

Minutes of Blue River Quarterly Meeting
Held Fourth Month 18, 1970 at Friends Meeting House, Urbana, Ill.

Representatives:

<u>Clear Creek</u>	<u>Urbana-Champaign</u>
Anna Mary Wilson	Frances Day
Helen Jean Nelson	Mahlon Day
Mildred McQuiliken	Francis Weeks
	Elwood Reber
<u>St. Louis</u>	Alta Mae Reber
Clifford Haworth	Wilbur Luce
Margaret Haworth	Ben Rasmusen
	Betty Woolfson
<u>Carbondale</u>	William Shoemaker
Leland Stauber	Catharine Shoemaker
Peg Stauber	Marion Freeman
	Rachel Weller
	Helen Satterthwaite

Presiding Clerk: Frances Day
Recording Clerk: Francis Weeks

The minutes of the last meeting held in St. Louis, Tenth Month 24, 1969, were read and approved.

The State of Society report for Urbana-Champaign was read by Rachel Weller and is attached to these minutes. Principal points were the strength of the Meeting for Worship and the weakness of the Meeting for Business and the committees of the meeting.

Lee Stauber read the report from Carbondale meeting stressing the meeting for worship and listing numerous activities of the meeting and including comments on the First Day School. Report Attached.

Clifford Haworth presented three reports for St. Louis:

1. St. Louis Meeting--written by Walter Bauer. Outwardly meeting is thriving. "Inwardly we wonder."
2. The University Meeting--Meets on Campus of St. Louis University and has provision for child care but no First Day School.
3. Lebanon, Ill.--written by Suzanne Wicks. A small group has been meeting regularly.

All three reports are attached.

In absence of the written report, Helen Jean Nelson reported orally for Clear Creek. Loss of three valued members resulted in periods of Quiet and low attendance. Now growth has begun again. The Easter Sunday meeting had large attendance of non-Friends.

Anna Mary Wilson reported on visiting meetings in Florida and Southeastern Yearly Meeting.

In discussing problems of the meeting for business, Francis Weeks suggested that regular business not be held, that an executive committee make the

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management decisions, that committees have autonomy to conduct their business. Then a meeting for business can be called only when necessary.

Clifford Haworth agreed that minor decisions take too much time.

Helen Jean Nelson believes that a "round-table" approach to decision-making is needed.

Peg Stauber said that Carbondale conducts business over lunch after meeting for worship.

Anna Mary Wilson related an experience of successful problem-solving in a business meeting.

The Nominating Committee, Ben Rasmusen reporting, nominated Lee Stauber for Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting.

Peg Stauber asked for advice and help with Junior Yearly Meeting.

Clifford Haworth brought up a concern for the Bloomington Meeting and the Peoria-Galesburg meeting.

After a period of Silence, the Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.