

**Blue River Quarterly
Meeting for Business - 9/20/2025
Dubois Center**

Attendance: Dawn Crimson (clerk), Dale Gardner (recording), Margie Haworth-Davis (treasurer), Sandy Matsuda, Peter Lasersohn, Grayce Haworth Mesner, Selina Forsyth, Marcia Nelson, Heather Evert, Bobbi Trist, Lindsay Rabbe, Barbara Stanford, Mike Dennis, David Wixom

1. The meeting opened with silent worship.
2. Treasurer's report: See report below. Accepted. Discussion of possible donations to Middle East Children's Alliance, World Central Kitchen, or others, as well as to ILYM for the new Highschool Bunkhouse.
3. Informal reports from monthly meetings
 - Written report from Beth Carpenter regarding Spoon River, Macomb, Burlington, and Clear Creek (see below)
 - Bloomington-Normal: Upcoming cookout. Meeting doing well.
 - Burlington WG
 - Clear Creek
 - Columbia: Thriving with 12 to 20 attenders and with midweek zoom worship. High visibility in new location. More youth.
 - Saint Louis: Attendance is 30 to 40. It has a good adult education program, more people getting involved. Children's program continues. Works with tornado consequences in area. Dealing with squirrel infestation in meetinghouse. Flooding in basement. Suspended homeless ministry after several months and volunteer burnout. Some other issues. Needs to raise another \$50,000 for meetinghouse damages.
 - Southern Illinois: Still small and struggling. Very quiet, stable. Little participation from university. Some intervisitation happening with Memphis TN Friends.
 - Springfield WG
 - Urbana-Champaign: Several new people attending with classes restarting. Geothermal heating/cooling system with a celebration. From a large bequest to meeting, the meeting has been giving grants for various good causes. Continuing First Day school with three families participating.
4. Plans for Spring 2026 gathering, East Bay Camp, Bloomington, April 17-19
Proposal from ILYM Ministry & Advancement (Erin Taylor): they would like to offer a workshop centered around extended worship.

*Basically, the idea is that M&A would plan the adult programming for spring quarterly on the theme of extended worship, and **all ILYM Friends would be invited to attend spring BRQ to participate**. We thought this might work especially well given that the spring quarterly will be near Bloomington, closer to the more northern meetings outside BRQ.*

Friends warmly approved of this proposal.

Plans to invite Choz Howard-McKinney to lead the children's program. Dale Gardner, Bobbi Trist and ILYM Children's Religious Education Committee will coordinate with Choz.

5. For Fall 2026: Should there be a rotation to a location closer to St. Louis or Missouri? No, we like it here at Dubois Center. Recommendation to make publicity posters for Blue River Quarterly gatherings, three months in advance of the gatherings, mailed to Monthly Meetings and distributed via email. Heather volunteered to develop them, with help from Dawn. Recommendation for an enticing report on past BRQ activities.
Fall 2026 Blue River Quarterly Meeting to be held September 18-20, 2026 at Dubois Center.
6. Meeting approves \$1,000 donations each to ILYM for the High School Bunkhouse, Middle East Children's Alliance (MECA), plus AFSC Gaza Emergency Relief (*recipients later affirmed during the evening presentation by Steve Tamari*).
7. Announcements
 - **10/4/2025 - Fall Work Day** at McNabb: Please let Chris Goode know if you are planning to come so they have some idea of how much chili to make, but don't let that stop you from coming if you haven't.
 - Chris Goode email: chris@archandcons.com phone: 708-256-4050
 - **10/11/2025 - Fall Continuing Committee** at the ILYM Meetinghouse, hosted by Clear Creek, McNabb
8. The meeting closed with silent worship.

For the BRQ ILYM 2026 Planning Meeting - BRQ has Site Prep; Steve Tamari is serving as the overall coordinator. Please consider responding to invitations from Barb Lawhorn and Erin Taylor encouraging your participation in Site Prep.

- **ILYM Site Prep 6 / 13-17 / 2026**
- **Illinois Yearly Meeting 6 / 17-21 / 2026**

Summarized report from Beth Carpenter regarding Spoon River, Macomb, Burlington, and Clear Creek, 8/27/2025

Work that has been done with Spoon River since annual sessions:

I emailed Chuck Schulz after annual sessions to send him the minute approving their request to be laid down, and offered again to assist in any way possible, especially with the transfer of memberships. To date, Clear Creek has accepted transfers of Sean West, Erin Taylor, and Anne Houtman. Frank and Julie Young have transferred their memberships to Urbana Champaign. Spoon River continues to meet once a month, I believe it's the first Sunday.

On a related note, since laying down the Macomb Worship Group, Friends from there have begun meeting with Burlington once a month. Since annual sessions, Clear Creek has received two requests for membership from Burlington Friends, one of which has been approved and the other we hope to have a clearness committee meet with next month. Meanwhile, Clear Creek has had a steady stream of visitors (and two fairly regular new attenders) since our retreat in March.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO BLUE RIVER QUARTERLY MEETING
 19-Sep-25

Balance on Hand April 12, 2025: \$ 8,775.81

DEBITS

4/13/2025	Camp Cilca - Spring '25	940.00
8/8/2025	DuBois Center - Fall '25 deposit (\$500 deposit left in '24)	71.00
TOTAL DEBITS		1,011.00

CREDITS

3/31/2025	Interest	3.47
4/18/2025	Spring '25 Fees & Donations	1,685.00
4/30/2025	Interest	3.55
5/30/2025	Interest	3.92
6/30/2025	Interest	4.05
7/16/2025	Donation	350.00
7/31/2025	Interest	4.10
8/29/2025	Interest	3.91
TOTAL CREDITS		2,058.00

Balance on Hand September 19, 2025: \$9,822.81

April '25 - Sep '25 Meeting Contributions:	Rec contribution: \$8/resident adult member
4/18/2025 Bloomington-Normal	\$80
7/16/2025 Urbana-Champaign	\$350

Proceeds from sale of books:	
April '25 - Sep '25	\$0.00
Accumulated Total	\$136.72