

Minutes of Blue River Quarterly Meeting
Held at East Bay Camp, Bloomington, 10th Month, 6th, 1990

Blue River Quarterly Meeting met at East Bay Camp, Lake Bloomington on Oct. 6, 1990 on a beautiful fall day of blue skies and warm breezes.

The Meeting was opened at 4:00 p.m. by Grayce Haworth, Clerk, with a period of silent worship. Recording clerk pro tem was Pat Wixom.

1. Those present introduced themselves. There were no additional agenda items. George Kidder of Bloomington-Normal Meeting welcomed Friends on behalf of the small meetings in the northern part of the Quarter; Bloomington-Normal, Clear Creek, Peoria-Galesberg, Decatur. Meeting for Worship on First Day following will be in Normal at 11 a.m.

2. Minutes from Blue River Quarterly held on 4/28/90 at St. Louis Meeting were read and approved.

3. State of the Meeting reports were presented by:

George Kidder for Bloomington-Normal Meeting.

Grayce Haworth for Clear Creek Meeting. Announcement was made of a 60th wedding anniversary celebration at Clear Creek on Oct. 28th for Mildred and Mac McQuillin. Other Friends would be welcome. The Quarterly Meeting wished to minute its love and support for Mildred McQuillin and for Clear Creek Meeting.

Jackie Urban for Peoria-Galesberg Meeting.

Bob Wixom reported on his recent visit to Friends Hill Meeting in Quincy.

Ted Edgerton for St. Louis Meeting.

Eve Fischberg for Springfield Meeting.

Gwen Klissen for Urbana-Champaign Meeting. The Southwoods have been asked to visit an incipient Meeting in Kankakee, IL.

4. Dorothy Stratton Churchwell from Madison, WI Meeting was with us for the day. We welcomed her and wished to minute our appreciation for her sharing with our afternoon worship groups, her participation during the day, and an anticipated evening address.

5. Bob Wixom raised the issue of plans for next Quarterly Meeting. Dates suggested were March 9, April 6 or 13th. Places suggested were DuBois, IL; Potosi, MO; Katie Medwedeff of So. Ill. Meeting may know of other places in southern Illinois; a state park-religious retreat center (Little Grassy?) was mentioned; also the supervisors of East Bay Camp for suggestions. Friends Hill Meeting was also suggested as a possibility. Bob sounded out Friends as to interest in creativity-sharing and an arts display as the theme of the program. There was nodding acceptance. Final date and place, as well as program, will be left to the host Meetings, which will be the smaller Meetings of the southern part of the Quarter (Columbia, Rolla, Southern Ill. and Friends Hill + Springfield).

6. The Clerk volunteered to continue one more year as she had been unable to be present at Meetings during the first year of her term. The Meeting accepted this offer with appreciation and enthusiasm. A nominating committee will be needed next year and will be appointed by the Clerk.

7. Books and pamphlets, helpful to this Meeting's theme of "Making Meeting Matter", had been purchased by the Clerk, and were offered for sale to the Meetings present.

8. A report was given by Ted Edgerton of the IYM Program Planning Meeting which took place in the morning. Blue River Quarter's responsibility for IYM '90 is the "Folks" part, including the adult program; site preparation, maintenance, and clean-up; and registration. Only the adult program component was addressed at this meeting. Peter Theodore is the overall Blue River coordinator, and Ted Edgerton and Melissa Myers are coordinating the adult program. The theme "Walking Cheerfully over all the Earth", was chosen. Saturday evening keynote speakers and Plummer lecturers had been suggested in the morning meeting. Thursday evening Helen Jean Nelson will coordinate a novel approach to Quaker organization reports. On Friday evening there will be a celebration of Clear Creek's 150th anniversary followed by the traditional square dancing. Wednesday evening will be a threshing session on the topic of "IYM: what is our purpose (mission)?". Additional responsibilities appointed during the business session were:

Urbana-Champaign Meeting to coordinate workshops and worship-sharing sessions.

Helen Jean Nelson, Bob Wixom, Beth Schobernd, and possibly Roy Treadwell to plan the Clear Creek 150th anniversary celebration.

Pat Wixom to coordinate the Wed. evening threshing session. Three names were suggested as desired facilitators - Judy Gottlieb, David Finke, and Dorothy Romack.

9. The Meeting closed at approximately 5:30 with a short period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Wixom

Pat Wixom,
Recording Clerk pro tem

Bloomington-Normal Friends Meeting

State of Meeting Report

October 1990

The Bloomington-Normal Friends Meeting experienced considerable growth of attenders and activities this fall with the addition of twelve active persons, and a doubling of the number of children our Religious education program to twelve, thus enabling us to have two separate classes of different ages, and the possibility of separate activities for our teenagers. With this growth, we have begun to meet in the conveniently located Campus Religious Center, near the Illinois State University Campus, each Sunday morning. With a single location for Meeting for Worship, we are able to have activities for children every Sunday, and we hope to attract more attenders to our "public" meeting place.

We have had the challenge of being the "host" meeting for Blue River Quarterly Meeting this fall, and we are considering several concerns for community activities. We continue to be mindful of our openness to one another and the spiritual needs of our members.

