

MINUTES

- October 28, 1967 -

Blue River Quarterly Meeting was opened at 2:00 p. m. , October 28, 1967, at the St. Louis Meeting House by Suzanne Wicks, presiding clerk.

The minutes from the meeting at Clear Creek, August 23, 1967, were read. The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$171.75.

The States of Society were read.

1. Carbondale: Peg Stauber reported that Carbondale has formed a meeting preparative to St. Louis, with around 10 attenders and five children.

2. Peoria: Donna Smith reported an increase in attendance and an active Sunday School.

3. Urbana - Champaign: Frances Day reported that there have been some resolutions in the problems between children, teenagers, and adults. A large group of teenagers have been joining in the Meeting for Worship. Gardiner Stilwell reported that muscle and nerve retraining activity for a brain-damaged boy on the part of Urbana-Champaign Friends from teens on up has helped to bridge the generation gap.

4. St. Louis: Rachel Stalnaker reported that there has been an increase of eight members during the past year. The Sunday School is flourishing. Three weddings during the summer involved St. Louis Friends. Friends World Conference, the General Conference for all Friends at Stephens College, and Illinois Yearly Meeting involved a number of Friends in active participation.

5. Clear Creek: Lucretia Franklin reported that there is good attendance at Meeting for Worship and Sunday School. A fresh start has been made at beginning a Young Friends group. Illinois Yearly Meeting and Clear Creek Meeting books have been catalogued, and duplicates are available for other meeting libraries.

Following a discussion of whether to change the name of Blue River Quarterly Meeting to Blue River Half-Yearly Meeting, the sense of the meeting seemed to be that the name Blue River Quarterly Meeting be retained. It is hoped that at some point an invitation will be issued to hold a winter quarterly meeting at one of the smaller monthly meetings.

The question of whether to discontinue the office of Quarterly Meeting treasurer was discussed. It was minuted that the office of treasurer be retained; that a ceiling of \$100 be maintained in the treasury, in order to facilitate Quarterly Meeting expenses and Young Friends travel expenses, the surplus funds to be sent on to Illinois Yearly Meeting.

Robert Rumsey, from Friends World Committee, the visiting evening speaker, announced several meetings, particularly gatherings of Young Friends of North America.

Following the meeting for business, small groups were held for sharing what our concepts of God, Jesus, the importance of the Bible, etc. , were when we were younger, in the first session, and in the second session how our beliefs changed as we grew older.

Evening Session:

After a moment of silence, the minutes of the afternoon session were read and corrected.

Charles and Judy Stevens presented the need of counsellors for Young Friends. One couple, one single man, and one single woman are needed, preferably before the next planning session of Young Friends in early February.

A study of the peace testimony as stated in the pamphlet by the Friends Coordinating Committee on Peace is suggested as a topic of discussion at the Spring Quarterly Meeting.