

Blue River Quarterly (BRQ) Spring Session

Fourth Month 9-11, 2021

Minutes: Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business held via teleconference

4.10.21

IN ATTENDANCE

57th Street: Dave and Nancy Finke, who attend Oberlin Friends Meeting of Ohio and formerly of Columbia Friends Meeting

Bloomington-Normal Meeting: Mary Cunningham, Heather Evert, Christina Schulz (Recording Clerk), Vivian Watson

Clear Creek Meeting: Beth Carpenter, Grayce Mesner, Neil Mesner

Southern Illinois Meeting: Dawn Crimson

St. Louis Meeting: Margaret Katranides, Andrea Kintree, Steve Tamari, Dave Wixom

Urbana-Champaign Meeting: Peter Lasersohn (Clerk), Sharon Haworth, Dale Gardner, Bobbi Trist

MINUTES

We opened the Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business with silence.

Minute 1: Friends approved the nominations of Beth Carpenter for clerk, Dale Gardner for recording clerk, Margie Haworth-Davis for treasurer, and Peter Lasersohn for website manager. All for 2-year terms beginning with the rise of meeting.

Minute 2: Peter provided Treasurer's Report (follows these Minutes). Friends accepted the report.

Minute 3: We welcome donations from Friends for this BRQ. There were no registration fees associated with this gathering.

Minute 4: Sharon Haworth let us know that we didn't donate to Project Lakota after their presentation last fall. She asked that we consider a donation at this time. Friends approved donating \$1,000 for Project Lakota Ville.

Minute 5: Champaign-Urbana Meeting is doing a fundraiser for undocumented immigrants. Bobbi Trist asked Friends to consider donating to that. C-U Meeting's Peace & Service Committee picked five organizations supporting six programs serving people who are among the most targeted as follows:

1. Cunningham Township Supervisors Office
2. University of Illinois YMCA, New American Welcome Center
3. Immigrant Services of Champaign Urbana (formerly CU FAIR)
4. Center for Development of Central America (CDCA)
5. Maya Health Alliance (MHA or "Wuqu'Kawoq")

Minute 6: Friends approved paying Champaign-Urbana Monthly Meeting \$2,000, who will then distribute the donation among the organizations on our behalf. We are interested in receiving a report of standing, so our Quarterly is aware of what's being done.

Minute 7: We discussed ways requests for donations might come to this Meeting and feel it would be helpful if we engage in the following as questions to inform decision-making and to hold ourselves accountable to responsible giving:

1. Has a Monthly Meeting advanced the requests to the Quarterly ahead of the gathering?
2. What has been the involvement in this organization of a Monthly Meeting or Meetings in the Quarterly?
3. Are Friends from BRQ Monthly Meetings involved in the organization(s) we might donate to?
4. Do we have a report to review and keep on file to understand the activity of the organization(s)?

These questions should not limit the movement of the Spirit in the Meeting.

Minute 8: Fall Quarterly has a reservation at the DuBois Center September 17-19, 2021. However, it will be up to the Planning Committee to make the decision whether to hold that Quarterly in-person or via Zoom. The Planning Committee will include Peter Lasersohn, Bobbi Trist, and Dawn Crimson. Dave Wixom is volunteering to do something related to planning, as well.

Minute 9: The following Meetings shared State of Society Reports: Bloomington-Normal; Clear Creek; Burlington Worship Group; St. Louis; Urbana-Champaign. Extemporaneous reports on Columbia and Southern Illinois Meetings were also given.

Christina Schulz read these Minutes and Friends approved.

Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business closed in silence.