

# WINCHESTER MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

1970-1976

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While most of the grammar, spelling, and abbreviations were kept as close as possible to what is in the original Monthly Meeting Minutes, corrections and changes have been made to improve the readability of the minutes. Curly brackets are used to surround words or parts of words that the editors could not read or decipher: { ? }, {?ene}, {Parkin?}. Curly brackets are also used to enclose editorial notes and changes made by the editors.

Unless noted otherwise, these minutes are typewritten in their original form.

Parentheses are shown as they are found in the original minutes.

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The spelling of names has been corrected wherever obvious misspellings have been found. Otherwise, the names are spelled as they appear in the minutes. Please note that sometimes several variations of the same name do occur.

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(Transcribed June 2007)

From: WINCHESTER MONTHLY MEETING  
OF FRIENDS  
MINUTES

JANUARY 1955

TO

DECEMBER 1976

January 4, 1970

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened January 4, 1970 with 30 in attendance.

A few minutes of silent prayer were observed. The minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved as follows: Budget Balance \$448.70 (in the red) (\$300.15 collected in Sunday revival meeting), Non-Budget Balance is closed out for the time being, Mission Fund Balance \$2,472.28, Improvement Fund Balance \$278.83 (in the red), Expansion Fund Balance - Matured Treasury Bills \$39,913.33, and interest on these \$86.67 - balance in Improvement Fund as of December 31, 1969 \$36,502.11. Marvin Thornburg expressed his thanks to Gordon {Keys} for his being Treasurer and handling the church money. Gordon suggested we pay interest on borrowed money each month instead of yearly. He believes it would make us more aware of our debt. It was approved. Charles Cates asked when can we make payments on principle, Gordon answering that this could not be done until finished.

Statistical Report: December average attendance 152; wedding of Anita Keys and David Tate on November 22, 1969.

No report from Ministry & Counsel, since they did not meet.

No report from Finance Committee.

Gordon Stated the need for setting up some type of memorial fund - what type fund wanted, how to be applied, maybe some contributions combined since some were small.

It was approved for Keith, Joyce, Jayne and Kirk Mardock to move their membership to University Friends in Wichita, Kansas.

The Meeting also approved to meet the expenses for one week of \$25.00 from Mission Fund for the work of Randolph County Hospital Chaplain's Association.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting adjourned to meet February 1, 1970 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Asst. Recording Clerk

February 1, 1970

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened February 1, 1970 with 32 in attendance.

The opening minute was given and the minutes of the January Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given and approved showing as follows for January 31, 1970: Budget Balance \$526.25 (in the red), Non-Budget Balance (no activity), Mission Fund Balance \$2,498.28, Improvement Fund Balance \$291.43 (in the red), and Expansion Fund Balance \$30,793.88. The Treasurer reported the total cash donations toward the new annex as of January 31, 1970 to be \$18,247.30.

Statistical Report: January average attendance 115; birth of a daughter, Andrea Lynne, to Karen and Norman Peters on January 26, 1970.

There was no report from the Finance committee further than that given by the Treasurer.

A minute was read dated February 1, 1970 from Ministry & Counsel recommending that our Pastor attend the annual pastor's retreat to be held at Yokefellow Retreat Center, Richmond February 9 to 11, 1970 and that we pay our portion of his expense which would be \$20.00 and Yearly Meeting would pay the remaining \$6.00. This was approved.

The Clerk mentioned that no report was on hand at today's meeting from Ministry & Counsel regarding retaining the minister for the coming year. This was discussed and one member present from Ministry & Counsel said it was her impression that the rehiring of the minister for another year was no longer needed to be brought up each year unless some change was felt needed. It was mentioned that for the first time Friends ministers will be expected to sign a contract and this will cover such items as salary, term of contract, such as 1 year, 2 years or indefinite, fringe benefits and a place to write in any extras that might apply, and this will need to be taken care of by Ministry & Counsel and brought to the March Monthly Meeting.

Old business: Raymond had been appointed to attend the meeting at Richmond on January 10, 1970 on the National and World Councils of Churches and it was attended by about 50 representatives, but nothing definite was decided. The purpose of the meeting was to further explore and discuss the problems involved in relation to the National and World Councils of Churches. Several spoke that they would withdraw from Friends United Meeting if Indiana Yearly Meeting did not withdraw from these two Councils. On Saturday, February 7, 1970 an administrative council meeting will be held in Muncie to further discuss this issue, and since Gordon Keys and Raymond Breaker will be attending this meeting of the Executive Council of Yearly Meeting, we will have them bring back to us their findings. Raymond Chitty had the thought that perhaps we could propose a study committee with one representative from each church to investigate and report back to their own Meeting regarding some of the problems brought up and reasons for wanting to break away from the World and National Councils of Churches.

A request was read for transfer of membership of Mary Alice Boomer, now Mrs. Douglas Siebert, to the Gladwin First United Methodist Church, Gladwin, Michigan. Mary Alice's husband is a member there now. This was approved.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting adjourned to meet March 1, 1970 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

March 1, 1970

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened March 1, 1970 with 54 in attendance.

Following a few moments of silent prayer, the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved as corrected showing Mary Alice Boomer Siebert's husband, Douglas, a member of the Methodist Church and he had been attending at Dayton prior to moving to Gladwin, Michigan. At our February Meeting we approved Mary Alice's request to have her membership transferred to First United Methodist Church at Gladwin, Michigan where they now live.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved showing as of February 28, 1970: Budget Balance \$93.56 (in the red), Non-Budget - no balance as of February 28, 1970, Mission Fund Balance \$2,407.54, Improvement Fund Balance \$303.44 (in the red), and Expansion Fund Balance \$19,104.08. The Treasurer listed Memorial Money that was received and handled through the non-budget account as follows: In memory of Susan Davis from Mary Anderson and Joan Gasper - \$50.00, and \$25.00 in memory of Cheryl {Vaupel} Cole from Axel and Eleanor Ottson, Inez and Arthur Vaupel, and Pauline and Robert Ewing. To date the actual gifts toward our new annex total \$19,309.80. The Treasurer gave a detailed explanation of our income and expenses since the last 8 months of our church year, and he had gone to a lot of work to compile these figures showing our giving is up by about \$1,200.00, but at the same time our expenses have been increased by about \$3,000.00 during the same period, so that we have been running about \$800.00 behind. In summing up the working of the deficits, in short we are taking from the Mission Fund and the Expansion Fund to meet the current expenses.

Statistical Report: the wedding on February 28, 1970 of Nichola Dee Bosworth and Jack Steven Longnecker. The average attendance for February was 135.

An acknowledgment was read from the First United Methodist Church, Gladwin, Michigan accepting Mary Alice Siebert into membership.

A note was read from Indiana Yearly Meeting {that} Quaker Men's Spring Meeting {is} to be held April 4, 1970 at Spiceland.

An acknowledgment was read from the Randolph County Hospital Chaplain's Association thanking us for the \$25.00 we gave recently to help with their expenses.

A letter was read from T. Eugene Coffin of East Whittier Friends Church telling of the progress being made toward a fund that is being collected in Kisii, Kenya in Africa to build a new church there in Kisii Township. This is the project that we sent \$2,500.00 of the Flossie Brouse money towards sometime back.

A thank you note was read from the family of Cecil Mincer for sympathy extended recently.

A letter signed by Virgil Peacock, a member of the Structure Review Committee, was read asking our thoughts on how the new plan adopted is working. He said any suggestions or changes desired could be addressed to Virgil. It was the general feeling of the members present today that as far as we can tell in the very short time we have used the new plan there have been no particular hitches, and that most persons are making an honest effort to make it work.

A minute was read from Ministry & Counsel that they approve and recommend to Monthly Meeting that Cleo Harmon be given a leave of absence from her church duties as secretary during the month of April because of duties at home. The minute also states Ministry & Counsel also grants to her one or two free weeks during the summer for a vacation, and that Ministry & Counsel greatly appreciates the work and faithfulness of Cleo.

