

Blue River Quarterly Meeting of Friends assembled in the library of 57th Street Meeting in Chicago at 3:00 o'clock P.M. 2nd mo. 25, 1933.

Representatives appointed to attend this meeting are

From Chicago –
Alice Flitcraft
Thomas Jenkins
Maria Fredrickson
Sarah Poulson.
From Clear Creek.
Gynetha Wilson
Alice E. Tomlinson
Lucretia Franklin
Harriet Smith
Clarence Mills
Joseph Bumgarner.
Helen Jean Mills
Ray Bumgarner.

Eight of these were present.

Edith Newlin of Iowa was a welcome guest.

The minutes of last meeting were read.

Trustees of Relief funds. The committee appointed at last meeting to look up the names of the trustees of the relief funds submit the following report.

To Blue River Quarterly Meeting to be held in Chicago second month 25 1933

In response to the desire of Eleventh Month quarter for official information regarding the setting up of our “Relief Funds” and who constitutes the present board of trustees in charge of these funds, your committee make report.

Eleventh Month 25–1876. Indiana Yearly Meeting apportioned what it considered the rightful share of Blue River Quarterly Meeting (formerly a part of Indiana Yearly Meeting) from accrued interest from an endowment fund left to said yearly meeting.

On date above given four trustees were appointed “to have charge of the Albon Faucet Fund and are directed to place the principal at interest for charitable purposes and report to this meeting from time to time as may appear best” (quotation extracted from minutes of 11th mo. 25 1876. signed by W. L. Dorland Clerk.)

Likewise we find in minutes of Second Month 24 – 1906 an informative statement by the chairman-Treasurer of what is called the Alvin Faucett Fund the “trustees are to hold this fund in trust to draw interest, and such interest to be used at the committees discretion for charitable purposes”

Origin of Alvin Faucett Fund

Uses of the fund

signed by Abel Mills, Chairman-Treasurer. “Charitable purposes” has always been construed by the trustees to mean aid or assistance to the poor or needy of our membership

It is the opinion of your committee that it should so remain.

Fifth month 22nd 1909 “Clarkson Wood on behalf of the members of Richland Meeting (Hoopeston Illinois) informs this meeting that they have donated \$572²⁴ to Blue River Quarterly Meeting (from sale of meeting house property) Donation gratefully acknowledged and committee appointed to consider disposition of donation and report at next meeting”

In ninth month this committee reported.

“Your committee xxx recommend that Blue River Quarterly Meeting x place in trust the monies donated by Hoopeston Friends xxx that the interest therefrom be used for philanthropic purposes, and since the meeting already has custodians of the Alvin Faucett fund we recommend x that the trustees of the Alvin Faucett fund be made the trustees of the Hoopeston Fund”

(signed for committee Albert T. Mills)

It was recommended by above committee that the Chicago Meeting should have a representative on the “Board of Trustees” Accordingly the number of trustees was increased to five members. Thomas A Jenkins being duly appointed on 11th mo 27 – 1909.

We find official records that the following named persons constitute the present trustees of the Relief Funds of Blue River Quarterly Meeting

Thomas A. Jenkins – appointed		11 th mo 27 – 1907
Lewis Baynes –	“	2–25–1911
Clarence Mills	“	11–28–1914
Arthur Benjamin	“	2–24–1917
John N. Wilson	“	11–12–1921

For more ready information and reference we recommend that this report be spread upon our minutes

Also we recommend that the reports of Trustees in the future as to condition of these funds shall have appended thereto a full list of the then trustees

Clarence Mills
Chairman of committee

The report was accepted – and com. Commended for the thoroughness of their search.

Very interesting reports were read from three of our constituent meetings.

Chicago meetings for worship continue to be a spiritual support to an inspiring number of members and visitors.

The religious forums have maintained a very high standard.

Some of the Forum subjects – “What Religion Means to Me” “Crime and Delinquency” Jane Addams was a Forum speaker in November.

A Christmas Pageant was given Dec. 25.

The Religious School has enlarged its program to four classes.

The Womens Service Society is busy with bi-monthly days of sewing for unfortunates in city or suffering miners family.

Highlands Creek Meeting has a fine group of wide awake young people

The usual interest is prevalent in the Sunday School

Joint meetings with young people from the M.E. Church have been held in the meeting house in the evenings

Some interesting meetings for worship where young people took part have been held, the program included a story for children.

Clear Creek Meeting reports a better attendance than usual during the winter months.

One application for membership has been received.

The First day school co-operates with the meeting in holding worship services once a month conducted by the young people and children

First Day School is prospering with an average attendance of forty with a faithful corps of teacher who feel their responsibility.

The first query on “Silent Worship and Ministry” was read followed by a discussion on An Ideal Friends Meeting opened by Thomas Jenkins responded to by Albert Mills and others.

The seventh Query on Religious Fellowship was read after which Lucretia Franklin opened the discussion on “How Can We Make our Meetings More of a Power In These Times of Stress”

A report on behalf of the Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting on “Joint Meetings” was read giving suggested procedure for united monthly meetings

It is suggested that the document be placed on file to be considered at the next Quarterly Meeting and passed on to the next Yearly Meeting.

We hear with interest of the proposal of Carolena Wood of a sectional gathering for all Friends of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and offer our assistance and co-operations as far as possible.

We conclude to meet with Highlands Creek Meeting at Salem Indiana in sixth month

Laura W. Smith – Clerk

Alice B Flitcraft – Ass’t Clerk.

After the meeting adjourned an informal conference was held with Edith Newlin who told of her work in Religious Education in the Friends schools in Philadelphia

After a Social hour during which time a delicious dinner was served by the local meeting, Raymond Wilson gave an interesting and instructive talk on “Friends Service In Europe in 1932” interspersed with slids and moving pictures of interesting places and incidents of his European trip.

First day morning Friends attended the regular meeting for worship of 57th St Meeting. The Forum address, “Geneva As I Saw It” was given by E. Raymond Wilson.