

BLUE RIVER ILLINOIS FRIENDS QUARTERLY MEETING

Urbana, March 30, 1968

The Meeting for Business was preceded by an hour of silent worship.

After a moment of silence, the Quarterly Meeting for Business began with Helen Jean Nelson, of McNabb, presiding. The minutes of the Blue River Quarterly Meeting, held on October 28, 1967, in St. Louis, were read and approved. The treasurer's report for the Blue River Quarterly Meeting was then read. It showed a balance of \$189.00, of which \$80.00 is designated for Illinois Yearly Meeting.

It was proposed that meetings be reminded by postcard to contribute to Yearly Meeting. This was approved.

The States of Society were then read:

No one was present from Columbia, Missouri and no State of the Society was read.

Walter Bauer read the State of the Society report for St. Louis and Carbondale. He reported that the Meeting has a small house, now called Quaker House, which is being used and cared for by younger members. During February and March, the Meeting had been helping conscientious objectors and their families to face the increasingly harsh realities of Selective Service and the courts. The Meeting was sorry to report the emigration to Canada of the Moorman family of Springfield, Missouri. ~~The Moormans feel they can work for peace better in Canada.~~ There have been three weddings in the Meeting. Three members and regular attenders are working in the ghetto area of St. Louis. The Meeting has been troubled by a number of illnesses.

Kenneth Tompkins reported on the state of the Decatur Meeting. He reported that there are seven families in the Meeting. They have been counseling C.O.s and were involved in a Peace March. They are trying to start a Meeting House fund. They are also concerned about the students at Milliken University.

Cecil Smith reported for Peoria that there has been an increase in attendance and that the Sunday school is flourishing. He said, "There can be little doubt that Friends' concern for peace has been at the centre of this renewal." There has also been an adult discussion group and a coffee hour which have been successful. The Meeting is sponsoring a conference on Students and the Draft at Bradley University on April 20.

Mary-Ellen Gilpin read the State of the Society report for Urbana-Champaign. She commented on the Meeting's readiness to appropriate money for a new career opportunity centre for the disadvantaged, its willingness to help the families of men who are in need because they are facing the war and the draft, its continuing to send money to the CFSC for the purchase of medical supplies ~~ixxixxxxx~~ for all parts of Viet Nam, and its approval of almost all of the FCCP updated peace testimony. She further reported that the Meeting's work with a brain-damaged boy had done much to bridge the generation gap. Teens and others are working together on the problem of making draft information available to high school students and of voicing an objection to ROTC in Champaign High School.

Clear Creek Meeting expressed a need for more personal leading. It was reported that they had had a Christmas meeting and monthly meetings after potluck dinners. The Peace Testimony had been discussed at length. The Meeting is planning a dinner to bring young adults, whether members or attenders, together. *Anna Mary Miller, read the scroll of the Society report.*

Helen Jean Nelson issued a general invitation to all those present to spend Easter Sunday at McNabb.

A general discussion on the draft followed, in which the main point raised was how far counseling draft resisters was a matter for the Friends and how far it was undertaken by other groups. Walter Bauer reported that groups other than the Friends were active in this area in St. Louis, and ~~xxxxxxx~~ <sup>Philip Bowler a</sup> St. Louis attender commented on the activities of the Experimental Campus Ministry

740 DeMon, St. Louis, Missouri.

The need for counselors for Young Friends <sup>at Young Friends reviewed</sup> was expressed. James Ayars reported on the readiness to help of Roger and Barbara Conant, now in Chicago. *Vaughan Hanning is also willing to help.*

The presiding clerk reminded the Meeting of the meeting of the Continuing Committee on April 6.

The subject of the change in the Cape May Meeting was raised. Instead -

Instead of the usual meeting, there will be a Working Conference with 500 representatives. One of the subjects to be discussed is where to hold the conference next time, now that Carl MacIntyre has bought up so many of the Cape May facilities.

The Meeting broke up, after a moment of silence, to proceed to tea followed by a panel discussion on aggression, with Kenneth Tompkins of Decatur replacing Charles Wright. The other members of the panel, Walter Bauer, Cecil Smith, Chet Keyes and Rachel Weller, remained unchanged.

The Business Meeting resumed its session in the evening. Since a nominating committee had not been appointed in the afternoon, one was appointed in the evening. The members appointed to the nominating committee were Helen Jean Nelson, Bill Shoemaker and Marcia Bauer. They are to decide on a presiding clerk and treasurer and make their nominations known in August.

The minutes were read and corrected.

The presiding clerk expressed her appreciation, in the name of all the guests, for the supper which had been provided.

The Meeting closed with a moment of silence.