

AT BALTIMORE MONTHLY MEETING
OF FRIENDS (HOMewood)

Held: Fourth Month 24, 1958

Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends (Homewood) met at 7:25 P.M., Fifth Day, Fourth Month 24, 1958. There were 21 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The meeting requested the Recording Clerk, in the future, to include in the minutes the gist of the report of West Baltimore Meeting.

The Clerk re-read the letter from Sheila Ensminger, now also signed by her fiancée, Gustav Lampe, asking to be married in the Meeting House in the manner of Friends during the first weekend of Ninth Month. The meeting appointed the following committee to consult with the couple: John and Lois Sexton, Margaret Hunter and Marlin Dawson.

A meeting for worship was appointed for 10:30 A.M., Seventh Day, Fifth Month 10, 1958 in the meeting Library for the marriage of William J. Evans and Georgia L. Johnson.

The annual report of the Missions Committee, written by Ruthanna C. Moon, was read by the Clerk. The Clerk also read the report of the Visual Education Committee, written by Elizabeth W. Stewart.

The Clerk read a letter from the Religious Society of Friends, Honolulu, Hawaii, thanking the Meeting for its contribution to the building fund of the Honolulu Meeting.

With a real sense of loss, we record the passing of John F. Silbernagel, Jr., who succumbed to a heart ailment on Second Month 15, 1958. A Friend by conviction in his young-manhood, John was one of several valued members of the Meeting who formerly participated in our activities at the old Light Street Meeting House. After that building was taken over by the City for a recreation center, he was equally faithful in his attendance at Homewood and served for years as Assistant Treasurer of our Meeting. Quiet and reserved in manner, he was always a firm adherent to the basic principles of our Christian faith and his was a steadying influence in our Meeting. He had a great concern for the spread of the Gospel and was especially interested in the conversion of Jewish people, to which endeavor he gave considerable time and thought. We miss his presence in our meetings for worship and his fellowship in our social gatherings.

The Meeting minuted with regret the passing on Fourth Month 19, 1958 of Carey Coale, who was a member of the Meeting of long standing although for many years he lived at Plainfield, N.J.

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The Nominating Committee was asked to name one member of the Meeting for possible service on each of the various Yearly Meeting Committees.

The Clerk read a notice of a Seminar for Quaker Leaders to be held in Washington, D.C., Fifth Month 21 to 24, 1958.

Hattie Stow reported on the activities of West Baltimore Meeting and announced that the last of three meetings on "Beliefs of Friends" will be held at 4 P.M., First Day, Fourth Month 27, 1958. At the previous two meetings Bliss Forbush and Marlin Dawson spoke.

Margaret Hunter reported that Homewood Friends had not yet contributed to the Yearly Meeting Peace Committee Scholarship Fund, and asked Friends to make their contributions in the near future.

James Hunter, chairman of the House and Grounds Committee, reported that the Committee had met with the Meeting Trustees and they had approved of going forward with installation of an auxiliary heating system. The work has been started and is progressing.

Ruthanna C. Moon was requested to write Congressman Brooks Hays expressing the Meeting's support of his views regarding increasing cultural exchange with Russia. The Clerk was asked to sign the letter on behalf of the Meeting.

Whereupon, the meeting concluded after a period of silence at 9:15 P.M.

J. Hollowell Parker
Clerk
William J. Evans
Recording Clerk