

Margaret Wilson reported for the Joint Social Order Committee. The Meeting was asked to approve of sponsoring two families from Holland. The approval was given and the Committee was asked to continue its investigation.

Stony Run Friends will be invited to meet with Homewood Friends for worship Thanksgiving Day, Eleventh Month 22, at 10 o'clock.

Katherine A. W. Simon, Clerk of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel sent a communication stating that that body at its meeting on Tenth Month 17 went on record as recognizing the value of the Quiet Day held the third Seventh Day of each month. Helen Silbernagel, Miriam Brailey and Harriet Tyson were appointed by the Homewood Ministry and Counsel to work with a similar committee from Stoney Run towards encouraging others to join these times of spiritual renewal.

Our Clerk asked the Clerk of Ministry and Counsel to speak to the rearrangement of the seats in the Meeting Room. There is a feeling that a few people scattered over a large room, plus the increasing dissatisfaction with the facing seats tend to cut us off from each other in our meeting for worship.

After adjourning to the Meeting Room and discussing at length a different arrangement of the seats, the Meeting approved trying such an arrangement for two months beginning Eleventh Month 4. Friends were asked to bring their impressions to next Monthly Meeting.

Marshall Sutton spoke about a piece of property in Frederick County under consideration for a camp site. He expressed the hope that the two Yearly Meetings might purchase the land.

All were agreed concerning the value of a good camping program but many practical questions about the property remain unanswered. The camp committees of local meetings will be called to consider questions raised by members of the Meeting.

After a period of worship the Meeting adjourned to meet Eleventh Month 29.

J. H. Wood
Clerk

Margaret M. Hunter
Acting Recording Clerk

AT BALTIMORE MONTHLY MEETING

OF FRIENDS (HOMEWOOD)

Held: Eleventh Month 29th., 1956

Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends (Homewood) met at 7:45 P.M., Fifth Day, Eleventh Month 29, 1956. There were 24 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Clerk read the reply of the President of the University of Maryland to the letter of this Meeting dated Tenth Month 27, addressed to the Board of Regents of the University concerning its recent ruling that undergraduates who had not previously had military training would be required to take ROTC. The Meeting approved of continuing the special committee appointed to work with Barry Carr so that it might continue its efforts to work with the Board of Regents to eliminate the requirement of compulsory ROTC training as the way opens.

Doris Shamleffer reported on the activities of West Baltimore Meeting.

A report was received on the intervisitation of Homewood Friends with Friends at Deer Creek Meeting.

An evaluation was made of the new quadrangular arrangement of the benches in the Meeting Room. It was agreed that a further rearrangement be made so that two benches in two rows be arranged on the floor-level in front of the platform; that the remainder of the benches in the center two rows be arranged to face the front of the room in normal fashion, and that the benches in the side rows be arranged to face the center of the room. This arrangement is to be evaluated at the next Monthly Meeting.

The Meeting approved of sending Charles Marland a minute to be presented to his home meeting recording his visit at Homewood.

Aurie Clark, reporting for the Christian Education Committee, asked the Meeting to approve of a bake sale being held on Fellowship Sundays in order to raise money for a scholarship fund to be used in assisting Friends in attending Yearly Meeting. The Meeting withheld its approval, but subsequently authorized amendment of the budget to include an additional \$180 for this purpose.

The Executive Committee was requested to report names to the next Monthly Meeting for appointment to the Nominating Committee. It was further requested to arrange its nominations so that one-third of the committee may be re-elected each year.

Elizabeth Carpenter, chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the proposed budget which, after amendment to include a fund of \$180 to be disbursed by the Christian Education Committee to assist Friends in attending Yearly Meeting, was adopted subject to later review as follows: