

MINUTES OF BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING

September 24, 1994

The Meeting for Business of the Blue River Quarterly Meeting began with a period of silence at 2:30 p.m. in the midst of the woods at Camp CILCA near Springfield, Illinois. About 22 Friends gathered for the meeting opened by Bobbi Trist, clerk. Friends present included: Candy Boyd Suffern, Tom Short, Roger Sherman and Dawn Rubbert from St. Louis, Pat and Bob Wixom from Columbia, Roy and Carol Treadway from Heartland and Bloomington/Normal, George and Beth Kidder from Bloomington/Normal, Grayce Haworth, Helen Jean Nelson, Mildred McQuilken and Clance Wilson from Clear Creek, Gary Reynolds from Decatur, Bobbi Trist, Ellen Baranowski, Constance Wiener and B. A. Davis Howe from Urbana/Champaign, Jean and Randy McClelland from Friends Hill/Quincy and Zelda Sellman from Peoria/Galesburg. The minutes were read and approved.

Grayce Haworth announced that the Scattergood Players will present the play "The Trial of William Penn" on October 16 at the Illinois Yearly Meeting House. Also there will be a "Quaker Revival" October 1 at Chicago Monthly Meeting (Western Yearly Meeting). Also, Wayne Beneson has put together "Lesson in a Bag" packets which are being sold for \$5.00. Also, IYM Samplers are now available at no cost.

St. Louis will be having a retreat led by Marty Grundy, October 14-16 at Camp Dubois.

Columbia will be having an ice cream social October 16.

Written States of Society reports were given by Heartland Worship Group, Decatur, Columbia and Clear Creek. Verbal reports were given by Peoria/Galesburg, Friends Hill, Bloomington/Normal, Urbana/Champaign and St. Louis.

Dawn Rubbert reported on the international choir trip that had been planned. The trip has been delayed and is planned for next year but Dawn does not plan to participate. The new plan is for Dawn and Candy Boyd Suffern to visit Romania and take medical supplies to many orphans in AIDS orphanages. AIDS is being spread by the reuse of hypodermic syringes and lack of birth controls.

The treasurers report was given by Roger Sherman. There was a balance of \$1578.59 at the end of the 6th month. We have been breaking even at quarterlies without children paying.

Pat Wixom and George Kidder will serve on the nominating committee for a new recording clerk for Spring, 1995.

Dawn Rubbert confirmed that reservations have been made for April 28-30, 1995 at Camp DuBois and Sept. 22-24, 1995 at Camp CILCA.

The meeting closed with silence at 4:15.

A short called Business Meeting was held Saturday evening. The nominating committee reported

that Mary Cunningham, from Bloomington/Normal, had agreed to be the new recording clerk. This was approved. Mary will assume duties Spring, 1995.

Tom Short Recording Clerk

Attachment: IYM Planning – Blue River Quarterly

IYM PLANNING – Blue River Quarterly

September 24, 1994
Camp CILCA

Meeting was clerked by Bobbi Trist. Dawn Rubbert agreed to share her notes. Here they are with assistance from Pat Wixom. Hopefully they reflect what we all remember.

Theme: Living Lightly

Program Coordinator: Bobbi Trist

Wednesday night speaker: Roy Treadway – regarding the spiritual basis of our concern with population. (Wednesday is flexible in case keynote speaker prefers Wednesday over Saturday.

Thursday night: Representatives from Friends organizations. Bob Wixom will try to have someone from FCUN included this year.

Friday night: Talent Show followed by Dancing on the Lawn

Saturday night & Plummer Lecture for Sunday:

Several possible pairs were suggested. A priority list was made and Roy & Carolyn Treadway and Bob & Pat Wixom will do the asking.

Queries: A committee worked on queries so they can be published ahead of time. They are appended to these minutes.

