

AT BALTIMORE MONTHLY MEETING

OF FRIENDS (HOMEWOOD)

Held: First month 26, 1956

There were 25 present.

In the absence of the Recording Clerk, Katharine A. W. Simon was appointed to act in that capacity for this meeting. The minutes were read and accepted with few corrections.

The question of the McKim Mission was discussed and hope was expressed that we continue our interest. Week-end work camps were mentioned as avenues through which Friends can put definite emphasis on, and thereby implement, our testimony on equality of race within a group where there is no question of segregation.

Arrangements for the entertainment of more than fifty Friends attending the Friends World Committee went through smoothly and both hosts and guests expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to meet others from different sections and meetings. It was suggested that Homewood get in touch with Stony Run to issue jointly an invitation for the American Section to meet in Baltimore again next year.

A letter was read from Carl C. Baumbach, director of the Guilford College A Capella Choir, expressing the hope that they might still visit Baltimore, Homewood, for their concert on March 23rd. The proximity of Yearly Meeting makes it difficult to have a large number of people at that time, but it was directed that Byron Branson go further into the matter of both help in entertaining, and of necessary publicity. He is to bring his findings to the Monthly Meeting in Second Month.

A report was given by a representative of West Baltimore Meeting of their various concerns and activities, with special emphasis on the need for following the hearings of the F.E.P.C. Bill.

The Nominating Committee brought in the names of the following for representatives to Quarterly Meeting in Second Month: Ruthanna C. Moon, James Hunter, Eleanor Richardson, Elizabeth McCully, Stephen W. Simon, Irma W. Simon, J. Brownie Newman, Aurie A. Clark, and Margaret K. Winslow. These were approved.

The Executive Committee suggested the following names for the new Nominating Committee: Eleanor Richardson, Lucile Miser, Irma W. Simon, Byron M. Branson, and Patricia T. Harrison. These names were approved.

The concern was brought to the Monthly Meeting that perhaps older meetings had lapsed into a life of less active participation in the lively concerns while in the newer meetings fresh vitality was in greater evidence. Should we not, then, be more inclined to lighten our heavy machinery and shorten our lengthy discussions about good deeds, and turn again toward implementing our concerns and committees with ACTION.

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It was hoped that yearly reports of committees be read before Monthly Meeting with regularity. This has been neglected during the past few years.

We were encouraged to bring our sincere differences to Monthly and when so doring surround ourselves in the light and fellowship and love.

The report on the State of Society was read, and with further adjustments was accepted to be passed on to the Quarterly Meeting.

The Meeting closed after a prayerful silence.

J. H. Hall Parker
Clerk

Katharine A. W. Simon
Acting Recording Clerk