Submitted,

Roy C. Treadway,
Clerk

FRIENDS HILL MEETING

2138 GROVE AVENUE

QUINCY, ILLINOIS 62301

State of Society Report

Fall 1990

Our Meeting is smaller due to the Watson family's move to St. Louis in September. We miss them and wish them well in their new setting.

Two new adult attenders have come regularly and are making use of our Quaker library : something we "older" members have not done much.

We were privileged to host Clemence Hershon, Clerk of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting, and her two children in July. Three people - a large percentage of our Meeting - attended IYM where we renewed old friendships and made some new ones.

Pat and Bob Wixom visited Friends Hill for IYM Ministry and Advancement Committee in September. It was a good time for getting acquainted and sharing concerns.

Friends Hill is the regular site for the Quincy Astronomy Society meetings and viewing. So two very diverse groups can appreciate God's wondrous world day and night.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY of FRIENDS

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Springfield friends meeting continues to meet on a weekly basis. We welcome one new member, Ann Hobbs. Members Kirby Tiek and Veronica Balassone have moved away to the Philadelphia area, and member Louise Palmer continues her work with Peace Brigades International in Guatemala.

Our meetings continue to be very small, with 4 or 5 in attendance. Our goal for the future is to increase attendance, with the hope of attracting some families with children. We would like to develop a first day school for children. However, we do value our very smallness, for the quiet and familial place it offers in each of our lives.

October 6th 1990

Ernie Fishbeeg
Clerk

State of the Meeting Report - Columbia Monthly Meeting

Columbia Monthly Meeting explored the suggested topic "Making Meeting Matter" at a First Day morning discussion period. The state of Columbia Meeting is one of pivotal concerns for the tasks both of living a lifestyle of simplicity (described by such emotional attributes as kind, loving, considerate, and forgiving) and witnessing to the world for the purposes of justice (frustration, anger, judgment, and urgency). It is beneficial to us, in this polarization, to find times of refreshment, to share our struggles against ~~self-will~~, to try to determine when our self-will is positive and when it is negative.

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& complacency*

While our social concerns are being made manifest in several projects supported by individuals, our numbers would probably increase if a clear mission were more obvious to the community. There is disappointment that the Meeting as a whole does not actively address or participate in social justice concerns. Individuals who are very involved in peace demonstrations or in witnessing to change in prisons feel somewhat isolated, even though active members of the Meeting. Our corporate resources limited our contributions this past year more than in other years due to our emphasis on a building fund. We seem to need a corporate mission.

A sense of community is felt to be growing, and yet it is challenged by our variety of living standards, differing life styles and individual commitments. We are at various places on the spiritual journey which brings us to empty our lives of self-will, and respond to an inner voice to change the world. To support this journey for one another, we expect to plan more fellowship, more worship sharing and/or study groups as we seek to find a corporate mission.

Notes:

1. Columbia Meeting is planning an Open House on Oct. 21st.
2. Our young Friends are going roller skating on Oct. 14th (the first time an event has been planned for this teen and pre-teen group!).
3. Our building fund has close to \$15,000. and we are this fall struggling towards clearness in deciding whether to undertake the responsibility of owning property, and of diverting our energies and funds away from social justice concerns to our inward Meeting stability and growth.

October 1990

**As Blue River Quarterly Clerk, I apologize for neglecting to ask for the Columbia state of the meeting report at the Quarterly session!!! Here is a copy for all to read.

Quarterly expenses 10/90

9/15	Elizabeth Henderson	309-245-2959	.43
9/15	"	"	.49
9/18	Zelda Sellman	383-4420	.63
9/20	"	"	.20
"	"	"	.55
8/25	Roy Treadway	454-1328	.92
8/25	"	"	.92
8/28	"	"	3.96
8/29	Beth Schobernd	454-3277	1.41
8/29	Eve Fitzschberg	217-624-4961	1.71
9/5	Jackie Urban	734-5848	2.85
9/5	HJV	815-882-2181	2.52
9/5	Rebecca North	414-332-9846	.18
"	"	"	1.31
9/5	HJV	815-882-2181	.48
9/6	Peter Ewald	319-337-7324	1.16
9/6	Stan White	608-224-8280	2.03
9/10	Stan White	"	.14
"	"	"	.14
"	"	"	1.01
9/10	Roy Treadway	454-1328	1.66
9/11	Dorothy Churchwell	608-238-0958	2.47
9/13	"	"	1.50

9/13	Roy Treadway	454-1328	2.56
9/15	Frank Young	812-232-4932	.97
9/15	Peter Burkholder	812-336-3928	.24
9/15	Richard Palmer	217-245-7675	1.26
9/15	Dorothy Churchwell	608-238-0958	3.58
9/15	Jackie Urban	734-5848	2.62
9/17	" "	"	1.14
9/17	Mildred Protzman	217-422-9116	1.00
9/18	Al Dupree	217-877-2914	.15
9/18	George Kidder	452-6270	2.30
9/20	HJN	815-882-2181	2.89
"	Wayne Benenson	454-5837	1.53
9/20	HJN	815-882-2181	

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