

Blue River Quarterly Meeting Ninth Month 19-21, 2014 at DuBois Center

Adults Attending – names in bold attended business/others helped with Young Friends program:

Dawn Amos, Carbondale
Rollie Perkins, Carbondale
Warwick Daw, St. Louis
David Finke, Columbia
Nancy Finke, Columbia
Dale Gardner, Urbana-Champaign
Mariellen Gilpin, Urbana-Champaign
Barbara Harroun, Macomb WG
Tim Hensold, Carbondale
Tim Hetrick, St. Louis

Andrea Kintree, St. Louis
Jean Marie Marron-Beebe, Urbana-Champaign
Ichuro Matsuda, Columbia
Sandra Matsuda, Columbia
Maurine Pyle, Carbondale
Sean Robey, St. Louis
Mike Ruberton, St. Louis
Dawn Rubbert, St. Louis
Christina Schulz, Bloomington

Kevin Suess, Bloomington
Denice Smith, St. Louis
Barbara Stanford, St. Louis
Dallas Talley, St. Louis
Steve Tamari, St. Louis
Erin Taylor, Macomb WG
Sean West, Macomb WG
David Wixom, St. Louis
Judith Wolicki, ILYM Field Secretary

Young Friends Attending

Marlena Amos-15, Carbondale
Kit Perkins-17, Carbondale
Liam Gardner-14, Urbana-Champaign
Quinn Gardner-11, Urbana-Champaign

Anya Gardner-9, Urbana-Champaign
Annaleigh Harroun-10, Macomb WG
Jack Harroun-6, Macomb WG
Ellie-10, St. Louis
Collen Suess-5, Bloomington

Gwen Suess-8, Bloomington
Amal Tamari-14, St. Louis
Jad Tamari-12, St. Louis
Lorelei Taylor-West-8, Macomb WG

1) The meeting opened with silent waiting.

2) Dawn Rubbert gave a registrar's report for attendance at this quarterly. Twenty-seven adults and 14 children ages 5 to 17 attended for a total of 40. [Note: These numbers are corrected from the original report to match actuality.] Dawn noted the challenges of getting volunteers to plan programs while, at the same time, there is no shortage of interest in attending. The many Friends attending the wedding of Neil Mesner's granddaughter were greatly missed.

3) The treasurer's report was distributed and approved. See below.

4) Mike Ruberton and Maurine Pyle volunteered to serve on a nominating committee to bring forward at the spring quarterly a slate of officers (clerk, recording clerk, and treasurer) to serve 2-year terms beginning after the rise of meeting spring 2015 through the spring 2017 meeting. Dawn will search for a third volunteer. Friends approved.

5) Dawn Rubbert reported on the work of the Friends New Underground Railroad and presented written information. The organization is operating in the red and needs funds for people trying to get out of Uganda now. Dave Zarembka, Coordinator of the African Great Lakes Initiative of Friends Peace Teams and formerly of St. Louis Monthly Meeting, is supportive of these efforts and his letter to that effect was part of the shared written documentation. David Albert asks monthly meetings to send minutes of support for NUR to Olympia Monthly Meeting. [If you would like the 5 page update as an email attachment request it from Dawn R via email.]

In tandem with our morning program, which focused on letter writing and connecting BRQ to our constituent meetings and to meetings and individuals farther afield, we decided to write letters of support and of celebration to those who were not able to make it to quarterly this session. We broke into small groups and composed, signed, and mailed about ten such letters.

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Recipients include: Margaret Katranides & Harry Desroches (St. Louis); the Robey family (St. Louis); the Pascoe family (St. Louis); Jason (Urbana Champaign); the Mesner/Haworth clan

(Clear Creek & Urbana-Champaign) and, at Maurine's suggestion, we sent a letter of support to Justimore Musambi, a gay Kenyan Quaker pastor who has asylum status in the US because of death threats in Kenya based on his sexual orientation.

[Look at Friends Journal's QuakerSpeak, <http://quakerspeak.com/justimore-musombi-gay-kenyan-quaker-pastor/>, for a video of Pastor Musambi who is now at Earlham School of Religion. Note how his family ousted him and seized his properties while he was here I the USA.]

The meeting closed with a period of silence.

NOTE: 2015 Spring Sessions will be Fourth Month 10-12 at Camp CILCA

TREASURER'S REPORT TO BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY
MEETING 20-Sep-14

Balance on Hand April 11, 2014: \$4,564.77

DEBITS

4/13/2014	Camp Cilca Spring '14	1943.00
5/19/2014	Olympia Friends - New Underground RR	565.00
9/12/2014	DuBois Center '14 Deposit	40.00

TOTAL DEBITS 2,548.00

CREDITS

4/14/2014	Spring '14 Fees & Donations	2,058.00
4/14/2014	Donation	352.00
5/7/2014	Spring '14 Fees & Uganda Donations	285.00
6/30/2014	Interest	1.82
7/31/2014	Donation	424.00

TOTAL CREDITS 3,120.82

Balance on Hand September 20, 2014: \$5,137.59

4/14/2014	St. Louis	\$352
7/31/2014	Clear Creek	\$144
7/31/2014	Urbana-Champaign	\$280