Workshop Coordinator: Candy Boyd Suffern (St. Louis Meeting) with assistance from Dawn Rubbert on worship sharing leaders. We agreed that worship sharing should happen in the same place as workshops, with those who will participate in the workshop. If the workshop leader prefers not to lead worship sharing we will find a person to do so. A Friend reminded us that we should allow a bit of break between end of worship sharing and start of workshop. (Note: If the workshop leader is conducting both they might choose to place the break somewhat differently.)

Overall Food Coordinator: Pat Wixom – contact with Vicki Krost, Cook, fee \$2500.

>No announcements during meals.

>Both silent and singing grace during meals. One Friend noted that with the pleasant cessation of announcements there seemed to be a reduction in the number of times grace was done...needs to be more often in 1995.

Subcoordinators are responsible for instruction of volunteers at each meal regarding duties and for seeing that there are enough volunteers and that volunteers remember to show up for their work shift.

Beverage Server Coordinator – Karen Shippen

Food Serving Coordinators – Jackie Short and Kip Westling

Dishwasher Coordinators – St. Louis Meeting (Dawn and Candy will try to find specific person or persons to fill this position. Could be three persons one for each meal (breakfast/lunch/dinner).

Cleanup After Meals – Bob Wlxom & Katie Hurley

Evening Snack Coordinator – Becky Westling and Randy & Jean McClelland

Post IYM Cleanup/Kitchen & Dining Room – Jim & Christina Dengate

Sale of Leftover Food – Bobbi Trist

Take final Leftover Food – Carolyn & Roy Treadway

Wash Towels During & After IYM – Grayce Haworth & Helen Jean Nelson

IYM QUERIES - 1995
BRQ Planning Meeting

September 25, 1994
Camp CILCA

Theme: LIVING LIGHTLY

Thursday

- >How does the Light Within guide your daily activities?
- >Do you practice walking meditation with a smile every day?
- >Do you use a smile to change as well as to express your mood?

Friday

- >How does your grounding in the Light open you to the experience of joy?
- >How do you share your joy with the people in your life?
- >Do you laugh wholeheartedly with f/Friends frequently so that you feel lightened in spirit and ready for serious work with humility and clearness?
- >How does the way you live enhance and celebrate life?

Saturday

- >How is the Light reflected in you use of Earth's resources?
- >Do you regard the totality of God's world with the sensitivity and respect that you apply to the human world? Or vice versa?
- >Do you consider the Earth both your spiritual and material home to be cared for with a spirit of justice and love?
- >How can you live lightly on our planet taking care not to tread on other persons or species using no more space than we actually need?

Additional

>For you, as a Quaker in a Meeting, does your Meeting lead the way as a model for living lightly upon the earth in recycling, minimal consumption of energy, disposable products?

>Do you pay attention to the living practices of your Meeting, as a Meeting, and help facilitate changes?

Columbia Monthly Meeting State of Society Report - Fall, 1994

Columbia Meeting is neither greatly expanding nor is it in danger of falling below viable levels. Meeting for Worship averages 15 to 20 persons. There is a consistent core of members who are devoted to the Meeting and attend and support it. This small core is supplemented by more infrequent attenders who nevertheless add greatly to the depth and variety of both Meeting for Worship and discussion or worship-sharing periods. Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business is very sparsely attended.

Individual members, inspired by our Faith and Practise and with the support of the Meeting, engage in peace, social justice, environmental, and educational activities around issues such as sustainable development and population, the embargo against Cuba, the proposed invasion of Haiti, and prison workshops in nonviolence. The Peace and Social Concerns committee has encouraged letter writing and phoning to our representatives, and recently sent a letter protesting violent government foreign policy (appended).

Columbia Meeting had an open house 2 years ago. This year we plan to have an ice cream social on Oct. 16th in the mid-afternoon. We will use the occasion as an opportunity to meet our neighbors as we deliver personal invitations to them.