The following report was read from Ministry & Counsel: The Winchester Ministry & Counsel wishes to give our Pastor, Raymond V. Breaker, our vote of confidence in appreciation of his ministry, and for his outstanding work with both our local Meeting and the Yearly Meeting. In the Yearly Meeting he is Assistant Presiding Clerk, and also is chairman of the Yearly Meeting Committee on Evangelism and Outreach. The Ministry & Counsel also appreciates the integrity and fidelity with which our Pastor addresses himself to the needs of our community, and to our Meeting in pastoral calling on the sick and unchurched, in pastor counseling, in proclaiming the gospel, in teaching our Young Married Class, and also his special interest in the new educational unit. Ministry & Counsel wishes to reaffirm the minute of February 1966 which reads: "The Ministry & Counsel recommends to the Meeting that the question of retaining a pastor not be brought up each year, but only as there seems to be a need for a change, either on the part of the Pastor and family or Ministry & Counsel. If this seems necessary (a change), then it shall be known to Ministry & Counsel by March. There is to be an annual review of salary." The Ministry &

Counsel wishes to make three recommendations to Monthly Meeting as follows: 1) The last sentence of the above minute read: "If it seems necessary (a change) the Ministry & Counsel shall make this known to Monthly Meeting by March" (and) There is to be an annual review of salary (This conforms to Item I (3) in the Pastoral Agreement). 2) The Ministry & Counsel and the Finance & Stewardship Committee unanimously approved and recommends to Monthly Meeting that our Pastor be given a \$500.00 raise in salary - which amounts to a "cost of living increase." 3) That the Pastoral Agreement as outlined by the Yearly Meeting be read to Monthly Meeting. The Ministry & Counsel prayerfully submit this report to Monthly Meeting. May we as a Meeting all work together for the Glory of God. Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk, Rosa Mary Zell, Recording Clerk. It was the feeling of those present that the first part of the above should be changed from the month of March to February for any changes to be brought up either on the part of Ministry & Counsel or the Pastor. Approved.

Concern was expressed by some of our being able to meet our finances now and that if our indebtedness on our new building should be \$20,000.00 at 7% interest this would be an added \$1,400.00 a year to include in the budget. Others felt we need to have faith in the growth of our Meeting. The Meeting approved the above three recommendations with the Pastoral Agreement as follows: 1. Term of contract - Indeterminate. 2. Salary for year \$6,000.00 payable \$115.39 per week. 3. Pay of Pastor's Social Security - none. 4. Pay 50% of the hospitalization plan carried by Indiana Yearly Meeting. 5. Pay 5% of the new Pension Plan of United Meeting. 6. Provide a usable parsonage. Pay utilities. 7. Reimburse the Pastor \$1,500.00 annually for car expense. 8. Vacation for 4 weeks paid vacation, 1 day a week away from regular church responsibilities, a total of 7 Sundays away from the church annually: camps, conferences 1 Sunday, Evangelistic Services 2 Sundays. Signed by Mary Belle Hinshaw, Monthly Meeting Clerk, Burt S. Hiatt, Ministry & Membership Clerk, and Raymond B. Breaker, Pastor.

Since the hour was getting late, letters held over until next Meeting will be a letter on Indian affairs, a letter on World and National Councils of Churches, and the 1% club {One Percent More Program} of Indiana Yearly Meeting.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends is adjourned to meet April 5, 1970 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

March 22, 1970

A Called Meeting of Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held March 22, 1970 to consider names for membership.

The opening minute was given, and the following minute read: The Winchester Ministry & Counsel approves the following names to become members of our Meeting - By declaration of faith: Tom Rumer, Barbara Rumer, Ellene Kritsch, Frances Magner, and Doris Bales. By transfer of letter: Robert Cox, Gertrude Cox, and Dee Cox. From Associate to Active Membership: Mike Odom, Lesa Norman, Susan Breaker, Kathy Norman, Tammie Adkins, Carol Babcock, Vernon Hartzell, Gerald Gilpin, Mark Cook, Charles Jessup and Duane Bolinger. Signed by the Presiding Clerk, Burt S. Hiatt. The Meeting approved these names, but since it is such a busy season the names of persons to make the calls on these new members will be held up until our April Monthly Meeting.

{The Called Meeting of} Winchester Monthly Meeting is adjourned to meet April 5, 1970 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

April 5, 1970

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened April 5, 1970 with 44 in attendance.

Following the opening minute, the minutes of the March Meeting were read. Some felt that the minutes should not stand as stated that the decision to increase the Pastor's salary for the coming year by \$500.00 was unanimous, but that it was the unanimous decision of those present at the combined Called Ministry & Counsel and Stewardship & Finance Meeting of February 28, 1970. With this correction the minutes were approved. The minutes of the Called Meeting of March 22, 1970 were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved for the period ending March 31, 1970 as follows: Budget Balance \$234.06, Non-Budget - no activity, Mission Fund \$2,478.14, Improvement Fund \$571.56, and Expansion Fund \$13,093.11. It was noted that recent memorial gifts have been received as follows: Louise Stewart in memory of Grant Stewart \$40.00 to be used for a desk for the William Penn Class, \$50.00 from Robert and Rosemary McHolland in memory of Thad McHolland and John and Jennie Lee, and \$5.00 from Irene Brumfield in memory of Mary DeVoss. The cash donations and pledges paid to date total \$19,862.05.

Statistical Report: Marriage on March 14, 1970 of Austin Cox and Letha Jarrett. The birth of a daughter, Reva Marie, on March 22, 1970 to Dale and Nancy Brady. The average attendance for March was 178.

A letter was read from Harold C. Cope regarding the great struggle that is going on in some of the Monthly Meetings concerning the participation or affiliation of Indiana Yearly Meeting with the World and National Council of Churches. At a meeting held January 10, 1970 about 50% of the local Meetings were represented, and they were quite divided as to whether to stay or withdraw from the World and National Council of Churches. There is a great need for members to sit down and discuss this and air their feelings and give this prayerful thought before Yearly Meeting. No action was taken by our Meeting at present on this.

An interesting letter was read from the Loren Lilly's telling of their activities at Kickapoo Friends at McCloud, Oklahoma. They state they are making good use of their work shop. They closed by thanking all who helped make Christmas a happy time at Kickapoo.

A notice was read showing the Annual Spring Meeting of Quaker Men would be April 11, 1970 at Spiceland. We had previously had word that this supper would be held April 4, 1970.

A notice was read of a meeting to which our Youth are invited at Jericho on April 12, 1970 from 2:29 to 8:30 P.M. for Winchester Regional Quakers, and the purpose is to expose youth to church related vocations.

A letter of thanks was read from Duane Bolinger thanking the Meeting for sending him to the Friends United Meeting Seminar at Washington, D.C. recently.

Acknowledgments were received showing Keith and Joyce Mardock and children received into membership at University Monthly Meeting of Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

A removal certificate acknowledgment was received showing Robert, Gertrude, and Dee Cox transferring from Arba Monthly Meeting of Friends to our Meeting.

A letter from the Commission on Christian Social Concerns was read regarding the "One Percent More Program" which Indiana Yearly Meeting approved endorsing at their 1969 session. This plan would ask families to consider giving 1% more in addition to their present giving to help the suffering and underdeveloped areas of the world. Helen Boomer, our chairman on Peace and Social Concerns, was not present today, but it is hoped she will be able to attend the conference on World Resources and One Percent More with Western Yearly Meeting, Midwest Office of Friends World Committee, and Friends United Meeting Board on Social Concerns to be held April 25, 1970 at Greenfield Meeting. Charles Cates also plans to attend this important meeting on the sharing of our resources.

Charles Cates mentioned that Al Inglis, Friends United Meeting C.O. {Conscientious Objector} Services Friends minister from Rocky Ford, Colorado, who was in our Meeting last Sunday, works with young men who are conscientious objectors and helps them with alternative service. He told Charles that he would come back to our Meeting at some specified date should we desire him to speak to our young people along these lines.

