

Blue River Quarterly Meeting
at St. Louis, Missouri

Oct 30, 1965

Meeting began after a few moments of silence

Minutes of the August meeting were read - there were no additions
of corrections

Attendance

Bloomington - Dorothy Patch

Champaign - Urbana - Zorinsky Day
Jean Mautner
Wendy Robinson
Michael Ball

Clear Creek

Lucretia Franklin
Helen Jean Nelson
Turner Mills
Bathoryn Mills
Anna Mary Wilson
Arthur Wilson

Peoria Robert Clevenzet

St Louis

Edgar and Dorothy Anderson
Thomas and Joan Ewald
Marvin Frouden
Margaret + Clifford Hawthorth
Ann Hubbel
Faith + Gary Block
Ralph + Ruth Scharran
David and Dile... Swaney
Mary Swane
Edward Wood
Galen Wood

Jean Curry
Eldora Spiegelberg
Barbara Wolfe
Erica Dakin

Friends General Conference staff from Philadelphia 2)
~~WSC~~ Staff at Philadelphia
Guests - Paul Daulding
Rev Harold & Marie Thiessen Menonite Pastor of Summerville
Cecil Haworth a WSC. staff of DeMoiner and the DeMoiner
Meeting.

Treas report give a balance as of Oct 30 of \$321.15 plus \$190.00
which goes to yearly meeting.

Lucretia Franklin's comment that this was too large a
treasury ended in the sense of the meeting that the treasury
should be cut down to \$100 to take care of Quarterly Meeting
expenses and the balance be turned over to the Yearly Meeting
General Fund.

The question of whether the quarterly meeting needs a
treasurer was again brought up and the sense of the
meeting was that the treasurer's job should continue
until the matter is brought up again.

Helen Jean Nelson told of ^{her visit to} the North Hill yearly meeting in response to
the comments that we must not lose our quarterly meeting because of
its particular importance to the smaller meetings.

State of the Meeting reports

Bloomington - Dorothy Patch - Meeting is not active no report

Peoria - reports by Clerk Marjory Smith read by Robert Clevenger
brought comments on how to interest people from the
Academic Community who are seeking in joining in
activity and worship.

Clear Creek

report read by Anna Mary Wilson after which a discussion arose concerning the industrial explosion in the Clear Creek area and its possible effects on their meeting

St Louis

An oral report by Clerk Edgar Anderson

Edgar spoke of the problem of membership being scattered all over the metropolitan area and the attempts to help members know each other better. Edgar also spoke of putting an emphasis on punctuality which has made it easier for business meetings to close at a reasonable hour and has thus helped to increase attendance. Edgar then spoke of the Meeting's participation in attempts being made by Members of the Church of God congregation and other interested citizens to improve the social behavior of the young people living in this neighborhood and to discuss and take steps to solve disagreeable neighborhood problems. There seems to be a growing sense of concern toward the Community in which the Meeting house is situated, as well as the Community of St Louis. Since more groups are meeting in the Meeting House, it is becoming more of a center of activity. Even a local Menonite group will soon begin using our Meeting House on Sunday Afternoons once a month. The discussion group has been discussing the Querie, as an outgrowth of a concern expressed by newer Friends. St Louis also had a recent visit from Marshall Sutton of the Friends World Committee and a visit from the clerk of a Topic Meeting both of whom were an inspiration to the meeting.

State of the Meeting

Urbana - An impromptu report by Frank Day stating that the Urbana meeting is in a state of flux. Frank Day told of holding both forum discussions and Bible study groups concurrently at first and then joining them together into a discussion group which proposes to re-examine the Friends Peace Testimony and what it means to Friends.

Michael Ball added that some Friends participated in Viet Nam demonstrations consisting of fasting and meditation and he stated that there were an increasing number of students showing an interest in Friends because of the demonstrations and that there has been a suggestion that the young people try to form a kind of peace center of information about conscientious objection and the Quaker Peace Testimony.

Edgar Anderson told of the visit of Allen and Rachel Weller to St Louis and the subtle effect Quakers can have on a non Quaker function to influence the thinking of the group and awaken interest in some of its members towards Friends.

Paul Sealding of the Friends General Conference spoke to the meeting of the attempts being made to help the growth of Friends Meetings by going out and visiting - by forming a Fellowship of non-resident Friends - by bringing members of Quaker families back into the fold when they are away from the home meeting. He spoke of studying the use of advertising Friends Meetings as is done in Friends Meetings in

England and about the possibility of conducting, some time in the future, regional resident weekends, where those seeking information through some central source could be brought together to learn about Friends and to have their questions answered. He also mentioned that plans are underway for the Friends General Conference meeting June 24 thru July 1 at Cape May N.J.

The rest of the program for the day was presented after which there was a moment of silence to close the meeting

Kathryn Mills
Clerk

Althen V. Walton
Recording Clerk