Friends discussed the desirability of action, certain actions already taken, and the use of "Among Friends" to disseminate information.

Bob Byrd presented information ~~xxxxx~~^{on} discussion in the Fox Valley Quarter as to the function and structure of Quarterly and Yearly Meeting, including a possible split of the Fox Valley Quarter into two separate Quarterly Meetings and a concern for careful thought regarding the purposes and scope of action of Yearly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting

The business meeting concluded with a period of silence at 7:40 P.M.

Clifford Hawthorn, President

Martin Cobin, Recording Clerk