Calls will be made on our new members as follows: Robert, Gertrude and Dee Cox will be called upon by Dick and Mary Belle Hinshaw, and they will also call on Carol Babcock; Walter and Pauline Mills will call on Tom and Barbara Rumer and also Duane Bolinger; Cleo Harmon and Estella Moore will call on Ellene Kritsch and Lesa and Kathy Norman. Doris Bales and Frances Magner will be called on by Lydia Cranor and Lena Bales. Susan Breaker will be called on by Elaine and Raymond Babcock; Charles Jessup will be called upon by Phil Carter. Gerald Gilpin will be called upon by Eloise and Gordon Keys. When Mike Odom returns home, he will be called on by Raymond and Georgia Breaker. Max and Janet Copeland will call upon Mark Cook and Tammie Adkins, and Alberta and Leland Shockney will make the call on Vernon Hartzell.

Raymond Breaker called our attention to our date for dedicating our new annex which will be May 24, 1970 at 2:00 P.M. with our Yearly Meeting Superintendent as our speaker, and the William Penn Class will serve refreshments. Mention was made that we should invite our past ministers to come and share the afternoon.

Raymond reported that of the pads that were passed among those attending on Easter Sunday and today, that thirteen of these people have expressed a desire to unite with us, and 25 others are good possibilities of becoming members, so that we have 38 to work and talk with.

Raymond said he learned yesterday that Don Rubindall of the Dublin Friends had succeeded Howard Macy as Director of Christian Education for the present.

Mary Belle thanked Raymond for his work in holding the five membership meetings recently.

Raymond mentioned that the Main Street Christian Church had asked if they might use our basement on Sunday evening April 19, 1970 for a carry-in supper honoring their minister, and we consented that they may use ours if we are not torn up. We used their basement a few months back for a supper.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

May 3, 1970

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened May 3, 1970 with 46 in attendance.

The opening minute was given and the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved as follows for the period ending April 30, 1970: Budget Balance \$81.60, Mission Fund Balance \$2,495.39, Improvement Fund Balance \$696.56, and Expansion Fund Balance \$3,351.13, which is mostly memorial funds. Last month we were not able to pay Dick Hinshaw all we owed him, and we still owe him \$4,896.37, and we will owe around \$150.00 for shrubs, etc. for the yard, \$106.00 for chairs that are to be delivered yet, \$400.00 for desks not yet delivered, \$400.00 (net) for stoves, and around \$1,500.00 on the kitchen, and around \$800.00 for work still to be billed by Hinshaw's on work done, or a total of around \$8,192.97 (which includes the above \$4,896.37 that we were not able to pay on Dick Hinshaw's last billing). Applying \$2,200.00 of the memorial money that could be designated toward this, we are going to be short around \$6,000.00 of completing our project. Additional costs have been incurred on this project over the original estimate due to a number of things including the water problem in the basement, the fact that the depth of the basement had to be increased which made this amount to around \$5,000.00 more than figured, the design of the roof was changed making an additional \$1,190.00, 3 coats of paint were applied rather than the two, the folding doors in the youth room were added, the aluminum doors were included, door closures, and the doors to the sanctuary which all totaled \$18,573.47 more than was included in the original estimate of \$73,588.70 plus 5% safety factor \$3,679.43. John Cook inquired at the bank regarding the \$6,000.00 we will need to complete our project, and their rate of interest would be 7%.

Individuals of our Meeting have agreed to loan money at a lesser rate of interest, and it was suggested that they let either John Cook or Gordon Keys know how much they would like to loan and the rate of interest they would ask. Approval was given for the Trustees to proceed to borrow this additional \$6,000.00. Several members expressed their thanks to John Cook and Dick Hinshaw for all their efforts on this new annex.

Statistical Report: the death on April 11, 1970 of Ray Alexander; the birth of a son, Mark Scott, to Larry and Nancy Thornburg on April 10, 1970; and the birth of a daughter, Jennifer Ann, to Keith and Sue Hinshaw on April 19, 1970. The average attendance for April was 148.

Helen Boomer gave a detailed report of the One Percent More Plan that was explained at the World Resources Conference she and Charles Cates

attended on April 25, 1970 at Greenfield Friends. She said some Friends wanted to do something to help people of the world help themselves on the hunger situation. This One Percent More Plan is to help combat the famine situation that our world is expected to be facing within 5 years. Africa and Jamaica are working toward projects that would use native skills and help establish funds so that they can use their own resources. It was reported that 20 Yearly Meetings have endorsed this One Percent More Plan, but Indiana has not yet set a definite plan. We will have to decide whether we want to back this as a Meeting or whether we handle this on an individual basis. If the Meeting backs this, we should include this in our budget. Charles Cates reported that he appreciated Landrum Boling's address.

The American Friends Service Committee report is available and will be placed on the bulletin board.

A letter was read from Matt H. Thompson saying that 101 high school students and leaders have taken part in American Friends Service Committee regional seminars to Washington and the United Nations during the current program year.

Charles Cates read a letter from the N. Columbus Friends Meeting regarding abolishing the draft law, and it urged that we write our wishes immediately and send them to Gary Stewart of the N. Columbus Friends Meeting.. Another letter was read from the American Friends Service Committee concerning the summer projects for high school and college age students, and if our youth would like to help in these areas they could contact Max and Janet Copeland, our Youth chairmen.

Since Indiana Yearly Meeting will be celebrating its Sesqui-Centennial, two things are being planned to commemorate this - one a book entitled "Our Special Heritage" and a Commemorative Plate. The book is the history of Indiana Yearly Meeting from its beginning, 1821 to the present. The front of the plate will have a picture of Friends Fellowship Community, and the back will have a small history of the same. The cost of the book will be \$3.95 and the plate will be \$3.50. Cleo Harmon has offered to take the orders and money for both.

The Winchester Regional Crusade will be held the first week of November here at our church, and Russell Myers, who is now general superintendent of Ohio Yearly Meeting will be the evangelist.

Capable people are needed to work on the various committees such as Executive, Prayer, Music, Publicity, Hospitality, Facilities, Follow-up, Outreach, and Finance. A sheet giving these various needs will be posted on the bulletin board and those who have a concern to work might choose one of the above and sign their name.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by the chairman, Pauline Mills, and the report was approved. It was mentioned that

Christian Fellowship and Special Days were combined into one committee.

John Cook thanked all who helped get the yard in shape, and Raymond Breaker thanked Janet Copeland for her work in the church office during Cleo's absence in April.

Raymond said the recent discussion on the National Council of Churches and World Council of Churches {resulted in} the agreement to have no money go from the Friends United Meeting to the National Council of Churches, but only on an individual voluntary basis at present.

Raymond Breaker had a suggestion that a Coordinating Council be formed within our church of the chairmen of the various committees, and that they meet 3 or 4 times a year to tell what was going on within their committee and make this a team effort for the church. It was felt this was an idea well worth trying with the beginning of the church year, and the heads of the committees would get together and present their ideas and goals for the year.

Several in our Meeting said they felt we have a need for more communication with each other.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting is adjourned to meet June 7, 1970 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

June 7, 1970

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened June 7, 1970 with 32 in attendance.

The opening minute was given, and the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved showing as of May 31, 1970 the following: Budget Balance \$152.81, Mission Fund Balance \$2,519.62, Improvement Fund Balance \$791.52, and Expansion Fund Balance \$4,509.99. The total donations to date toward our building project have been \$21,513.40.

A thank you note was read from Donna Lou Jessup thanking the Meeting for the Bible she received recently from the Meeting upon her graduation from high school.

An invitation was read inviting the Meeting to the wedding on Sunday, June 14, 1970 at 2:30 P.M. of Tony Kritsch and Marsha Sickels.

It was reported that the calls on the new members have been completed.

It was approved that Charles Cates and Mary Belle Hinshaw go to the Regional Meeting which will be held today at 2:00 P.M. here in our Meetinghouse for representatives to plan for Yearly Meeting, since Adam Flatter will be unable to attend.

Mention was made that it was felt our clerk should have been recognized in our Dedication Ceremony, since it was the feeling that our clerk has one of the most important positions in our Meeting and Monthly Meeting is where the authority of our Meeting lies, and that our clerk is the head of this. It was felt we need to accentuate more in our Meeting our Quaker practices we've gotten away from.

