

Blue River Quarterly Meeting  
Fifth Month 1962

Blue River Quarterly Meeting was held Fifth Month, Twelfth Day, 1962 in Peoria, Illinois, with 20 present from four Monthly Meetings. Bloomington was not represented.

Delegates were:

Urbana-Champaign - Marian Freeman, Shirley Johnson, and Mary Nell Eldridge.  
Peoria - Cecil and Donna Smith, Ruth Smythe, and Herschel McCarty.  
St. Louis - Robert Johnson and Marvin Fridley  
Clear Creek - Laura Smith, Lucretia Franklin, Turner and Catherine Mills, Andrew and Edna Wolf, and Albert and Martha Mills. Arthur and Anna Mary Wilson were present for the evening meeting.

State of Society reports were read by

Edna Wolf -- Clear Creek  
Marian Freeman -- Urbana-Champaign  
Cecil Smith -- Peoria  
Robert Jones -- St. Louis

Clerk Marvin Fridley reviewed the action of February Quarterly Meeting held at Urbana-Champaign.

Monthly Meetings reported on their consideration and discussion of the suggestions made at the February Quarterly Meeting to hold three "Quarterly" Meetings per year - one in the Fall, one in the Spring, and a brief one prior to Yearly Meeting. It was the sense of the Meeting to try this plan on an experimental basis. St Louis will be host to the Fall Meeting and Urbana-Champaign to the Spring Meeting.

Clerk suggested the Nominating Committee suggest two dates for Half-yearly Meeting and set up a two year rotation as well as nominating the Clerk and Treasurer. Approved.

Francis Lee, Chairman of the Executive Committee, wrote Marvin Fridley regarding suggestions and recommendations as to Changes in the organization of Yearly Meeting.

Out of the discussion came the following recommendations:

1. The Secondary School Committee be dropped.
2. The purpose of the Ministry and Counsel Committee be restated and the procedures and duties be clarified and transmitted to the new Yearly Meeting Clerk.
3. Yearly Meeting Clerk should expect reports of Committees.
4. Clerk should notify Chairmen of Committees soon after Yearly Meeting and Chairmen should notify committee members.
5. Responsibility of Committees be delegated to one Meeting or group of Meetings close enough to actually meet. This would apply to some but not all committees.
6. Personal items be again included in "Among Friends"

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Named to the Nominating Committee was Robert Jones, Cecil Smith, Lucretial Franklin and Mary Nell Eldridge.

Named to the Auditing Committee was Herschel McCarty and Turner Mills.

Treasurer's Report

Balance May 1961		\$ 138.19
Receipts		
Urbana-Champaign	\$115.50	
Clear Creek	450.00	
St. Louis	250.00	
Peoria	121.00	
	<u>\$ 936.50</u>	<u>936.50</u>
Expenditures		1,074.69
Illinois Yearly Meeting	\$ 891.45	
Peoria Quarterly Meeting	15.00	
Clerk's Expense	3.98	
Friends Journal	15.00	
	<u>\$ 925.43</u>	<u>925.43</u>
Balance May 12, 1962		\$149.26

Turner Mills for the Auditing Committee reported the books correct and in order.

Cecil Smith for the Nominating Committee named Francis Weeks as Clerk and Arthur Wilson as Treasurer. Approved.

The Nominating Committee referred to the Meetings concerned the selection of the dates for the Fall and Spring Meetings. Dates should be selected prior to Yearly Meeting.

Afternoon discussion on the topic of "Whay a Quaker Meeting?" was led by Marvin Fridley.

Barrington Dunbar of 57th Street Meeting of Friends and of Newberry Center, Chicago, was the evening speaker.

Jane McCarty  
Acting Recording Clerk