

Minutes of Meeting for Business
Blue River Quarterly Meeting
Sept 27, 2003 at Camp DuBois, IL

Present: Ellen Baranowski, Lisi Bansen, Mariellen Gilpin (clerk), Margaret Katranides, Kelly Maynard, Dawn Rubbert, Scott Searles (recording), Mira Tanna, Allen Treadway, Bobbi Trist, Robert Wixom, David Zarembka.

The meeting opened at 3:25 pm with silent worship.

The minutes from the Spring, 2003 Blue River Quarterly at Urbana, IL were read by Scott Searles. He is to send in the Peace Statement, adopted by Blue River Quarterly Meeting at that time, to the editor of Among Friends. Dawn Rubbert will forward it to the Peace Resources Committee, and Dawn Amos will put it on the IYM Web site.

Informal reports were presented orally on the States of the Meetings represented:

St. Louis Meeting is very active but experiencing budget problems. It is sponsoring a John Calvi Workshop next week-end.

Columbia Meeting is doing well generally, busy with peace-related activities, including a play presented on Nagasaki Day in cooperation with the Columbia Peace Coalition. Improvements to the Meeting House are being considered. A committee on energy conservation resulted in some car-pooling to meeting and a request that all committees make plans to save paper.

Southern Illinois Meeting has had losses and additions in membership/attendership. There were 8 adults and 8 children at a recent meeting. Dawn Amos is serving as clerk.

Decatur Meeting is very small and has problems having enough people for meetings, especially because of trips. A further blow to the meeting will be Allen and Carolyn Treadway's move to Ohio in November.

Urbana-Champaign Meeting is making progress with its new Meeting House. The roof is now up, and the Meeting gave a party for the builders recently.

The Nominating Committee, (Bobbi Trist and Carolyn Treadway), appointed to find a new recording clerk, was not successful. Scott Searles will serve at least through Spring Meeting. Clerk asked for a replacement for Carolyn on this committee, as she will be leaving in November, but there were no volunteers. Clerk appointed Margaret Katranides and Dawn Rubbert to serve as a Clerk's Committee, to confer on this problem at supper.

Float Trip. David Wixom wrote a letter stating that he is willing to coordinate a float trip

on 4/30/2004, but he will need help for creating brochures and advertising, as well as the commitment of some people to go, including very experienced canoeists. He proposed going on the Black River, which flows into Clearwater Lake in Missouri. Bob Wixom volunteered to participate and requested that BRQ appropriate \$50 for float trip expenses. There was discussion about the date of 4/30 being much earlier than for previous float trips, which have been held in June or July. It is also the same month as both the spring BRQ meeting and the IYM Women's Retreat.

Project Lakota Report was given by Bobbi Trist, who participated in the Joint Service Project at Pine Ridge Reservation in SD last summer with Ellen Baranowski. As a result of participating she clarified the relationship between Project Lakota and the IMYM/AFSC Joint Service Project (JJSP). Project Lakota was created to supply building materials and scholarships for the volunteers at the work camp. The JSP is well established and well respected by the Lakota community. The cost to participate is \$250 per person per week for each volunteer. This does not include transportation to SD. Each year there are more requests for scholarships than can be accommodated.

Ellen and Bobbi are issuing an appeal for donations to the Lakota Project from members of BRQ. They will match the first \$1000 contributed in response to this appeal. Bobbi suggested that this appeal for donations would be enhanced if Friends have a list of the type and cost of materials that will be purchased. Bobbi will send this information to the Recording Clerk for inclusion with the Minutes.

David Zarembka noted that it would be good for some Lakota people to visit IYM. It was proposed that BRQ sponsor such a visit. Candy Boyd, Dawn Rubbert and Ellen Baranowski were asked to coordinate this activity and gather information regarding expected costs for the Spring BRQ meeting to consider.

