

Blue River Quarterly

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

September 17, 2022

Minutes

Attendance: Beth Carpenter (clerk), Dale Gardner (recording clerk), Peter Lasersohn, Dawn Crimson, Margaret Katranides, David Wixom, Fariba Murray, Tom Hensold, Denice Smith, Margie Haworth-Davis

Opened in silent worship

1. Margie Haworth-Davis gave the Treasurer's Report. Accepted. Report below.
2. Blue River Quarterly is open to contributing financially for program costs for 150th anniversary of ILYM, year 2025.
3. Peter Lasersohn gave a report on the Blue River Quarterly agreement to archive records at the UIUC Library. Accepted. Report below.
4. Meeting endorses the Blue River Quarterly/UIUC library deposit agreement and encourages continuing deposits using PH neutral paper. Agreement below.
  - a. All Monthly Meetings are encouraged to sign their own deposit agreements with UIUC (contact "Krista Gray" graykr@illinois.edu.
  - b. Meeting thanks Peter Lasersohn for all his hard work on these archival issues.
5. Nominating Committee consists of Margie Haworth-Davis and Fariba Murray. They will report to Spring 2023 BRQ.
6. How are meetings doing?
  - a. Bloomington Normal has new clerk, first day school once a month, and meets in person now.

b. Clear Creek: The meeting was pleased with all the people showing up for Neil Mesner's memorial and for ILYM annual sessions. Since Judy Reese suddenly lost her service dog, she has had to leave as caretaker and vital member of the meeting. The Maintenance, Planning and Envisioning fall work day is October 1. Clear Creek recently welcomed a new member.

i. Burlington worship group is meeting in person.

ii. Macomb not meeting right now.

c. Columbia is now meeting in a new meeting house and installed a big screen to better integrate Zoom and in person worship.

d. St. Louis has hybrid meeting, 20-25 in person, 8 on Zoom. Has resumed spiritual direction groups. There is a small first day school. Query meetings after worship.

Welcomed a new member. Overall fairly stable.

e. Southern Illinois moved back to Gaia House, its former worship place. Lost some regular attenders from the pandemic. Regular worshipers down to 3-4. Hanging in there. Planning for Maurine Pyle's memorial. Trouble figuring how to grow again. Potentially have some toddlers.

f. Spoon River – no report.

g. Urbana Champaign has hybrid meeting with outdoor meeting when possible. A dozen and a half in person, 3-8 on Zoom. Some new members. Has a midweek meeting and an active first day school. Some social activities are being planned again.

i. Springfield is still hanging in there with up to 6-7 attenders.

7. April 14-16, 2023, BRQ, Camp CILCA.

8. BRQ will return to Camp DuBois, preferably on Sept 15 -17, 2023.

9. Meeting appreciated watching the film "Ay Mariposa" and discussion about the border barriers and impact on people and wildlife there.

10. Volunteers for Spring BRQ: David Wixom volunteers for a hike. Beth will send emails seeking more volunteers to make sure it happens.

11. Meeting approves donations for FCNL and AFSC Midwest, \$500 each.

Closed with worship.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING			
16-Sep-22			
Balance on Hand Apr 9, 2022:			\$ 10,230.03
DEBITS			
None!			
		TOTAL DEBITS	-
CREDITS			
3/31/22	Interest		0.86
4/29/22	Interest		0.81
5/31/22	Interest		0.90
6/30/22	Interest		0.84
7/25/22	Donations		400.00
7/29/22	Interest		0.82
8/29/22	Amazon		0.66
8/31/22	Interest		0.96
9/8/22	Fall '22 Fees & Donations		757.00
		TOTAL CREDITS	1,162.85
Balance on Hand September 16, 2022:			\$11,392.88
Apr '22 - Sep '22 Meeting Contributions:			
7/25/22	Urbana-Champaign	\$350	
7/25/22	S. Illinois	\$50	
9/8/22	Columbia	\$200	
Proceeds from sale of books:			
Apr '22 - Sep '22		\$0.66	
Accumulated Total		\$135.68	

## Report on the meeting's agreement to archive its records at the University of Illinois Library

From Peter Lasersohn to Blue River Quarterly Meeting held 9/17/2022 at the Dubois Center

Since 1977, Blue River Quarterly Meeting has archived its records at the University of Illinois Library, as has Illinois Yearly Meeting, and most of its monthly meetings. The records form part of the Illinois History and Lincoln Collections, a department of the library dedicated to archival materials related to Illinois history and/or Abraham Lincoln.

For a number of years, I have made regular efforts to make sure the BRQ archives in the library are up to date. In 2020, I made an appointment with the library to make a deposit of recent minutes. In their reply, library staff indicated that they were now asking everyone depositing materials to sign a standard agreement, and attached a copy.

The new standard agreement was inconsistent with the terms of the 1977 agreement, primarily in that it transferred title and copyright to the library. When I pointed this out to the library staff, it became clear that they were unaware of the existing agreement. After some research, the staff were able to verify the existing agreement, but informed me that the library wanted to update the terms and have new paperwork signed. As Krista Gray, Archives Program Officer, put it, "state and university regulations and library policies and best practices have changed in the past 42 years, so a new agreement will need to reflect those changes and will look different from the one in 1977."

In light of these communications, I did not make the deposit as planned, and have not deposited any records since. The yearly meeting appointed a committee to negotiate with the library. (I was a member of that committee.) After a 2-year process, the library proposed a new agreement, very similar to their standard agreement, which the yearly meeting approved in its 2022 sessions.

The library is now asking Blue River Quarterly Meeting also to approve a deposit agreement. Unlike the 1977 agreement, which was signed jointly by the yearly and quarterly meetings, the proposed new agreement is a separate document from the one approved by the yearly meeting. However, the terms are identical.

