

AT BALTIMORE MONTHLY MEETING
OF FRIENDS (HOMEWOOD)

Held Fifth Month 31st, 1956

Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends (Homewood) met at 7:30 P.M. Fifth day, Fifth Month 31, 1956. There were 31 members present.

The Clerk being absent, the Recording Clerk opened the meeting and Katharine A. W. Simon was chosen to act as Clerk for the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Upon a report of our Nominating Committee, Irma W. Simon was chosen to serve a two-year term on the Baltimore Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee.

Marlin Dawson reported that the special committee appointed for that purpose had met with the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland in an effort to persuade it to modify its policy and allow conscientious objectors an alternative to ROTC training. He said that Fredrick Weisgal, of the Maryland Civil Liberties Union had submitted a brief on behalf of Barry Carr, but that no decision had yet been handed down.

The Clerk announced that annual reports had been received from the standing committees and that they would be available in the Clerk's file.

On the report of the Nominating Committee, after discussion and an additional nomination from the floor, the following officers, members of Ministry and Counsel, and trustees were approved, and a list is attached hereto.

The following two paragraphs from the explanatory report of the Nominating Committee were approved separately:

"...We suggest that the Executive Committee be asked to consider whether these committees (Finance and Nominating) should not be put onto a rotation basis."

"The one position that remains vacant is the Assistant Presiding Clerk. We consider this so important a position that we ask for more time before presenting a recommendation."

The Nominating Committee reported the following representatives to the Quarterly Meeting to be held Sixth Month 2nd at Deer Creek: Patricia T. Harrison, Roscoe Price, Miriam E. Brailey, Richard H. T. Carey, Eleanor Richardson, and Elizabeth McCully. These were approved.

On the request of the committee of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, and with the endorsement of the Ministry and Counsel, Rosetta W. Graham was warmly accepted as a member of Homewood Meeting.

Fern Stowe reported on the activities of West Baltimore Preparative Meeting.

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The Meeting agreed that during the months of June, July and August, Monthly Meeting would be held at 8 P.M. rather than 7:30 P.M.

The Clerk read a letter from James F. Walker of the Friends World Committee accepting the joint invitation of the three Meetings in Baltimore to hold its next annual meeting here. It was suggested that First Month 25, 26, and 27, 1957 would be preferable and the Meeting approved these dates.

Byron Branson read a letter from Marshall Sutton, Secretary of Stony Run Meeting, stating that Frank Loescher would speak at Stony Run Meeting, Tenth Month 19. Relative to this Byron suggested that a joint committee be established to make arrangements for visiting Friends and also to coordinate for the visit of the Friends World Committee. Ministry and Counsel was asked to bring forward suggestions for members of such a committee at the next Monthly Meeting.

A letter from A. Douglas Oliver, telling of the damage to the orphanage in Lebanon, was read. The Meeting asked the Missions Committee to reply to the letter stating that this meeting is prepared to contribute when it is decided what the need will be. The Committee was asked to consider what the Meeting could afford to give in the light of other needs.

Ruthanna C. Moon read a letter from Dr. Horst Rothe with regard to the needs of the Hospital in Kenya.

Jeanne Newman expressed a concern for more inter-visitation between Friends Meetings and invited Friends to visit with the newly formed College Park Meeting during the summer.

Whereupon, at 9:30 o'clock, the Meeting concluded in silence.

Katharine A. W. Simon
Acting Clerk

William J. Evans
Recording Clerk