

Blue River Quarterly (BRQ) Fall Session

Ninth Month 15-17, 2017

Minutes: Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business 9.16.17

IN ATTENDANCE

Heather Evert (M&A Committee)—
Bloomington-Normal

Dale Gardener—Champaign

Mariellen Gilpin—Urbana-Champaign

Sharon Haworth—Urbana-Champaign

Margie Haworth Davis—Urbana-Champaign

Brad Laird—(M&A Committee) South Bend

Peter Lasersohn—Urbana-Champaign (Clerk)

Mark McGinnis (M&A Committee)

Grayce Mesner—Clear Creek

Neil Mesner—Clear Creek

Phyllis Reynolds (M&A Committee)—Evanston

Christina Schulz (Recording Clerk)—
Bloomington-Normal

Denise Smith—St. Louis

Sean West—Macomb

Judy Wolicki—Field Secretary

MINUTES

Minute 1: Margie Haworth presented the Nominating Committee report They nominated Peter Lasersohn as Clerk. Friends approved.p

Minute 2: Phyllis Reynolds announced a workshop on clerking to be led by Arthur Larrabee. Time and location to be announced, possibly at Downers Grove in late February to May. Friends are urged to consider who in their Meetings might benefit from such a workshop. Phyllis may be contacted with questions.

Minute 3 Treasurers Report (follows these Minutes—see page 3). Friends accepted report.

Minute 4: We decided that we would like the 200th anniversary recognition of BRQ to replace the Fall Quarterly Meeting at the DuBois Center. Cost, sensitivity to calendar-pressure, interest in replacing one southerly meeting location with another—these were considerations that factored into our decision. We are now planning to meet at the Blue River Meetinghouse in Salem, Indiana in the Fall of 2019.

Minute 5: We expressed our sadness at the passing of our Friend Dawn Rubbert, who was Clerk of this Blue River Quarterly Meeting until the time of her death.

Minute 6: The passing of Dawn Rubbert taught us not to have too many responsibilities placed on one person. We propose to begin appointing someone to make arrangements to reserve the camp for our Quarterly Meetings in Business Meeting. Friends approved.

Minute 7: Grayce Mesner is willing to make arrangements to reserve the DuBois Center next year. The proposed dates for the next Fall Blue River Quarterly are September 14-16, 2018, with the fall-back option of September 21-23, 2018.

Minute 8: Friends propose to not only Minute who is responsible for reserving the space for the following year but also designate a back-up contact in the event that the primary contact cannot be reached for any reason. Further, we propose that this designated person be the Clerk of the Meeting. We propose this as a regular practice of the Meeting. Friends approved.

Minute 9: In reflecting upon Dawn's institutional memory, we took the opportunity to clarify that the Meeting responsible for planning the adult programming for a Quarterly is also responsible for sharing announcement information with Monthly Meetings. We referenced the Procedures and Job Descriptions for BRQ Clerk that have been adopted and reminded ourselves of the following basic steps for sending announcements about BRQ to Monthly Meetings: Previous Quarterly Minutes and announcements about upcoming session begin to be distributed 8 weeks prior to the event, with recurring reminders 6 weeks and 4 weeks prior. From the point of 3 weeks before the event to the week preceding, the brochure will also be sent as part of the weekly reminders. At 1 week out, send agenda and supporting documents. The Clerk is positioned to prod the Planning Committee as described, but we also reminded ourselves that it is the Planning Committee's responsibility to decide upon the program, create the brochure, distribute, etc.

Minute 10: We are asked to think about the Responsibilities for planning BRQ sessions. We considered forming a Committee to think about alternate ways to approach planning meetings in the future. The Committee will report recommendations back to this Business Meeting. Friends approved. We identified several Friends who are willing to serve on such a committee, including Mariellen Gilpin and Peter Lasershon. Sean West will ask Erin Taylor and Barb Lawhorn, who were suggested as possible committee members, who will, in turn, indicate their interest and ability to join to Peter directly.

Minute 11: Peter suggested broadening the BRQ mailing list now that we will be maintaining it following Dawn's passing. Doing so will create the opportunity to bring new people into the Quarterly instead of limit our mailing list to people who have already attended or been involved. We will request ILYM's Meeting Directory and will use it to request the mailing lists of Monthly Meetings in Blue River Quarterly. In addition, we will encourage Clerks to keep their Monthly Meetings aware of timeframes related to Quarterly events.

Minute 12: We need to reach out to high school friends about the possibility to have Quakes that coincide with Quarterlies, especially for the 200th celebration in 2019. At Yearly in 2018, they will plan for the following year, which is good timing.

Minute 13: Spring BRQ will be at Camp CILCA April 20-22, 2018. Small Northern Meetings will have the responsibility for the adult program. Those Meetings include Bloomington-Normal, Clear Creek, Burlington, Macomb, and Spoon River. Children's programing will be the responsibility of Urbana-Champaign and Springfield.

Minute 14: Sean requested feedback on the online form, and we discussed.

Christina Schulz read these Minutes and Friends approved.

We adjourned Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business with silence.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING
 15-Sep-17

Balance on Hand April 8, 2017: \$6,135.05

DEBITS

4/8/2017	Camp Cilca - Spring '17	4006.00
8/28/2017	DuBois - Fall '17 Deposit	310.00
TOTAL DEBITS		4,316.00

CREDITS

4/9/2017	Spring '17 Fees & Donations	2,645.00
4/29/2017	Spring '17 Fees & Donations	614.00
3/31/2017	Interest - 31 days	0.67
4/30/2017	Interest - 30 days	0.69
5/21/2017	Spring '17 Fees & Donations	100.00
5/31/2017	Interest - 31 days	0.68
6/30/2017	Interest - 30 days	0.68
7/20/2017	Donations	416.00
7/31/2017	Interest - 31 days	0.71
8/31/2017	Interest - 31 days	0.75
9/1/2017	Donations	300.00
TOTAL CREDITS		4,079.18

Balance on Hand September 15, 2017: \$5,898.23

Apr '17 - Sep '17 Meeting Contributions:

7/20/2017	St. Louis	\$88
7/20/2017	Urbana-Champaign	\$328
9/1/2017	Clear Creek	\$300