The text of the proposed new agreement is attached, as is the text of the 1977 agreement. Please note that signing the new agreement would transfer title and copyright for our records to the University of Illinois Library, but that we would retain the right to use the materials for any purpose, including publication, for the duration of the copyright.

ILLINOIS HISTORY AND LINCOLN COLLECTIONS University Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

### **DEED OF GIFT**

The undersigned NAME of CITY, STATE, as POSITION/TITLE of the Blue River Quarterly Meeting as donor hereby gives, grants, and conveys without consideration and as a gift in perpetuity to the University of Illinois Foundation at Urbana-Champaign (hereinafter referred to as the Donee) for the benefit of the Illinois History and Lincoln Collections unit, a Division of the University Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign the papers, photographs, books and other historical material of the Illinois Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (hereafter described as the Materials) which are described in Appendix A, attached hereunto.

The Illinois History and Lincoln Collections unit in return undertakes to house, save, protect and otherwise administer according to accepted archival practice all the Materials in the best interests of impartial scholarship, subject to the conditions specified below.

1. Title to the Materials shall pass to the Donee upon their delivery.
2. At any time after delivery the Donor shall be permitted to examine any of the Materials during the regular working hours of the Illinois History and Lincoln Collections unit. Specific items needed by the Donor will be copied by the Donee or charged out to the Donor for administrative or legal purposes.
3. It is the Donor's wish that the Materials be made available for research as soon as possible following their deposit in the Illinois History and Lincoln Collections unit. Researchers who follow rules established by the Illinois History and Lincoln Collections unit for handling and using archival material may have full access to these Materials, including the right to make single copies in lieu of note-taking unless limiting conditions are stated as follows:

NONE

4. The Illinois History and Lincoln Collections unit may dispose of any items that it determines to have insufficient enduring value. Such items will be (circle one):

DESTROYED

RETURNED TO DONOR

5. The Illinois History and Lincoln Collections unit may transfer items included in these Materials to a different physical form to facilitate their preservation and accessibility.
6. To facilitate the research use of the Materials, the Donor hereby give and assign to the Donee those rights of copyright which the Donor has in the Materials as well as any rights of privacy and publicity in the materials which the Donor may hold. The Illinois History and Lincoln

Collections unit is hereby authorized to administer any copyright permissions related to the Materials. In return, Donee hereby grants to the Donor for the duration of the copyright the right to use the Materials for any purpose, including publication. Donor and Donee shall, to the extent possible, inform each other of any major publications.

7. In the event that the Donor or the Donor's estate may from time to time hereafter give, grant, and convey additional papers, and other historical Materials, title to such additional papers and other

historical Materials shall pass to the Donee upon their delivery, and all of the provisions of this agreement shall be applicable to such additional items which shall become part of the Materials.

8. The Donor affirms that they own said material and that to the best of their knowledge they have good and complete right and title (including the rights noted in paragraph 6) to give the materials to the University of Illinois.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Deed of gift has been signed and delivered this \_\_\_\_\_ day of , 2022.

Donor, NAME  
POSITION/TITLE, Blue River Quarterly Meeting

Archives Program Officer  
for Illinois History and Lincoln Collections, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

University Librarian,  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

For the University of Illinois Foundation

#### **Appendix A.**

Records documenting the administration and activities of the Blue River Quarterly Meeting from the early nineteenth century to the early twenty-first century. These records include minutes, publications, financial records, event materials, and other materials. They document the ongoing work and activities of the Blue River Quarterly as well as its relationship to the constituent monthly meetings. Records also include publications, reports, and other documents from various monthly meetings.

A detailed inventory of records concerning the Blue River Quarterly Meeting is included within the finding aid for the Religious Society of Friends Records (MS 960) held at the Illinois History and Lincoln Collections.

The full finding aid is available online at:

<https://www.library.illinois.edu/ihx/archon/index.php?p=collections/findingaid&id=873>

Deposit Agreement Involving the  
Illinois Yearly Meeting and the Blue River Quarterly Meeting  
of the Religious Society of Friends  
and The Board of Trustees of The University of Illinois

The Illinois Yearly Meeting and the Blue River Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), (hereafter named as Depositors) and The Board of Trustees of The University of Illinois (hereafter named University) hereby agree to the deposit of the records of the Illinois Yearly Meeting and of the Blue River Quarterly Meeting at the University of Illinois Library, subject to the following conditions:

1. The University will organize the records, maintain them under close security, and will provide the Depositors an inventory of the records.
2. The University will make the records available to scholars, students, and other qualified and interested persons subject to standard archival practices and to the general policies governing access to manuscript material adopted by the Association of College and Research Libraries.
3. The University will provide the Depositors a microfilm copy of the record, and will maintain a master microfilm negative for producing additional copies.
4. The University will identify each archival container (whether box or carton) with a label identifying the records as the property of the Depositors placed on permanent deposit at the University.
5. The University will not willfully destroy or dispose of the deposited records.
6. The Depositors will bear the loss of the records under any circumstances other than those described in condition five above.
7. The Depositors may withdraw the records from the University if the above conditions are not observed only after (a) notifying the University that one or more conditions of deposit has been violated and allowing the University six months to correct the situation, and (b) on the Library's failure to correct the situation, declaring the Depositor's intention to withdraw the records after an interval of at least one month.
8. The Depositors may withdraw the records from the University for a reason other than that specified in condition above any time after

five years from the date of the agreement if the Depositors reimburse the University for the processing, maintenance, microfilming, and Library overhead expenses incurred by the University in its custody of the records. The amount of the reimbursement will be negotiated at the time of withdrawal.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1977.

APPROVED:

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University Librarian

*Robert M. Sutton*  
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