Burt Hiatt spoke that one of our guests tore a new dress on a protruding screw in one of our pews the afternoon of our Dedication, and since our insurance probably did not cover such a risk, it was approved that we should offer to reimburse Mrs. Cora Wells for this damage.

We have no further information at this time on the One Percent More Plan, but it was felt this would be discussed further at Yearly Meeting.

Statistical Report: Birth of a daughter, Lisa Lynn, to Danny and Ruth Ann Fouse on May 31, 1970. The average attendance for May was 155.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting is adjourned to meet July 5, 1970 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 1970-1971

Nominating Committee Chairman Pauline Mills  
Nominating Committee Asst. Chairman Janet Copeland

Presiding Clerk	Mary Belle Hinshaw
Assistant Presiding Clerk	Walter Mills
Recording Clerk	Winifred Thompson
Assistant Recording Clerk	Nancy Brady
Treasurer	Gordon Keys
Assistant Treasurer	Charles Cates

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY & MEMBERSHIP  
1968-1971:

Viva Gilpin, Mary Gulley, Marvin Thornburg, Leland Shockney

1969-1972:

Elaine Babcock, Lester Norman, Dale Brady, Carroll Densmore

1970-1973:

Raymond Chitty, Caroline Vaupel, Rosemary McHolland, Kate Jessup

TRUSTEES

1968-1971:

Eloise Keys, Walter Mills, Richard Hinshaw, Kathleen Hartzell

1969-1972:

Robert Hartzell, Maxine Kritsch, George Carter, Dale Martzell

1970-1973:

Gene Fidler, Burt Hiatt, Cleo Harmon, Harold Odom

COMMISSION ON STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

1968-1971:

Allen Comer, Clarence Kritsch, Max Copeland

1969-1972:

Raymond Babcock, Mildred Johnston, Joe Zell

1970-1973:

Austin Cox, Gernell Owens, Robert McHolland

COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

1968-1971:

Norman Peters, Karen Peters, Rita Densmore

1969-1972:

Winifred Thompson, Alice Harrison

1970-1973:

Sharon Babcock, Karen Chitty, Pauline Mills

YOUTH

Max and Janet Copeland, Chairmen

Burt and Betty Hiatt, Annie and Gene Fidler, Rosa Mary and Joe Zell,  
Kate Jessup

USHERS

Rodger Green, Chairman; Harold Odom, Assistant Chairman

Allen Comer, Dan Fouse, Norman Peters, Dickie Kolp, Mark Cook, Max  
Copeland, Burt Hiatt, Clarence Kritsch

Substitutes: Ronnie Hinshaw, Robert Hartzell

FUNERAL

Flora Hartzell, Chairman

Representatives of:

Golden Band Class - Virgie Smith  
Quaker Girls - Olive Cover  
William Penn Class - Linda Hinshaw  
Welcome Class - Ellene Kritsch

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Susie Green, Chairman  
Helen Boomer, Susan Mills, Charles Cates, Alvina Peters

MUSIC

George Carter, Chairman; Rosa Mary Zell, Assistant Chairman  
Elizabeth Cates, Sharon Fetta, Bill Addington, Cynthia Junco

STATISTICIANS

Elizabeth Cates, Ardith Coon

AUDITING

Evelyn Fields, Gladys Davisson

MISSIONARY

Alberta Shockney, Chairman  
Irene Thornburg, Cecil Fidler, Olive Cover, Olive Davisson, Anna Lou Arnett

SPECIAL DAYS & CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Mary and Ennis Gulley, Chairmen  
Bettye and Bill Monks, Christine and Ed Hanke, Alta and Earl Worley,  
John and Evelyn Cook

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1967-1970:

Don Clevenger - Ministry & Counsel  
Nancy Brady - Welcome Class  
Alice Harrison - Christian Education

1968-1971:

Maxine Kritsch - William Penn  
Carol Babcock - Youth

1969-1972:

Ralph Fisher - Golden Band Class  
Gernell Owens - Quaker Girls  
Alberta Shockney - Women's Society  
Kenneth Boomer - Quaker Men

Pauline Mills , Chairman; Janet Copeland, Assistant Chairman

July 5, 1970

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened July 5, 1970 with 40 in attendance.

Following a few moments of silent prayer, the opening minute was given, and the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved showing the following as of June 30, 1970: Budget Balance \$615.97, Mission Fund Balance \$2,444.75, Improvement Fund Balance \$899.11, and Expansion Fund Balance \$4,516.51. It was reported that to date total donations toward our new addition have been \$22,028.15. Also it was noted that at the end of this past year we had a balance of \$615.97 and this is the first time in a long time that we have met our budget. The Treasurer went over the new proposed budget for 1970-1971. It was noted that Social Concerns and Special Days are combined into one committee for the coming year. It was also brought to our attention that Quaker Life has not been included in our new budget, since it had been reported to the Stewardship & Finance Committee that several of our members had mentioned that they were not particular about receiving Quaker Life, since they do not have time to read it as they would like. The \$300.00 that has been budgeted toward this is costly if it is being sent to those who do not read it. This was discussed at length, and the suggestion was made that the Meeting continue sending Quaker Life to our shut-ins and students away at college, and the rest of us take care of our subscriptions on an individual basis. It was suggested that a note be put in the Friendly Reminder that anyone wishing a subscription to send their name and money to the church office, and that if we had perhaps around 100 to 125 subscribers the rate would be less. With \$40.00 included in our new proposed budget for Quaker Life this would make a new corrected proposed budget of \$25,450.00. This was approved by the Meeting. This will make our new budget \$1,025.00 higher than last year. Also note was made that United Budget does not allow any for National Council of Churches or World Council of Churches, so that if we wish we can contribute on an individual basis, but the suggestion was made that we do so through the church Treasurer.

Statistical Report: Death of Helen Clear on June 7, 1970. Wedding of Kenneth Mills and Kathalee Ehram on June 7, 1970; wedding of Anthony Kritsch and Marsha Sickels on June 14, 1970.

Correspondence: A thank you note was read from Mary Copeland thanking the Meeting for her Bible she received at graduation time, and from Ivan Clear for the expression of sympathy extended at the loss of his wife, Helen. Also a thank you was received from Cora Wells for the damage to her dress caused on dedication services when a screw in one of the pews tore her dress.

Winchester Region Program Planning Committee to plan the annual Regional Meeting for business preceding the Sessions of Indiana Yearly

Meeting was attended by Mary Belle Hinshaw and Charles Cates, and this was held in our Meetinghouse on June 7, 1970.

Our representative to Yearly Meeting is Helen Boomer. Commissions for Yearly Meeting need to be filled, and Gordon Keys volunteered that he would work on Stewardship & Finance if he was needed.

The next Regional Meeting Winchester Quarter will be held in our church on July 12, 1970 and Murray Johnson will have devotions.

A letter was read regarding the Summer Ecology Program from American Friends Service Committee, and this is a nation wide program for college students, and if you know of anyone interested their name should be turned in to Janet and Max Copeland.

Annual reports were read from the Quaker Girls Class, and also Women's Society, and Charles Cates expressed his appreciation to the Quaker Girls for supplying {copies of} the Upper Room {publication}.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting is adjourned to meet August 2, 1970 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

August 2, 1970

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened August 2, 1970 with 27 in attendance.

Following the opening minute, the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved showing as of July 31, 1970 the following: Budget Balance \$485.89, Non-Budget Balance \$51.00, Mission Fund Balance \$2,373.65, Improvement Fund Balance \$1,013.11, and Expansion Fund Balance \$3,696.95.

Statistical Report: birth of a daughter, Angela Lynn, to Tom and Barbara Rumer on July 2, 1970; birth of a daughter, Angelique Marie, to Ivan and Sharon Fetta on July 8, 1970; and the marriage of Louise Stewart and Eldon French on July 11, 1970. The average attendance for July was 148. The following yearly Statistical Report was given showing:

1969 average Sunday School attendance:	88	1970:	same
1969 average Worship Service attendance:	149	1970:	145 (or a loss of 4)
1969 average Monthly Meeting attendance:	45	1970:	41 (or a loss of 4)

Yearly Financial Report

1968-1969: Expended: \$28,946.63    1970: \$128,697.55 (or \$99,750.92 more;  
includes new annex)

Membership at end of year was 383, for 1970, and it was 403 at ending of church year ended 1969 - or a loss this year of 20 in membership.

