

Blue River Quarterly Meeting of Friends met at Benjaminville Meeting house August 6, 1927.

The Assistant Clerk being absent Luella C. Parker was appointed for the day.

Reports from Chicago and Clear Creek Monthly Meetings show that Elizabeth Smith, Albert Mills, Sarah Poulson, Clement Flitcraft Mattie Mills, Alice Tomlinson, Mildred Whitney, Clarence Mills, Turner Mills and Charles Whitney were appointed as representatives to this meeting. Six of these were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

No reports from Blue River Monthly Meeting or Benjaminville.

Membership reports from Chicago and Clear Creek upon being read were directed to be forwarded with our report to the yearly meeting.

The Clerk is directed to secure the other reports from Benjaminville and Blue River before Yearly Meeting.

The committee appointed at Salem to audit the Treasurer's account and bring forward nominations for Clerk and assistants and for Treasurer having performed their work and reported back to the last Quarter as shown by records of that meeting. The appointments are confirmed and the newly appointed officers are to begin their terms with this meeting.

The Queries were read — followed by short pause for consideration. Written answers were received from Clear Creek, as follows:

Our meeting has endeavored to add its influence in promoting clean living and our members generally try to make known the injurious personal effects and the social and economic waste resulting from the use of alcohol, tobacco and narcotics. Through various organizations such as the First day school, Home Bureau, the Public School and the W.C.T.U. much work toward this end is done by our members in cooperation with others.

Our meeting has taken a stand for enforcement of laws for prohibiting the manufacture sale and use of intoxicants but a greater vigilance and a more effectual organized effort is needed to apprehend known violations near at hand.

The spiritual life of our meetings is evidenced by good order and apparent interest of those in attendance. Much strength could be added however by ready responses to meeting the meeting's needs.

Others are often invited to share in the fellowship of the meeting and some have responded. The need is still strong for consistent work for development of spiritual life and fellowship.

Through our First Day School and in our Christian teaching we endeavor to stress the need of Christian unity to the end that righteousness may be placed foremost as related to sectarianism and tradition.

The improvement of the efficiency and moral tone of our school and colleges is a matter of concern with our membership.

Probably no concerted action has been taken but a watchful care is exercised that good influences may prevail with our children. They are cautioned to aid in upholding high standards both in public school and colleges. Protests are made when laxness is evident.

Some efforts have been put forth during the past year for the religious development of our membership and toward the understanding of the principles of our Society through addresses, distribution of leaflets and encouragements of reading of religious literature. Much more might be done along this line

Our membership is generally alert in striving for improvement of social conditions in the community and are active in our organizations working toward this end. With so much to attract in the social world today there is an urgent need to be selective that largely only the most worth while shall occupy our time and efforts.

But little actual want from poverty exists among us. Through cooperation on work in other organizations our membership endeavor to study and better the conditions under which men, women and children live and labor.

None of our members in any special need of assistance. Our membership are interested in voluntary social service where circumstances seem to make it possible but no person enlistments have been made for such services abroad so far as known.

As a meeting we have done very little in any organized way to help obtain a solution of the problems of employer and employee.

Many of our members do make an effort toward a better understanding of the problem and try to treat them in a Christian spirit.

Our meeting endeavors to be a part of the community and to help to develop community spirit. Gambling is discouraged and generally avoided

More active work against such evils should be our concern.

No active work has been done for prison reform. No dependent or delinquent children in our neighborhood so far as known. Our principal endeavor is to provide means and safeguards to prevent or avoid delinquency. We co-operate in endeavoring to supply wholesome recreation.

Probably more thought and care should be given to this problem.

We have endeavored in a small way to promote peaceful settlement of all disputes and to contribute something toward the education of the people to see the uselessness and crime of war.

A larger and more efficient program toward this end might well be taken up by our meeting.”

Our Treasurer is directed to the to the Yearly Meetings Treasurer our quota of funds so far received.

As representatives to Yearly Meeting we appoint — Clarence Mills, Alice Tomlinson, Thomas and Maria Jenkins Anna Cole, Eleanor Brown, Herbert Smith, John Hill, Oliver Trueblood Loren Payne, Albert T. Mills, Albert Miller and Kenneth Mills.

At the Benjaminville Meeting felt more or less discouraged in attempting to continue as part of Blue River Quarterly Meeting, a committee was appointed to meet with them and discuss possibilities for continuance.

Those appointed were Allen Brown George Benjamin, Albert Mills, Clement B. Flitcraft, John Hill, Eleanora Brown and Anna B. Coale.

A short intermission was declared and members of Benjaminville Monthly Meeting met and discussed future plans, and approved of the names of George Coale, George Rowley and William Lausterer as Trustees.

The committee appointed from this meeting before the intermission report back that a more suitable time for the Blue River Quarterly to come to Benjaminville will be the Saturday following Labor Day.

This plan meets with the approval of this meeting and will necessitate the making of reports at the Blue River Quarter held at Salem Indiana in May.

The Clerk is requested to write letters of sympathy to two of the Benjaminville Friends in Hospitals.

Edith M. Mills read a letter from Barnard Walton pertaining to publicity regarding Friends, being placed in local papers.

A sample was read. Discussion followed

There being no further business —

Adjourned to meet at Clear Creek Nov. 12 —

Luella W. Flitcraft.

Luella C. Parker — Clerks