IYM Peace Resources Committee (PRC) was reported on by Bob Wixom. A page of recommended readings and a page listing organizations related to peace and war will be sent, along with a packet of informational pamphlets, to each monthly meeting in Nov/Dec. Two workshops in draft counseling were given in the past year. They are following up with trainees, as well as working on counter-recruitment in high schools. The committee is planning to offer another draft counselor training and training for military counseling early in the coming year. Contact Bob Wixom or Dawn Rubbert about these PRC activities.

Recording Clerk was instructed to send the Peace Statement in the Minutes of Spring Blue River Quarterly meeting to the editor of Among Friends. (See first paragraph of these minutes.)

QUNO Report. Bob Wixom presented a report to supplement his poster presentation. IYM Peace Resources Committee has pamphlets on QUNO's work which will be included in the packets they send to monthly meetings. David Zarembka said that QUNO had not done much

with the war in the Congo, but that he had talked with Jessie Huber, an intern at QUNO, who reassured him that QUNO would get involved in that conflict.

The meeting closed with silent worship at 4:50 pm.

Minutes of Continuation of Meeting for Business
Sunday Morning, 9/28/2003

Present: Mark Amos, Mariellen Gilpin (clerking), Nancy Jordan, Margaret Katranides, Scott Searles (recording), Allen Treadway, Bobbi Trist, Bob Wixom, David Zarembka, and (later) Gladys Kamonya.

Meeting began at 9:20 am with silent worship. Clerk read the agenda. Bob Wixom announced he had lost or misplaced his telescope.

Some remaining details on IYM Planning were finished and are included in the IYM Planning Report.

BRQ Summer Float Trip. Mark Amos will work with David Wixom on planning this event on a date other than 4/30/03, and also on the brochure, advertising, etc.

Nominating Committee. Ellen Baranowski and Margaret Katranides agreed to serve and will seek a new recording clerk. This recording clerk will begin service at the short BRQ session held during IYM.

Treasurer's Report was skipped, as it was not available. (attached)

Contributions: To the BRQ Summer Float trip, \$50.00 was approved. To the Lakota Project and for Visitation to IYM by some of the Lakota people, postponed until Spring Meeting.

Spring Quarterly Meeting will be at Camp Cilca. The new IYM Directory has it scheduled for 4/02-04/2004. This is earlier than usual, but Easter is the next week-end next year, and it has been the custom not to schedule it on Easter week-end. Bobbi Trist asked that it be changed to 4/16-18, and will check with Sharon Haworth and Bloomington Friends. It is not known whether Camp Cilca has been reserved or not. If not available, Bobbi suggested using the 4-H Center at Monticello, IL. The northerly small monthly meetings are in charge of the program.

The meeting closed with silent worship at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted, Scott Searles, Recording Clerk

Treasurer's Report

The beginning balance was \$2342.90. Expenses were \$108 for mailing, etc. expenses for spring quarterly and a donation of \$500 for Project Lakota. Deposits were U/C - \$125, St. L - \$200, Clear Creek - \$125, Individuals - \$165, Interest - \$5.16. The ending balance was \$2355.06.

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9 October 2003

Dear Friends,

This past summer, Ellen Baranowski and I participated for the second year in the AFSC-IMYM Joint Service Project on the Pine Ridge Reservation, working on housing. The hospitality shown us by our "host", Mercy Iron Crow, and her family, plus the wonderful church group we worked with from MA, made it a very meaningful experience.

The Lakota Project was started by two of our own, Greg Woods from Columbia Mtg, and Candy Boyd from St. Louis. (Candy, in fact, has sold her house and dedicated her life to this work.) Ellen and I would like to encourage support of the Lakota Project. It funds scholarships and supplies for the Joint Service Project. I have appended the list of materials Candy, Ellen, and I bought in Rapid City to show that even the smallest amount can help. \$1 buys a box of nails, for instance, and \$5 buys a set of door hinges for the latrine. \$200 buys an insulated storm door with upper and lower spring arms against the relentless wind. Besides materials, \$250 funds a project participant for a week. \$300 funds one with transportation from Denver.