Mention was made that it was brought up at Yearly Meeting whether Associate members will be carried after they reach the age of 21. A report of the minutes of the Winchester Regional Meeting which was held July 12, 1970 was given, and one concern brought up at this meeting was the new guidelines for membership which will be brought up at Yearly Meeting.

A communication was read from Indiana Yearly Meeting Quaker Men, with Wilbur M. Coffin, President, and the Quaker Men's banquet was mentioned which will be August 14, 1970 at Earlham Dining Room, and attention was also called to the National Oratorical Contest which the National Quaker Men are promoting for young people in the top three years of High School. First prize will be \$2,500.00, second prize \$1,500.00, and third prize \$1,000.00. Entry should be made before December 1, 1970 and detailed information will be available from William Wagner's office in Muncie, or from Don Rubindall and any member of the Executive Committee of Quaker Men of Yearly Meeting.

The annual Missionary Committee report for the year 1969-1970 was given and approved.

David Cox was appointed as youth delegate to Yearly Meeting, and it is hoped that others will be able to attend.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting is adjourned to meet September 6, 1970 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

September 6, 1970

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened September 6, 1970 with 40 in attendance.

All stood with prayer being offered by Raymond Breaker. The opening minute was given followed by the reading of the previous month's minutes which were approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved showing the following balances for August 31, 1970: Budget Balance \$1,168.69, Non-Budget Balance \$130.40, Mission Fund Balance \$2,418.16, Improvement Fund

Balance \$1,120.61, and Expansion Fund Balance \$1,982.88. Gordon {Keys} said he had been informed that our Yearly Meeting assessment will be \$7.31 per member with the F.U.M. assessment \$6.93 per member, or the two total \$14.24 per member. Gordon has a copy of the Indiana Yearly Meeting budget if anyone wishes to see a breakdown.

Dale Brady reported from Ministry & Membership a project called "Dial-A-Devotion" which their committee approved in the hopes of finding new ways of ministering in our church and community to those who feel the need of a prayer or spiritual uplifting. A telephone would be installed with a recorder which would play a two minute tape, and each day Raymond would have a new prayer and devotion taped. After the telephone was installed, the cost of this would be around \$10.00 a month, but would be paid by donations from interested individuals. Already contributions have been made that would take care of this for four or five months, and it will be tried on a temporary basis to see how it works out.

Statistical Report: The average attendance for August was 141. Marriage on August 16, 1970 of Donna Jessup and Dean Dawson; death on August 20, 1970 of Naomi Flatter.

Helen Boomer had reported at our church hour services last Sunday, August 30, 1970, on Yearly Meeting as our representative, but brought out a few thoughts again that came to her mind. She was impressed with the dedication of representatives, and that the young people are crying for action. Some of the proposed changes in membership that were brought out were mentioned, and it was suggested each Meeting study these, and report our findings to Yearly Meeting by the first of December. The following committee was appointed to study this and report back to Monthly Meeting: Helen Boomer, Raymond Breaker, Dale Brady, Gordon Keys, Walter Mills, Ardith Coon, Winifred Thompson, and Mary Belle Hinshaw. Mary Belle will call this committee together as it was suggested.

A letter was read regarding a very important conference to be held at St. Louis October 5-7, 1970, a Gathering of Concerned Friends to discuss the future of Friends, and our Yearly Meeting has been invited to send five representatives. Also Sunday, October 4, 1970, has been designated as a day of prayer for this important meeting.

A letter was read regarding the pastor's wives and lady pastor's Fall Retreat to be held at Yokefellow Institute at Richmond which will be held October 6-7, 1970. The cost is \$13.00 per person, but the Evangelistic and Pastoral Committee of Yearly Meeting pays \$5.00 of this, and it was approved for our Monthly Meeting to pay the remaining \$8.00 for Georgia if she is able to attend.

A communication was read regarding a special day planned by Indiana Yearly Meeting this next Sunday, September 13, 1970, for Dayspring

Meeting which is located near Muncie. It is called Dayspring Sunday and is to inform the local Meetings of their progress. Our youth are especially invited to attend. Some from our Meeting do plan to attend.

The Regional News Letter is available from American Friends Service Committee. Recently attention was called to our members regarding subscriptions for the coming year to Quaker Life. To date we do not have enough subscriptions to receive the reduced rate for 100 subscriptions, since several have not responded to the inquiry. It was suggested that each class bring this matter to attention next Sunday in Sunday School and the findings reported to the church office, then letters could be sent to those who have not responded their desires.

A report was read from the Auditing Committee reporting the audit of the books of the Treasurer, and the report which was signed by Evelyn W. Fields and Gladys E. Davisson was approved by the Meeting.

A very thorough annual report was given from Christian Education Committee for this past year signed by the chairman, Rita Densmore.

A thank you note was read from Rebecca and Cathy Densmore thanking the Meeting for paying half of camp fees.

Raymond Breaker thanked Gordon Keys, our Treasurer, for the fine job he is doing for our Meeting as well as Yearly Meeting.

Helen Boomer mentioned that Memorials did not get to Yearly Meeting, but that they have been compiled and forwarded to Anna Langston and will be published.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet October 4, 1970 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

October 4, 1970

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened October 4, 1970 with 26 in attendance.

After a few moments of silent prayer, the opening minute was given followed by the minutes of the previous Meeting which were read and were approved.

The Treasurer's report for the period ending September 30, 1970 was read and approved as follows: Budget Balance \$1,411.70, Non-Budget

Balance \$99.55, Mission Fund Balance \$2,406.41, Improvement Fund Balance \$1,213.85, and Expansion Fund Balance \$2,325.83. The question was asked "Have we paid anything on the principal of our indebtedness" and the answer was we have paid \$1,000.00 toward the principal. The Trustees hope to have the remaining bills all turned in and paid so that by the next Monthly Meeting they can have a complete report on how we stand.

Statistical Report: Average attendance for September was 150.

An acknowledgment of sympathy extended was read from the family of Naomi Flatter.

A letter was read from the Randolph County Hospital Chaplaincy asking if we would like to contribute again. Alberta Shockney mentioned that the \$25.00 we gave last year came from the Mission Fund, and she felt it would be agreeable with the Missionary Committee to support this again from this fund. It was approved that \$25.00 be given accordingly to the Randolph County Hospital Chaplain's fund and be taken from the Mission Fund.

A letter was read from Friends World Committee American Section and Fellowship Council Inc. regarding two conferences planned by the Friends World Committee to which all concerned Friends are invited. The first took place October 3, 1970 at Barnesville, Ohio, and the other will be on October 17, 1970 at Carmel Friends, Carmel, Indiana. Monthly Meeting approved sending Charles Cates and Adam Flatter to the Carmel conference.

A letter was read from the American Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs asking for support to come up to the budget for the support of four centers for Indian Mission fields to keep these centers in operation. This letter was turned over to Alberta Shockney to be brought before the Missionary Committee for their study and their report will be brought to the next Monthly Meeting.

A letter was read from Marcell Thornburg for the Outreach Committee for the upcoming Winchester Regional Crusade Committee, and the Outreach Committee wants us to feel our responsibility in getting our members present at the Crusade to be held in our church November 1-8, 1970.

The Centennial being held at First Friends Church, Marion, Indiana which is this weekend was mentioned, and a poster of their activities is on hand in case any of our members are able to attend. Posters were also sent us to be posted in our Meeting regarding the Marion-Wabash Regional Crusade to be held October 11-18, 1970. Gordon Keys mention that our local upcoming crusade in asking all member churches

to contribute \$10.00 as was done in the past, and Monthly Meeting approved giving the \$10.00 to Winchester Regional Crusade.

Raymond Breaker asked our prayers during the St. Louis Conference October 5-7, 1970.

