

MINUTES OF BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING, SEPTEMBER 27, 1997

We met at Camp Cilca at 3 pm, with approximately 25 Friends present. Chris Starbuck clerked the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted, with some additions and corrections.

The Treasurer's report was given by Roger Sherman; a copy is attached. The balance is down, partially because of overruns at Camp Dubois. Columbia Quarterly planning committee members from last year will relay their knowledge to the St. Louis committee preparing for the Spring 1998 Quarterly Meeting. An annual donation has been requested from Monthly Meetings in the past. Chris Starbuck agreed to write a letter to the Monthly Meetings in this quarter, suggesting a \$5 donation per resident adult member.

Margaret Katranides reported that the Friends Hill group has turned over their meeting records to the Illinois Yearly Meeting clerk. Individual membership changes have not yet been dealt with; the appointed committee was not able to meet at Yearly Meeting, but plans to carry out the work in the future.

The Nominating Committee report was presented by Pat Wixom, as follows:

We offer the names of the following Friends for the offices of Blue River Quarter for the period of October 1997 through September 1999:

Presiding Clerk: Margaret Katranides
Recording Clerk: Carolyn Smith Treadway
Treasurer: Elizabeth Kidder.

We appreciate Friends' willingness to serve.

This report was approved. Friends agreed that if way opens for replacement of one of these officers during this two-year term, the pattern of staggered terms should be established.

Pat Wixom read a paragraph from the Mission Statement of the Friends Peace Teams Project and suggested that we consider how this group might support such efforts. Discussion followed. We are interested in having minuted responses from monthly meetings on this, including the level of support, if any, that they would be willing to give. Retiring Clerk Chris Starbuck agreed to send materials on Peace Teams, with a covering letter, to our Monthly Meetings, and to field the responses. It is possible that the subject of peacekeeping might be used as a theme at the Spring Quarterly or another future session.

Bobbi Trist reported that Urbana-Champaign meeting is feeling the stress of reduced numbers and the search for a new meeting place; it was hard to find enough help for planning Quarterly Meeting. A re-grouping of small meetings may be needed. This can be researched and considered at Spring Quarter. It was suggested that Decatur Meeting be included with Urbana-Champaign for the purpose of planning the Fall 1999 Quarterly Meeting.

Appreciation was expressed to Chris Starbuck for outstanding clerkship, and to Roger Sherman for five years' service as Treasurer.

Carolyn Smith Treadway, Acting Recording Clerk