

Blue River Quarterly Meeting  
Fifth Month 13, 1961

Meeting for Business was opened by Clerk Marvin Fridley reading from Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis.

Minutes of the previous Quarterly Business Meeting were read.

Friends introduced themselves. Present were: Albert and Martha Mills, Andrew and Edna Wolf, and Kathryn Mills from Clear Creek Monthly Meeting; Rachel Weller and Marion Freeman from Urbana-Champaign; Edgar Anderson and Marvin Fridley from St. Louis; and Cecil and Donna Smith, Robert Winston, Florence Tjaden, and Herschel and Jane McCarty from Peoria.

State of Society reports were read by Cecil Smith for Peoria, Kathryn Mills of Clear Creek, Edgar Anderson of St. Louis, and Rachel Weller of Urbana-Champaign.

The report of Clear Creek Monthly Meeting which mentioned young people leaving the Meeting for other church affiliation but desirous of keeping their names on Friends membership list brought about discussion of dual membership. No action was taken.

St. Louis Meeting reported a retreat held at the Meeting House Easter week-end. Marvin Fridley commented on this.

Named to the Nominating Committee to select Clerk and Treasurer of Quarterly Meeting were Rachel Weller, Urbana-Champaign, Edna Wolf, Clear Creek, Edgar Anderson, St. Louis and Cecil Smith, Peoria.

Treasurer, Dorothy Weeks, Urbana-Champaign, not being present nor her books available for audit, Martha Mills suggested she continue as Treasurer. At the suggestion of Edna Wolf it was agreed by the representatives of Urbana-Champaign that a committee from that Meeting serve as auditors rather than waiting until August for an audit of the books.

Question was raised by Peoria Friends as to Quarterly Meeting Finances. It was explained that five percent (5%) of the amount contributed by the Monthly Meetings is retained by the Quarterly Meeting to pay for speakers or other expenses of the Quarterly Meeting. All monies should be paid through the Quarterly Meeting Treasurer.

Letter from Martin Cobin, Urbana-Champaign, reporting on the Friends Coordinating Meeting on Peace which he attended at Pendle Hill on fifth month 6 and 7 was read.

The balance of the meeting was without agenda and was presented as an experiment. Comments and discussion of the experiment were to be tabled until the end of Quarterly Meeting. Friends presented concerns with discussion of such matters as Pacific Yearly Meetings proposal regarding Income Tax, the possibility of the United States eventually wanting to withdraw

from the United Nations, and the Cuban situation.

The meeting was adjourned with a moment of silence.

Jane McCarty  
Recording Clerk

At the evening meeting the Nominating Committee suggested that the present clerk, Marvin Fridley, and Treasurer, Dorothy Weeks, continue in the respective offices for the coming year. It was also recommended that a committee out of the Urbana-Champaign Meeting be appointed to audit the Treasurer's books. The suggestions met with approval.