Regarding the Dial-A-Devotion, Raymond said it is now in operation, but that it is going to cost about twice as much as was first estimated last month. Also if contributions toward this project are given through our church Treasurer, rather than Raymond, this can be handled through the non-budget account and our church will get credit for the project.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet November 1, 1970 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

November 1, 1970

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened November 1, 1970 with 38 in attendance.

Following a few moments of silent prayer, the opening minute was given followed by the reading of the previous month's minutes which were approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved showing the following balances as of October 31, 1970: Budget Balance \$1,250.95, Non-Budget Balance \$221.00, Mission Fund Balance \$2,495.91, Improvement Fund Balance \$1,276.00, and Expansion Fund Balance \$2,408.90. Our Treasurer reported our indebtedness is \$45,000.00 and \$34,000.00 of this is at the Randolph County Bank with 7% interest, and \$11,000.00 is carried by individuals with 5% interest. It is hoped that \$1,500.00 can be placed against this indebtedness from the Expansion Fund soon after some expenses have been met.

Statistical Report: Death on October 12, 1970 of Alice Peacock, who was our Meeting's oldest member; wedding on October 24, 1970 of Dan Thornburg and Rebecca McCoy. The average attendance for October was 168.

Pauline Mills for the Nominating Committee presented the name of Tom Rumer to fill the vacancy on Christian Education Committee left by the resignation of Carol Bailey from this committee. This was approved by Monthly Meeting.

Thank you notes were read from the families of Alice Peacock and Russell Bales for sympathy extended to them recently.

Neither Charles Cates of Adam Flatter were able to attend the Friends World Committee meeting at Carmel recently.

Raymond Breaker attended the St. Louis Conference in October and felt it a worthwhile meeting.

Blanks are on hand for the United Nations Seminar trip at a cost of approximately \$100.00 if anyone is interested.

Dale Brady, for Ministry & Membership, read a letter he had received from William Wagner which gave the amended statements of Guide Lines approved by Yearly Meeting Commission on Ministry & Membership, and these were to be read to all Meetings and they would like to hear from the Meetings by December 1, 1970 giving our comments on the new guide line proposals. Each of these proposals was read and discussed, and one of the proposals was to do away with the Associate membership. Also that membership shall not be considered a lifetime matter, but at 3 year intervals each member shall be expected to re-examine and reaffirm his faith in Christ and loyalty to his local Meeting or terminate his membership. One thought was - does the heritage of an Associate membership mean anything to your child? One member felt that purpose of the whole amending of the guide lines was that we have members on our books that we have very little and sometimes no contact with, and never hear from them in one way or another, and it is this member that the thought comes - what does the fact that they belong to church mean to them. Also we have some Associate members on our books who are past 40 years of age. It was mentioned that at Yearly Meeting the most discussion was on Junior Membership, and the proposal is that Junior or Associate Membership terminate at age 16. We would have several on our books who would be affected by this change. Our Treasurer was asked what is the cost to carry each member on our books, and this figure is \$14.31 per member per year to take care of Indiana Yearly Meeting and Five Years Meeting. One thought was that the new proposals would do away with the quote, "dead wood," and would cut the total membership from an all over figure of 11,000 down to 8,000 members. It was finally decided to send our suggestions as to our thoughts to Joe Reece, Farmland, that we feel there is a value to an Associate membership, but that there should be a provision as to an age limit of such membership and perhaps it should not go beyond the age of 21. At age 21 it is felt the Associate membership should terminate, and the member be given the opportunity to become an Active member. Also we would like to refer to Membership - or the first item of the proposed amendments, and this should be left on an individual basis. In summarizing our lengthy discussion of these proposals, it is a real concern on our part to deal with our own local members who do not value their membership as they should. It was finally decided to have Helen Boomer, Mary Belle Hinshaw, and Winifred Thompson make

up our Meeting's recommendations and forward them to Joe Reece before December 1, 1970.

White's Institute is having a Representative's Day on November 29, 1970 and it was approved to have Nancy Brady represent us and anyone else who is able to attend.

Dial-A-Devotion has had a lot of favorable comment, and Gordon {Keys} said he had received a \$20.00 contribution from one whom he has not heard from since he has been our Treasurer.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet December 6, 1970 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

December 6, 1970

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened December 6, 1970 with 35 in attendance.

Following opening minute, the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved showing the following balances as of November 30, 1970: Budget Balance \$1,866.45, Non-Budget Balance \$153.81, Mission Fund Balance \$2,536.66, Improvement Fund Balance \$1,364.79, and Expansion Fund Balance \$1,324.32. The Treasurer called to our attention that \$1,172.99 had been turned in as of November 30, 1970 from the bazaar and there is still more to be turned in. Also it was noted that we had paid on our indebtedness \$3,500.00 which makes it down to \$41,500.00 now. Gordon Keys commented that he and Raymond Breaker had attended an Executive Conference on December 5, 1970 and, of the 90 churches, 50 had returned their comments regarding the proposed amendments to our guidelines, and the 50 heard from felt that we should still have some form of Associate membership for the younger group.

Statistical Report: the death of Mildred Nickey on November 22, 1970, the death of Clyde Brumley on November 23, 1970, and the average attendance for November was 165.

Elaine Babcock, for Ministry & Membership, submitted the following names as having completed the membership class for your consideration as new members of our Meeting - David and Barbara Pugh, Lynn Castor, and Tim Holdeman. Also it was assumed that the Pugh's will want an Associate membership for their son, Kevin Pugh. Monthly Meeting approved these names.

A thank you was read from the family of Mildred Nickey for sympathy extended, and Edna Brumley thanked the Meeting for all remembrances and prayers for Clyde Brumley during his illness and at the time of his death.

Walter Mills, for the Trustees, mentioned that the Ed Best estate had been closed in October 1970 after a two year period following his death, and our Meeting was remembered in his Will. Under his original Will, one half went to his widow, and the other half was in a trust fund set up at the Peoples Loan and Trust Bank, and 30% of the income from this trust fund which amounts to \$283,905.73 comes to us once a year to use for the advancement of religion. This Will specified that this could be used "for the advancement of religion including building of or maintaining existing church buildings, to erect or maintain a monument, memorial window, or other part of the church building, to supply music for the church, to pay the salary of a clergyman, to disseminate religious beliefs or doctrines of the Society of Friends, to establish or maintain domestic or foreign missions, to distribute Bibles and other religious literature, or for any other purpose consistent with the aims herein set forth." This \$283,905.73 includes stocks and bonds, and the amount of income will vary each year due to the dividends and interest from this trust having varying interest fees. It may run \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 per year. The Trustees also asked for some guidance regarding the speaking system that we have been trying out. It was pointed out that our old speaking system needs a new amplifier and new microphone, and the cost estimated by Bob McHolland to repair it would be from \$400.00 to \$500.00, and then he could not guarantee it would come up to our wants. Also Bob McHolland said further that he does not feel with his own work keeping him busy that he has the time to take care of our speaking system, and that the figure quoted by the Fox Electronics of Richmond of \$855.40 is in line. The Fox Electronics would put a speaker to the Nursery so that helpers there might be able to hear the Morning Services. This new system would carry a one year guarantee. Different members spoke and it was the general opinion that we would like to keep our indebtedness down, but that we also would like for all who attend to be able to hear as well as possible and that several have expressed favorable comments on the new speaking system.

Alberta Shockney reported for the Missionary Committee that they met and favored sending \$100.00 to help with the Indian work at Wyandotte, Oklahoma, and \$500.00 to help build a chapel at Dayspring which is west of Muncie, Indiana. The ground has already been purchased where the chapel will be located. These two items were approved from the Missionary Fund.

Correspondence was read from Friends World Committee, American Section and Fellowship Council, Inc. A contribution was asked amounting to

\$1.00 for each of our members toward this fund for Friends World Committee for Consultation.

A letter was read from the Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs asking that we contribute financial aid to the Oklahoma Centers at Wyandotte, Seneca Council House, Hominy and McCloud and mention was made of the 1971 Annual Meeting to be held May 7-9, 1971 at Wichita, Kansas by the Associated Executive Committee.

Correspondence was also read from American Friends Service Committee, Inc. of Dayton, Ohio asking support in their work.

