

Blue River Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Benjaminville Meeting House Eighth month 7th 1926

The assistant clerk not being present Jeanette F. Stetson is appointed for the day.

Reports from Chicago and Clear Creek Monthly Meetings show that Charles Smith, Mattie Mills, Luella Flitcraft, Maria L. Frederickson, Clement B. Flitcraft, Jeanette F. Stetson, Alice E. Tomlinson, Ruth Ash, Howard Mills, Josiah Tomlinson and Clarence Mills were appointed as representatives to this meeting. Six of these are present. No reports from Blue River Monthly Meeting or from Benjaminville.

Statistical reports from Chicago and Clear Creek upon being read are directed to be forwarded with our report to the Yearly Meeting. The clerk is directed to secure these corrected statistics from Blue River and Benjaminville membership if possible in time for presentation to the Yearly Meeting.

The committee appointed in Fifth Month last to examine the Treasurer's books and to bring forward nominations for our officers for the coming year report that they find the treasurer's books and accounts correct. They present the name of Clarence Mills for clerk. As assistants Sarah P. Poulson of Chicago; Elwood Brooks of Salem, Indiana; Anna B. Lausterer of Holder, Illinois and Mildred Whitney of Magnolia, Ills. As treasurer, Clement B. Flitcraft.

These nominations upon separate consideration are approved and they are accordingly appointed to the respective sessions for the coming year.

Written answers to the queries are received from one meeting only. This set of answers upon being read are directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting as part of our report.

Attention was called to the several personal queries which are proposed in the new joint revision of discipline as adopted by the recent General Conference. A few general queries are directed to the meetings for written answers and the balance are personal queries of importance.

The clerk is directed to officially inform the Yearly Meeting that the time for holding our Quarterly Meeting at Highland Meeting House near Salem, Indiana has been definitely fixed as the third week end in Fifth Month.

Answers to Queries.

1st Ans. Our meetings have maintained about the usual attendance. A fair degree of punctuality is observed. Good order prevails. A testimony in favor of a free gospel ministry is bourn.

2nd Ans. Our members generally maintain Christian fellowship toward each other. They endeavor to live honestly by avoiding most superfluities and practicing good deportment. They are usually careful also to avoid corrupting practices in speech or habits.

3rd Ans.— Nearly all our membership exert a consistent influence toward the enforcement of our prohibitory laws. They are, we believe, nearly clear of the use of intoxicants. Temperate living is taught and encouraged. Most of our members do not use tobacco or narcotics in any form. They

discourage the use of alcoholic stimulants as well as narcotics as medicines. Endeavors are used to guard against amusements of a demoralizing tendency.

4th Ans. – Our members endeavor to be just in their dealings and punctual in their business transactions. No unemployed among us. Aid is given when investigation justifies.

5th Ans. Our members are vitally interested in suppling their children and young people with sufficient and suitable education through our public and higher schools to make of them useful citizens with well developed moral and spiritual powers. Good literature is provided. A more careful and thoughtful reading of the Scriptures would be helpful to all. Most of our active members promote interest in the First-day School.

6th Ans. An urgent need is felt for the preparation for peace as against war peace principles are urged by our members. Arbitration as a proper means and Christian way for the settlement of difficulties is stressed. Militaristic amusements are generally discouraged and avoided.

7th Ans. No violations of our principals and testimonies have been brought to the attention of our meeting.

8th Ans. No meetings have been established and none discontinued since last report.

Our treasurer is directed to pay to the yearly meeting's treasurer our quota of funds so far as received.

As representatives to the approaching Yearly Meeting we appoint E. Raymond Bumgarner, John Hill, Gladys Mills, Anna Lausterer, Jeanette F. Stetson, Grace Benjamin, Fannie Brooks, Maria Frederickson, Luella Parker and Arthur Wilson.

During this meeting we have keenly missed familiar faces of dear Friends who have been loyal and active members of Benjaminville meeting for so many years. Since last we met here a year ago Elizabeth H. Coale, Rebecca Brown, J. Warner Coale and Griffith E. Coale have been removed by death. Although their lives are now but history yet the results of their activities for the welfare of the meeting and their contributions in Friendly ways should be a spur to us to be faithful.

Having transacted the business coming before us we conclude to meet at Clear Creek in 11th month.

Clarence Mills Clerk
Jeanette F. Stetson Asst. for day