

Minutes of Blue River Quarterly Meeting held at Urbana, Ill., Saturday, April 8, 1967.

The Meeting was opened by Suzanne Wicks, Clerk of Quarterly Meeting.

Minutes of the previous Quarterly Meeting were not available.

The Treasurer's Report was read and a copy is attached. The balance as of April 8, 1967, was \$121.50.

The Clerk asked that Meeting representatives and attenders introduce themselves:

From St. Louis: Clifford and Margaret Haworth

From Clear Creek Meeting at McNabb: Lucretia Franklin, Helen Jean Nelson, Arthur and Anna Mary Wilson

From Peoria: Ken Morriss, Cecil Smith, Marjorie Smith

From Decatur: Charles Wright, introduced by Helen Jean Nelson who announced that Decatur is now an official monthly meeting

Carbondale: Peg and Leland Stauber. Lee commented that Carbondale is still a small meeting, having less than a dozen attenders, and has not yet become a monthly meeting but meets regularly in the Christian Student Foundation Building.

Urbana: Kate and Bill Shoemaker, Gardiner Stillwell, Dodie Weeks, Mariellen Gilpin, Margrit Meyer, Bob Carter, James Ayars, Frankie Day, Marion Freeman, Rachel Weller, Helen Satterthwaite, John Koobe, Joan Hicks, and Virginia Gilmore

57th Street Meeting: Kenneth Ives, a visitor

Downers Grove Meeting: Orval Lucier, speaker for the meeting.

Arriving later were Mike Thiessen and John Thiessen from Summerfield, Tom Schmidt from St. Louis, and David Schendel, now from Chanute Field. Also from Urbana were Mahlon Day, Marynell Eldredge, Beverly Carter, Cameron Satterthwaite, and Gilliam Bunshaft.

The Clerk asked for State of Society reports.

St. Louis: Clifford Haworth reported and a copy is attached. He reported also that Edith Wixom had died and a moving memorial service of joy and dedication was held in Columbia, Missouri, according to her wishes. Ten friends from St. Louis Meeting attended the service.

Clear Creek: Anna Mary Wilson reported in lieu of a written report. A pot luck dinner held in conjunction with Monthly Meeting seems to be increasing attendance. Prompt attention to business affairs has made an early closing time possible and the general fellowship is enjoyed by all. Morris McGhiey, the Clerk, and Grace Haworth have been welcomed as new members. The annual Easter dinner was well attended by many returning family members. The music at this year's dinner was a beautiful addition.

Peoria: Cecil Smith reported and a copy is attached. Marjorie Smith added that of the 31 adults at the February gathering, many were from out of town.

Urbana: Rachel Weller reported and a copy is attached. James Ayars commented on the conflict between generations and the need to face the problem with openness and courage. He feels that the confusion referred to in the State of Society report is now on its way to being resolved in a spirit of love and understanding. Anna Mary Wilson also commented that the very real conflicts that exist must be an occasion for demonstrating that we can practise what we believe. She added that

the way differences were resolved at the Downers Grove meeting of the young people was a wonderful example to her of putting our experiences and beliefs into practice. We must remember that God will be with us in times of need.

Kenneth Ives reported that the various affiliations of Friends represented in the Chicago Meetings give a wide range of belief and practice. Efforts are being made to bring spiritual matters more to the fore in Fox River Valley Quarter.

Orval Lueier commented that it is very important to face up to problems as Downers Grove has done in the past and as Urbana reports it is doing now instead of letting difficult problems fester.

Peg Stauber reported that the Carbondale Meeting is exploring the procedure for becoming a preparatory meeting to St. Louis Meeting. Two couples from St. Louis are visiting Carbondale tomorrow morning. The concern for expansion is important in a meeting which is so small.

Decatur: Charles Wright reported on the benefit that Decatur felt in recent years from Friends moving in from other areas. Bob Wilson from Maroa and the Protzman family from Decatur join with other individuals in meeting in homes regularly. In November, Decatur was accepted as a monthly meeting by the continuing committee of Illinois Yearly Meeting. One of the most serious efforts of the new meeting was to print a letter on aid to Vietnam in the Decatur papers which raised about \$131. When asked how soon Decatur would be ready for a Quarterly Meeting, Charles Wright said they would certainly like to be put on the mailing list to be kept in touch with other meetings in the Quarter. The Clerk agreed to do this.

Virginia Gilmore pointed out that Illinois has passed a law making sex education compulsory in the public schools. Religious groups will be asked to help set up guidelines for the kind of curriculum that should be established, and Friends are urged to share this important responsibility.

Anna Mazy Wilson expressed appreciation to the work done by Dick Haworth in his association with the ministerial association and for keeping the Meeting involved with the other churches in the area. Helen Jean Nelson added that in an area of small towns and little organized interchange between religious groups this effort of Dick Haworth's has been needed and important as a new development in understanding. Lueretia Franklin added that this activity has also helped others to know that there is a Friends Meeting in the area.

Quarterly Meeting adjourned to allow maximum time to spend with Orval Lueier.

#### Evening Session:

August 23 at Yearly Meeting was announced as the next meeting of the Blue River Quarter.

The Clerk was asked to be responsible for memorials at Yearly Meeting.

Clifford wondered if the August meeting was necessary now that the appointment of yearly meeting representatives was not made at that time. Perhaps we should be renamed Half-Yearly Meeting instead of Quarterly.

*Virginia Gilmore, Recording Clerk*