A letter was read from Friends World College of Long Island, N.Y. asking support of their \$500,000.00 Bond Issue which is {a new} plan to boost the college's future by strengthening its financial stability. Friends World College has been in operation only 6 years.

Correspondence was read from Friends Committee on National Legislation, Washington, D.C., Ralph A. Rose, chairman of Finance Committee in which they expressed hopes that our Meeting would see fit in 1970 to contribute \$1.00 per member to their committee to carry the life and light of the Spirit into the halls of Congress. All of these various requests for money were discussed, and it was approved to turn them over to the Missionary Committee for their consideration.

Nancy Brady reported that she attended Representatives Day recently at White's Institute, and Joy Norman accompanied her also. She was very enthusiastic about their supervision and progress at White's, and said 125 attended Representatives Day. She said they farm 500 acres, and the students work one week and go to school the next week. They now have 217 students and a present capacity for 220. In the near future they will have an increased capacity for 250, but that is all they will want to handle. Students are from Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and Indiana and ages range from 10 to 18. The cost per student is \$8.50 per day plus \$2.00 tuition. Various projects that will need assistance are Bibles, camp fees, records which they use every day, choir books, money for choir trips, money to refinish seats in the chapel, money for a birthday and Christmas gift for each child, sign for the chapel, bed spreads, Sunday School supplies, and furniture for the boys' dormitories. It was suggested that Nancy bring these points to the attention of the Missionary Committee for their consideration, and also put these items requested in the Friendly Reminder as they are very good projects that classes might wish to help support. Burt Hiatt mentioned that about a month ago the youth group went to White's and the students had been helping put up buildings. There was a lot of favorable comment on White's by our different members, and they were impressed by their progress.

Raymond mentioned that Louise Stewart French was in his office to have her name transferred to Bear Creek Friends. Raymond said he would contact her again to see if she wishes this transfer taken care of.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet January 3, 1971 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

January 3, 1971

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened January 3, 1971 with 36 in attendance.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved showing the following balances as of December 31, 1970: Budget Balance \$2,328.56, Non-Budget Balance \$150.32, Improvement Fund Balance \$959.33, Mission Fund Balance \$2,487.41, and Expansion Fund Balance \$3,304.96. It was noted that the \$500.00 which is being sent from the Mission Fund to help on the chapel for Dayspring will be sent at a later date. Also Gordon {Keys} mentioned that the Expansion Fund includes a \$500.00 memorial gift from Henry and Mahatta Cox in memory of William and Mary Stanton Diggs. This Expansion Fund also includes the \$261.55 money that has been in the Emma Moroney Trust Fund. The Treasurer reported that \$2,000.00 will be transferred immediately from the Expansion Fund toward the indebtedness.

Statistical Report: Marriage on December 27, 1970 of Sasha Fidler and Douglas Baker, death on December 10, 1970 of Bertha Briner, and death on December 15, 1970 of Nellie Davidson. The average attendance for December was 179.

Dale Brady said that Ministry & Counsel had discussed the Dial-A-Devotion and were very pleased with its success. A lot of favorable comment has been reported, and three letters were read from listeners who have enjoyed this. Dial-A-Devotion will be continued as it has been on a voluntary basis of contributions.

The Meeting approved the transfer of Louise Stewart French's membership from our Meeting to Bear Creek Friends Meeting.

The Clerk made mention that January is the month for our members to turn any grievances to Ministry & Membership before their February committee meeting date. Walter Mills expressed the thought that it is the individual's responsibility to express any feelings we might have on our pastoral leadership and bring our thoughts to Ministry &

Membership for their guidance. Raymond {Breaker} made mention that each year the minister's salary has to be re-evaluated, and he felt this matter could be dealt with by a combined meeting of Ministry & Membership and the Finance Committee, and this figure for salary for the coming year {be} included in the budget when it is brought up in May to be gone over with Monthly Meeting to discuss then. Mention was made that we have been remembered in the Nellie Davidson Will for \$500.00, and there are no strings attached as to its intended use. Walter Mills reported the \$261.55 that has been in a trust fund from Emma Moroney will be used to buy a permanent stand to hold a book having record of our memorial gifts, and this stand and book will be placed in our new annex. Also the Trustees suggested that the \$500.00 memorial from Henry and Mahatta Cox might be used toward our new speaking system but no action will be taken until a call is made upon the Cox's to discuss this.

A note of appreciation for sympathy extended at the recent death of Bertha Briner was read.

The following will make calls on our new members: Sharon and Carol Babcock to call on Lynn Castor; Mary Belle Hinshaw and Marjorie Carter to call on Tim Holdeman; and Dale and Nancy Brady to make the call on David, Barbara and Kevin Pugh.

A letter was read from Herbert S. Huffman regarding the Quaker Leadership Seminar in Washington, D.C. to be held Feb. 1-4, 1971, and urging ministers to attend. Due to the fact this letter had just been received, and Ministry & Membership would not meet in time to act on this, this was discussed in today's Monthly Meeting and it was approved our Meeting underwriting Raymond's expenses to and from this seminar. Funds have been provided to take care of these expenses of ministers while in Washington. Some of the Ministry & Membership Committee were on hand and gave their approval of this decision.

Suggestion was made that a thank you be sent to Mahatta and Henry Cox for their memorial gift.

Helen Boomer reported that Fred Boomer had made some pictures at the time of our annex dedication service, and that these might be put in a book for a permanent record and perhaps be kept in our church office. A committee composed of Gordon Keys, Marjorie Carter, and Burt Hiatt will work on this idea and report their findings.

Kenneth Boomer made mention that in the not too distant future Winchester Friends Meeting will be observing a centennial, and that we should be thinking about this. Ken was asked by our Clerk if he would be thinking along this line as to who would be good to work with, and how to go about this centennial observation.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet February 7, 1971 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

February 7, 1971

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened February 7, 1971 with 42 in attendance.

Following the opening minute, the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved showing the following balances as of January 31, 1971: Budget Balance \$2,250.39, Non-Budget Balance \$147.01, Mission Fund Balance \$2,527.91, Improvement Fund Balance \$1,068.12, and Expansion Fund Balance \$1,915.71. The indebtedness was listed as follows: \$27,559.49 to the Randolph County Bank at 7% interest, and \$12,000.00 to individuals at 5% interest, or a total indebtedness of \$39,559.49.

Statistical Report: the average attendance for January was 147.

A thank you for sympathy extended at the death of Gladys Cadwallader (mother of Christine Hanke) was read.

Ministry & Membership and the Finance Committee had a joint meeting on January 13, 1971 to review the minister's salary for the coming year, and they recommended to Monthly Meeting raising the minister's utilities \$100.00. This was also approved by Monthly Meeting.

The annual pastor's retreat for Indiana Yearly Meeting will be held again this year at Yokefellow Retreat Center, Richmond, February 22-24, 1971. The Commission on Evangelism and Outreach underwrites \$6.00 of the cost of this retreat leaving \$20.00 to be paid by the pastor. Ministry & Membership reported that they met January 31, 1971 and approved taking care of this \$20.00, and this was also approved by Monthly Meeting.

A few Blanks have been received for the One Percent More Project if anyone wishes these blanks, and these will be turned over to Susie Green for the Social Concerns Committee. Gordon Keys reported some have already contributed on an individual basis.

The Newsletter has been received and will be placed on the bulletin board. Also a letter from Bob and Edith Williams of Wyandotte, Oklahoma is on hand telling of all their projects and this will also be placed on the bulletin board.

Calls have been completed on Lynn Castor and Tim Holdeman, and the call on the Pugh's has not been made as yet due to illness in their family and the fact that they have moved. This will be made soon.

Walter Mills reported that he had called on Henry and Mahatta Cox, and their memorial gift can be used as we wish. Also, Bashia Best was called upon and she also had no specific request for use of the money that will be forthcoming from the Ed Best estate.

The trial to contest the Tommy Moorman Will will be coming up February 22, 1971 at Muncie.

