

Blue River Quarterly Meeting of Friends--2/4/1961
Urbana-Champaign Friends Meeting House

Meeting for Business started at 2 P.M. with a period of silent meditation during which Marvin Fridley, Clerk of Quarterly Meeting, read a passage from Thomas Kelly dealing with the roots of our spiritual heritage: the temporal and the eternal now dimensions of time, the relation of God and man, the nature of our task to call men to be still.

The minutes of the preceding Quarterly Meeting were read.

Friends introduced themselves (see attached list).

States of Society were presented from Clear Creek, Peoria, St. Louis, Urbana-Champaign (statements attached).

Peoria offered to host the May Quarterly Meeting if Friends agreed to split up the overnight hospitality and the First day worship between Peoria and Bloomington. Friends did consider such an arrangement agreeable.

Proposals regarding Quarterly Meeting were discussed, including suggestions that it be changed to a Semi-annual Meeting or that it give up its business function in whole or in part. There was a general discussion of values, needs, points of view. There were expressions of opinion to the effect that the values were primarily those of fellowship, that much of the business was wheel-turning in nature. The prevailing feeling seemed to be that the business function was vital but might be arranged to take less time, that the fellowship was important and should not be curtailed, that Quarterly Meeting was meeting a need for the participants and should continue to function on a Quarterly basis so long as it met this need, that Friends should be encouraged to participate more actively and more frequently in the Quarterly Meetings. Martin Cobin was asked to summarize this discussion and send the summary to Monthly Meetings with the suggestion that the matter be discussed within the Monthly Meetings.

Announcement was made of the F.W.C. conference in Africa, the hoped for attendance of the Watsons, Barrington Dunbar, and Elwood Reber, and the need to raise funds to send delegates.

Announcement was made that Scattergood School was in need of a Physics and Mathematics teacher; that Wilmington College was looking for five teachers.

Chester Graham reported on F.C.L. accomplishments and needs.

Elwood Reber reported on the U. of Illinois ROTC program and the recent recommendation of a faculty committee to make the program voluntary. Letters to Pres. Henry were suggested.

Lawrence McK. Miller talked briefly on F.G.C. developments.

Martin Cobin, Recording Clerk

The following people signed their names as being in attendance at Blue River Quarterly Meeting--2/4/1961.

Clear Creek: Arthur Wilson, Anna Mary Wilson, Albert Mills (Decatur), Martha Mills (Decatur)

Peoria: Cecil Smith, Donna Smith

St. Louis: Lillian Hubbell, William Forthman, Doris Fridley, Marvin Fridley

Urbana-Champaign: Kate Shoemaker, Dorothy Rose, Natalie Davis, Bob Gwyn, Elwood Reber, June Cobin, Bill Shoemaker, Mahlon Day, Frances Day, Wilbur Luce, Rachel Weller, Marion Freeman, Norma Price, Martin Cobin

Downers Grove: Grace Fogg

Madison, Wisconsin: Chester Graham

N.B. This list shows those attending the business session.