

Minutes of Blue River Quarterly Meeting  
DuBois Center, April 24, 1999

Minutes of the Fall Gathering were read.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted. Beth Kidder submitted her resignation as Treasurer, since she has moved from Illinois to Maine. The Fall Quarterly Meeting is the time for appointment of all officers (Clerk, Recording Clerk and Treasurer). Grayce Haworth, who has authority to sign checks on the Quarterly Meeting account, volunteered to serve as interim Treasurer until fall. This offer was gladly accepted. Grayce will check to see if Dawn Rubbert is still listed as having authority to sign checks, and will also ask Rachel Mershon if she would be willing to serve in this capacity. Grayce will also look into transferring Quarterly Meeting funds into an interest-bearing account.

One person posed the question as to whether our fee structure matches our needs.

The following persons agreed to serve on a nominating committee to bring a slate of officers to the fall meeting: Dawn Rubbert, Allen Treadway, Dorothy Day.

Planning for Friends Under Nineteen (FUN) at Yearly Meeting was taken up. A thorough Log Book has been compiled by Mary Nurenborg. Copies will go or have gone to the FUN Coordinator and lead teachers. Religious Education Committee will be distributing material from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting which ties in with the theme (Prisms of Membership).

To teach the 9 to 11 year old group, we have commitment from Leslie Stuart, Rebecca Acquisto and Nancy Jordan. Cheers! A lead teacher for 6 to 8 year olds is still needed, as is a craft tent coordinator.

Grayce Haworth reported that, as requested at the Fall '98 QM, she had prepared a list of past attenders at QM and had sent a copy to Pat Wixom for the use of the Spring planning group.

A travelling Minute from Deborah Fisch was read <sup>and was received</sup> with appreciation. Our Clerk will sign it and return it.

We considered the minute of affirmation and welcome suggested at the Fall QM session. Responses were read from Decatur and Columbia Meetings; Pat Wixom's article in "Among Friends" was read; David Finke read a letter which he had prepared on these issues; vocal responses were given from St Louis, Clear Creek and Southern Illinois. Lengthy discussion followed. How do we decide what differences and disabilities should be included in a welcoming minute? The queries and other sections of our Future Faith and Practice may well include the results of our search for discernment in this area. Dawn Rubbert agreed to summarize our process to date on this. She will share her work with others before she leaves this evening, and the result will be presented for approval tomorrow morning.

The meeting was adjourned until the following morning.

Sunday morning, April 25, 1999

The summary prepared by Dawn Rubbert was read and approved. David Finke will E-mail it to the editor of "Among Friends" for publication in the next issue if possible.

State of Society reports were read from Rolla, Decatur, Columbia, Clear Creek and St. Louis. Eric Andrus and Lisa Zee gave a verbal report from Southern Illinois. We talked of many ways of networking among meetings: combined group gatherings, overnights, special theme weekends (e.g. crafts and quilting).

Fall Quarterly Meeting will be held again at Camp CILCA under the care of Urbana/Champaign and Decatur. The dates are September 24-26, 1999.

Camp DuBois has been reserved again for Spring QM 2000; the dates are April 14-16, with Hickory Lodge, the basement of Oak Lodge and one cottage available for our use. Tentative reservation has also been made for Spring 2001 on April 20-22, unless Easter occurs on that weekend.

Margaret Katranides, Clerk  
Carolyn Smith Treadway, Recording Cl.

Addendum to minutes of April 24:

Dawn Rubbert reported on AFSC activities, present and future: Kosovo relief, intergenerational work camps in several US states and Mexico, and training opportunities in the Middle East.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING

<u>Date</u>	<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Withdraw</u>	<u>Balance</u>
12/31/97	Bank statement			\$1,304.43
3/19/98	DuBois Center; deposit, April 1998 Qtly Mtg		\$100.00	\$1,204.43
3/31/98	Bank statement			\$1,204.43
4/27/98	From Decatur Meeting	\$50.00		\$1,254.43
4/27/98	Qtly Mtg fees & gifts	\$888.25		\$2,142.68
4/30/98	DuBois Center; bal. of expenses 4/24-26 Qtly Mtg		\$1,186.90	\$955.78
4/30/98	DuBois Center; deposit, April 1999 Qtly Mtg		\$100.00	\$855.78
5/20/98	Qtly Mtg fee, rec'd late	\$200.00		\$1,055.78
5/20/98	Babysitting, Qtly Mtg; two checks		\$50.00	\$1,005.78
5/20/98	From Clear Creek Meeting	\$250.00		\$1,255.78
6/19/98	From Urbana/Champaign Mtg	\$200.00		\$1,455.78
6/30/98	Bank Statement			\$1,455.78
7/17/98	From St. Louis Fr Mtg	\$200.00		\$1,655.78
7/17/98	Individual Contribution	\$11.25		\$1,667.03
	Cash on hand as of 9/4/98			\$1,667.03
9/27/98	Camp Cilca; lodging, 9/25-27		\$380.00	\$1,287.03
9/27/98	N. Duncan; food, 9/25-27		\$225.00	\$1,062.03
9/27/98	C. S. Treadway; flyers, postage		\$62.80	\$999.23
9/27/98	From Decatur Meeting	\$35.00		\$1,034.23
9/28/98	Qtly Mtg fees & gifts	\$1,170.00		\$2,204.23
10/6/98	G. Haworth; mailing		\$16.00	\$2,188.23
10/24/98	From Columbia Meeting	\$150.00		\$2,338.23
11/19/98	Bank Statement			\$2,338.23
3/31/99	Bank Statement			\$2,338.23

The September 1998 Quarterly Meeting has, after all bills were paid and all receipts deposited, brought in \$486.20 more than we ~~received~~<sup>paid</sup>. This is quite a welcome change from a year ago, when the September Quarterly Meeting cost us \$142.98 more than we received in fees; also, the April 1998 Quarterly Meeting cost us \$248.65 more than we received. A great deal of credit for this surplus goes to Nancy Duncan, who planned and prepared delicious meals for us at very low cost.

In addition, we have received \$185.00 in contributions from Meetings in this Quarter since the Treasurer's Report of September 4, 1998. In 1998, they amounted to \$885.00. Since most Meetings have not contributed to the Quarter for the past couple of years, contributions received from them in 1998 are about double what they would be in a more ordinary year.

It is quite a relief to be able to report that we now have enough in the bank to cover the expenses for a Quarterly Meeting weekend - which we must often pay before it is possible to deposit the checks which will cover most of the expenses.

Since George and I are moving to Maine, I must now resign as Treasurer of Blue River Quarterly Meeting. Thank you for placing your confidence in me. I have enjoyed working with you.

*Beth Kidder*

Beth Kidder

April 8, 1999

BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING: SEPTEMBER 25-27, 1998 CAMP CILCA

	Received:	Difference:
Housing Costs: \$380.00	\$356.00	(\$24.00)
Food Costs: \$225.00	\$387.00	\$162.00
Registration: \$78.80	\$287.00	\$208.20
Contributions: <u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$140.00</u>	<u>\$140.00</u>
Totals: \$683.80	\$1,170.00	\$486.20