

Minutes of the October 1961 Quarterly Meeting

The Blue River Quarterly Meeting which met in the Friends Meeting House in St. Louis on October 28, 1961, was opened with a worship service at 2 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

Representatives from Clear Creek Monthly Meeting: Albert and Martha Mills  
Arthur and Anna Mary Wilson  
Representative from Peoria Monthly Meeting: Cecil Smith  
Two visitors from Chicago-Fox Valley Quarterly Meeting: Harold & Alice Flitcraft  
Representatives from St. Louis Monthly Meeting: Edgar and Dorothy Anderson  
David and Delores Swaney

Clerk: Marvin Fridley

Also present from St. Louis Monthly Meeting:

Clifford and Margaret Haworth

Galen and Verna Wood

Edward Wood

Gertrude and Edwin Oldendorph

Susanne and Lester Wicks

William and Althea Walton

Karl Rekas

George Stabler

Doris Fridley

Karleen Rosaaen

Minutes of May and August Quarterly Meeting were read and approved.

The State of Society report of Peoria was read by Cecil Smith.

The State of Society report of Clear Creek and of Urbana-Champaign were read by George Stabler.

The State of Society report of St. Louis was given by Marvin Fridley.

Doris Fridley reported on the Friends National Conference on World Affairs which she attended in Richmond, Indiana, at Earlham College on October 23, 24, and 25, 1961. Doris said it is deeply moving and encouraging to know that there are people whose lives are dedicated to practical ways of bringing about peace. There were seven different workshops for the people attending. Reports on these will be sent to members later. The meeting's purpose was to revitalize the Friends thoughts on peace. The task ahead, to change the ways of the world, is tremendous, but there are people working on this task. There are international programs working for non-violent solutions of problems.

Doris said that the pervading feeling of those present became realistically hopeful toward solutions of problems. Suggestions will be forthcoming in the published reports for projects for individuals, for Monthly Meetings and for Yearly Meetings. Two Peace Vigils are planned for 1962, both with specific programs, but if Friends are unable to take part as outlined, then all are urged to express themselves in the way most fitting to each. Doris thanked the St. Louis Monthly Meeting for sending her.

Edward Wood reported that two local plainclothesmen of the St. Louis Law Enforcement Department investigating a complaint concerning the American Friends Service Committee, went recently to the Fowler home and interrogated Margaret Fowler for over an hour on the Friends purpose and activities. Edward phoned the department later for clarification.

Clifford Haworth reported on the financial status of the Yearly Meeting Building Fund.

Discussion of the attendance problems of the Bloomington-Normal group led to the conclusion that financial aid be suggested for Emily Scott's bi-monthly suppers held for Friends of that college community. It was suggested that the Urbana-Champaign Monthly Meeting be informed of Emily Scott's need for assistance in financing suppers.

"Among Friends" publication is being mailed to Blue River Quarterly Friends by Edward Wood.

Clifford Haworth reported on the Half Yearly Meeting of the Friends held in Minneapolis. Milwaukee and Madison Monthly Meeting representatives attended, as did Friends from Rochester and Northfield. The Childhood Education problem as concerns First Day School was the primary discussion topic. The reports stimulated lively discussions.

Marvin Fridly queried, "What does it take to get people from afar to attend Quarterly Meeting?" Discussion followed, but no conclusions reached.

After a period of silence, the Meeting recessed for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

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