We will match the first \$1000 of donations to this appeal. Checks should be made out to Columbia Friends Meeting with "Lakota Project" on the memo line and sent to their treasurer: Karen Shippen, 2635 Sue Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65109. They are tax-deductible. To activate matching, you must also note that a gift is in response to "Bobbi and Ellen's appeal."

At the end of the work camp, Ellen and I visited Mercy's daughter, Dainna Red Owl, at her mobile home. It was badly damaged in a tornado two years ago and the results were shocking. The outer and inner walls had become separated, letting in water and allowing mold to grow unchecked between them. Dainna and two of her four children have asthma, which is exacerbated by the mold. One of the two bathrooms was unusable as a bathroom because of electrical and plumbing problems. A fire had started in one of the outlets.

Neither outer door had storm doors, and the doors themselves were in bad shape. She had no screens on the windows and no air conditioning. South Dakota, as you may know, has an extreme climate: blisteringly hot in summer and bitterly cold in winter.

After the tornado damaged the trailer skirting the family had to remove it. This now leaves the pipes beneath exposed, contributing to their annual freeze, leaving the family without water for two months every winter. They port water and shower at a sister's apartment in town.

Since the mobile home actually belongs to the family, but is on school (tribal) land, the tribe will not help with repairs. Dainna showed us all this damage, but all she really asked for was two storm doors! One might think they'd be better off hauling the trailer away and starting over, but that is not financially feasible. From our observations, this is also pretty typical of much of the housing on the reservation. Dainna has been on the tribal housing waiting list for seven years: only a medium wait!

Mercy and Dainna generously allowed us to use their full names for this appeal. (We have pictures, as well.) Getting to know Mercy and her warm and welcoming family and going to three celebrations on the reservation gave me a real sense of personal connectedness to our human family there and a profound sense of the great injustices they continue to suffer.

For Peace with Justice,
 Bobbi Trist

Lakota Project Building Supply List

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| Magnaseal storm-screen doors | 3 @ \$180 (on sale) | \$540 |
| Tarpaper for latrine roof | | \$14 |
| 4x4x8 posts for latrine supports | 4 @ \$5 | \$20 |
| 2x4x8 stud for latrine | | \$2 |
| OSB for latrine | 5 @ \$11 | \$55 |
| 4-tine spade fork | | \$13 |
| One Short Shovel | | \$6 |
| 4 small digging trowels | 4 @ \$3 and 1 @ \$1.50 | \$13.50 |
| 2 long shovels | 1 @ \$7 and 1 @ \$3.50 | \$2 |
| One 2-pack hook and eye for latrine door | | \$1 |
| Two packages of door hinges for latrine: | 2 @ \$2.50 | \$5 |
| One box of galvanized roof nails | | \$1 |
| One box of 8D galvanized nails | | \$1 |
| One box 16D galvanized nails | | \$1 |
| One box galvanized screws | | \$3.50 |
| Phillips drill bits | 2 @ \$1.50 | \$3.50 |
| 4-inch stain brush | 2 @ \$4.00 | \$8.00 |

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| 4 inch poly painter brush | | \$3.00 |
| 3 inch flex scraper | | \$2.50 |
| 4 inch flex scraper | | \$4.50 |
| 6 one-use brushes | 6 @ \$0.50 | \$3.00 |
| 3-piece brush set | | \$1.50 |
| Deck scrub-brush | | \$4.00 |
| 24-piece foam brush set | | \$3.00 |
| 2 shoe-handle brushes | 2 @ \$1.50 | \$3.00 |
| One package of coarse sandpaper | | \$2.00 |
| 3-pack paint roller covers | | \$5.00 |
| 4-piece roller set | 2 @ \$4.00 | \$8.00 |
| 1 gallon deck cleaner | | \$11.00 |
| 2 doormats | 2 @ \$10.00 | \$20.00 |
| 1 can wood putty | | \$4.00 |
| 1 5-gallon deck paint | | \$80.00 |

Total \$855
(With tax the total was nearly \$900.)