Pat Wixom, Clerk for Columbia Monthly Meeting

Heartland Friends Worship Group Bloomington/Normal, IL September 1994

HFVG meets for worship & sharing every other Wednesday evening in homes of participants. Our busy lives limit us to this frequency of meetings; nonetheless our sense of shared fellowship remains strong. On Sundays, we worship in other Friends meetings and/or local churches. Our Wednesday meetings are open to all who wish to share them with us.

Carolyn W. Treadway
Roy C. Treadway
Co-Conveners, HFVG

State of the Meeting
9th month 24

Decatur Meeting reaches out to community

Decatur, Ill., Friends are taking three actions that pertain to outreach.

First, we're holding an open house to celebrate William Penn's 350th birthday on First Day, 10th month 30 from 10 a.m. until noon. The open house will begin with a 10- to 15-minute talk by Decatur Friend and city librarian John Moorman on Quaker beliefs and testimonies. It will also include a puppet show on the life and times of William Penn put on by the children of the First Day School. There will also be a Meeting for Worship in which the public is invited to participate.

We've completed the publicity. It involves a news release for Decatur newspapers, a letter to local pastors inviting their congregations to attend the open house, a radio public service announcement and a flyer to be posted at Millikin University and other local bulletin boards

A day earlier, 6th day, 10th month 29, we're holding a Quaker Gathering, to which we're inviting Decatur Friends who have moved away. Of course, the gathered Friends are available to attend the open house and Meeting for Worship the next day. For tiny Meetings such as ours, we feel it's important to have a critical mass of as many Friends as possible attend our open house and worship service.

Second, we have not held Meetings for Worship in private homes for nearly two years. Instead, we're currently meeting every First Day at 10 a.m. in the Dove office in Decatur. We feel that this new arrangement might encourage new attenders, especially if they have children. The first time we held First Day Meetings in a public place, we met in the Macon County Farm Bureau building in Decatur, but this proved too expensive. The move to Dove was just as agreeable and proved far less costly.

Third, Decatur Friends display a one-column-inch advertisement of our Meeting every 6th day in the Decatur Herald & Review newspaper. The text is brief because that's all we can afford. It says: FRIENDS (QUAKER). Decatur Friends Meeting, Dove Office Bldg., 788 E. Clay St. Morning Worship (unprogrammed) 10:00 a.m., Youth Sunday School 10:00 a.m. VISITORS WELCOME. For Information Call 877-0296 or 423-4613.

7/06/94

BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING

Date	Transaction	Deposit	Charge	Balance
12/31/93	1. Bank Statement, end of the year			1,030.09

3/07/94	2.	Donation, Friends Hill	50.00		1,080.09
3/14/94	3.	Copies made 9/19/93 for mailings from Urbana-Champaign Friends, as in a letter of 3/5/94; \$22.60 paid by RWS.			
3/14/94					
3/31/94		Bank Statement			1,080.09
4/04/94	4.	Donation, StLouis Friends	300.00		1,380.09
4/12/94	5.	Donation, Columbia Friends	100.00		1,480.09
4/14/94	6.	Registration	603.00		2,083.09
4/16/94	7.	Registration & "tip" for Marya Phillips; [CASH= \$90.00]			
4/16/94		Repayment to RWS for copies; see 3/14/94 above: [\$22.60]			
4/16/94		remainder is the check of RWS in deposit of 4/21/94 [\$67.40]			
4/16/94	8.	Check to Veronica Cox for childcare. Check Nr 98	20.00		2,063.09
4/16/94	9.	Check to Marya Phillips for childcare & "tip" Nr 99	35.00		2,028.09
4/21/94	10.	Registration [please see line 7, above.]	613.15		2,641.24
5/24/94	11.	Check to Dubois Center Check Nr 100	1,062.25		1,578.59
6/30/94		Bank Statement			1,578.59
7/14/94	12.	Donation, Urbana-Champaign Friends Meeting	100.00	1,162.25	1,678.59
7/30/94		[I expect the next bank statement to be ready for the mail.]			