

AT BALTIMORE MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
(HOMWOOD)

Held Ninth Month 30th., 1954

There were 25 members present and three attenders.

In the absence of the Recording Clerk, J. Brownie Newman was appointed for the day.

The minutes of the Meeting held Eighth Month 26th, were read, amended, and accepted.

Quarterly Meeting, Ninth Month 19th., at Sandy Spring, Maryland, was reported on by Andrew Simon. All appointed Homewood representatives had been present with the exception of Margaret Hunter, who had illness in her family.

A discussion concerning the hours and time during which the Meeting House should be open for prayer and meditation was left pending suggestions from the Secretary and the House and Grounds Committee.

There was no report from the Trustees on what action, if any, was taken concerning aid for building a new Meeting House for the Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Monthly Meeting.

Edna Goodwin reported that George Fallon and Arthur Sherwood are the candidates from the Fourth (Congressional) District. She suggested that the Board of Election Supervisors be written for the names of Congressional candidates from other districts. The above candidates expressed the attitude that the present draft law was regarded as adequate, but that when it expires in January, the Universal Military Training issue will be reopened. The Friends Committee on National Legislation writes that the draft law will be extended beyond January.

Emily Simon mentioned the FCNL questionnaire on "How to Interview Congressmen." She asked that the Meeting encourage its members to discuss the issues with candidates. Friends should visit candidates and discuss atomic and hydrogen bomb stockpiling.

Letters were sent to nine* of Maryland's Congressmen, asking them to state their views on the stockpiling of nuclear bombs. Replies came from these four: J. Glenn Beall, J. M. Butler, James P. S. Devereux and Edward A. Garmatz, whose letters were read by the Clerk to the Meeting.

The Executive Committee gave a report of its meeting. The question of a notice of the Meeting for Worship in the newspapers was discussed and referred to the Finance Committee without recommendation. A letter came to the Executive Committee from Elizabeth Haviland concerning a joint study with Stony Run Monthly Meeting on the Disciplines. This matter was referred to the Committee on Ministry and Council. The Executive Committee made the following suggestions, which were approved, for the Nominating Committee: Ruth Parker, Chairman, Edna Goodwin, Margaret Winslow, Albert Stickers and Elsworth Tanner.

* Approved Minutes contain the number "twelve", which is an error.

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A letter was read by the Clerk from Louis Mueller, resigning as Recording Clerk, after over 25 years of service; his resignation was necessary because of his health. The Clerk was instructed to send Louis Mueller a minute accepting his resignation with regret, to be accompanied by a letter of appreciation for his service.

The Nominating Committee was asked to suggest a replacement for the Recording Clerk.

Helen Silbernagel asked that the Monthly Meeting relieve her of her duties on the Social Order and Hospitality Committees, so that her full effort might be concentrated on her work as Recorder. Her request was approved.

The following committees reported at the request of the Clerk:

1. The Finance Committee -- The question of a contribution of \$3,792.36 from Homewood Monthly Meeting to the Yearly Meeting Budget for the Quarterly Meeting part of the Yearly Meeting Budget was referred to the Treasurer.

2. Howard Tachudy reported that the Ushers Committee had established its new schedule for this Fall (until Twelfth Month). James Hunter will attend the rear door of the Meeting during the First Day School.

3. Emily Simon reported on the work of the Joint Peace Committee in preparing a booth on the "Peoples of the USSR" for the United Nations Exposition to be held at the National Guard Armory, Tenth Month 22d., 23d., and 24th. She requested more help from Homewood.

The traveling minute given Emily Simon for the Summer has been returned, endorsed by the Borgendarn (?) Monthly Meeting, Denmark. Emily Simon took a biography for their library from Homewood entitled Walter Woodward, Friend on the Frontier.

The member churches of the Council of Churches of Maryland and Delaware are meeting Eleventh Month 4th. in the Second Presbyterian Church to hear Dr. Elfen Reese, adviser on refugee affairs for the World Council of Churches and a member of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, John Silbernagel, Margaret Hunter, Elizabeth McCullough and Byron Branson were approved as representatives of Homewood.

Marlin Dawson reviewed the situation of Camp Keewadin, which is owned by Stony Run Monthly Meeting, and which is now up for sale. In so doing, he raised also the question of a Yearly Meeting camp. There was some feeling that the Baltimore Meetings, Sandy Spring and Washington ought to maintain a camp for their joint use. After considerable discussion, the question was referred to the Christian Education Committee with the request that it canvass the Meeting on the question of the camp.