Gordon {Keys} mentioned that the Conference on Communication will be Saturday, February 20, 1971 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at Muncie and all who can attend are asked to be present. This will be a sharing project of ideas and suggestions.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet March 7, 1971 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

March 7, 1971

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened March 7, 1971 with 32 in attendance.

The opening minute was given followed by the minutes of the previous Meeting which were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report for the period ending February 28, 1971 was read and approved as follows: Budget Balance \$2,075.92, Non-Budget Balance \$104.70, Mission Fund Balance \$2,549.16, Improvement Fund Balance \$1,193.12, and Expansion Fund Balance \$3,792.03.

Statistical Report: the birth of a daughter on February 18, 1971 to Austin and Letha Cox. The name of the daughter is Jennifer René. The average attendance for February was 141.

Ministry & Membership reported the pastoral agreement was the same as last year except the minister's utilities were increased \$100.00 which will make the utilities in the new agreement \$800.00. Monthly Meeting approved.

Walter Mills reported for the Trustees that a memorial gift has been given by Olive Davisson in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pursley, her parents, and Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Ballinger, {her} grandparents.

It was reported the recent contesting of the Tommy Moorman Will was compromised, but the \$10,000.00 that our Meeting is to receive was not affected. Also the amount received recently from the Ed Best estate was approved by the Trustees to be applied toward our indebtedness of the new educational annex, since he was interested in education.

Susie Green gave a detailed report of the families she has worked with and furnished clothing, medical bills, gas bills, coal, etc.

Christian Education - Winifred Thompson reported that in a little over a week the committee had met twice with Don Rubindall, and he had been helpful in his ideas. Also it was reported that Bible School was planned the last week in June, and a film would be shown this coming Sunday, March 14, 1971, in hopes of getting interest for teachers for Bible School.

Cleo Harmon reported she had attended the Conference on Communications at Muncie and felt some worthwhile ideas were presented including one which is used by Richmond Meeting. They have several persons from different areas in the Meeting obtain material to be used in their Newsletter. Cleo reported that in the past few months our members have been helpful in furnishing items for the Friendly Reminder.

On the Pastor's Retreat that Raymond attended recently, he reported they brought out several ideas which our committees would be implementing soon.

A thank you for sympathy extended at the death of Charles Sumwalt was received from LaVerne Sumwalt, his son.

The name of Charles Cates was approved as chairman of the Nominating Committee.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting is adjourned to meet April 4, 1971, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

April 4, 1971

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened April 4, 1971 with 26 in attendance.

Following the opening minute, the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved as follows: Budget Balance March 31, 1971 \$1,423.46, Non-Budget Balance \$94.39, Mission Fund Balance \$2,487.16, Improvement Fund Balance \$1,009.62, and Expansion Fund Balance \$2,395.43. The balance on our church debt is now \$36,141.75.

Statistical Report: the average attendance for March was 144; the death of a faithful attender and teacher on March 22, 1971, Anna Cox; and the wedding on April 2, 1971 of Adam Flatter and Golda Woods.

Walter Mills reported for the Trustees that a letter had been sent to John Cook, the attorney, thanking him for the work he did in representing our church in the legal affairs of the recent contesting of the Tommy Moorman Will, since he made no charge. Also the Trustees have sent a letter to the Peoples Loan and Trust Co., {Executor} of the Ed Best estate, informing them how the money we recently received from the trust left us in the Ed Best Will has been used.

A letter was read from the Randolph County Hospital Chaplains Association stating their needs for this coming year and asking our support. Last year we supported this by \$25.00 from the Mission Fund, and since the Missionary Committee chairman, Alberta Shockney, was not present today, the Meeting gave their approval of doing the same this year should the Missionary Committee approve of the same donation, \$25.00.

A letter was read from the Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs asking our support of the Friends work at the various centers in Oklahoma to cover salaries of the workers at the centers, also funds are needed for the Meeting. Also refer this letter to Alberta Shockney for the Missionary Committee's consideration.

A letter was read from Max Huffman regarding the Dayspring Friends chapel fund, and a detailed analysis sheet was also enclosed listing the itemized cost of their proposed chapel, furnishings, parking and grounds, etc. totaling \$124,882.00. Considering money they already have in Dayspring chapel fund, deposit with Associated Church Builders, IYM {Indiana Yearly Meeting} Church Extension Grant and a loan of \$45,000.00, they show \$63,490.00 and it is estimated they will need \$61,392.00 additional. However, they must have \$40,000.00 more before they can start construction of the chapel. Gordon mentioned that some time ago we had approved sending \$500.00 toward this chapel from the Missionary Fund. More recently the committee had considered sending \$1,000.00, but finally decided to send just the original amount of \$500.00 at this time, since there are other projects needing support. The suggestion was made that it might be well to have someone from the Yearly Meeting Extension Committee come and explain this further to us and answer any questions and inform us on what the committee is trying to do. It was approved that we give this our

thoughts for a month before making a decision. If we wish to pledge toward this, we can do so within the year, as they do not have to have the money right now.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting is adjourned to meet May 2, 1971 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

May 2, 1971

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened May 2, 1971 with 32 in attendance.

Following a few moments of silent prayer, the opening minute was given followed by the minutes of the previous Meeting which were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved showing the following balances as of April 30, 1971: Budget Balance \$1,983.46, Non-Budget Balance \$88.58, Mission Fund Balance \$1,978.71, Improvement Fund Balance \$1,140.91, and Expansion Fund Balance \$535.18. The total indebtedness is now \$34,025.28.

A letter from Max Huffman for Dayspring Friends Chapel was read saying the Quaker Hill Foundation has announced they will give \$20,000.00 to help build the Dayspring Chapel providing that an equal amount is given by churches, members, and Friends for this same purpose. However, our Missionary Committee had a special meeting recently, and the majority felt that we would give just the \$500.00 that had previously been decided. Our Presiding Clerk mentioned that a representative will come on May 16, 1971 to explain the project further to us regarding the funds needed for this proposed chapel.

A thank you was read from Kevin Potter thanking us for giving the DeMolay's the opportunity of attending our church. They felt everyone made them feel welcome.

A thank you for sympathy extended at the recent death of Guy Friar was read.

A thank you note was read from the Friends Bible College Concert Choir and Ensemble for the evening meal, overnight lodging and many other acts of kindness extended to them when they were with us recently.

Correspondence was read regarding the book which has recently been published entitled "A Homespun Quaker Family Chronicle" by Mary Stubbs Painter telling the story of Quaker home life in the Stubbs' family at

Spiceland, Indiana. If we wish a copy for our library, the price would be \$5.00 plus 25¢ for mailing. This was referred to the Christian Education Committee for their consideration. Monthly Meeting gave their approval should Christian Education Committee members wish to order a copy.

Parts were read from a letter dated December 1970 from Midwest Committee for Draft Counseling. The letter explained their work with conscientious objectors and their service that is available. The letter urged us to contribute time and money to counseling in our own community and also financial contributions to the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors. This letter was filed.

The Nominating Committee does not have a complete report for us at this Meeting.

Statistical Report: the average attendance for April was 170; the death of Guy Friar on April 19, 1971 was reported.

A memorial gift was received from Grace Warren in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Addington, with no strings attached, and this has been applied towards our indebtedness.

Rodger Green mentioned that we had problems this morning during Worship Service in taping the service for use on the radio. To cover that lengthy a program a special tape is needed, and Monthly Meeting gave approval for Raymond to purchase this type of tape needed from our Non-Budget miscellaneous account.

Helen Boomer mentioned that the Regional Representatives Meeting will be held here on May 23, 1971. She also attended a recent representatives meeting at Muncie.

Kenneth Boomer reported that the Retreat House at Quaker Haven is completed, and is in use. He felt if we have any money left, this would be a worthwhile project to support as they will need money to operate. The cost for a weekend for Quakers to attend will be \$40.00, and outsiders will pay \$60.00. A Sunday School class could use the retreat house for a week end. Some of the furnishings they are still needing are mixers, a deep freeze, dishes, two toasters, etc.

Raymond mentioned the Dial-A -Devotion and the money to support this hasn't come in too well recently, and he asked that we be prayerful about this if we wish to support it.

Alberta Shockney report that the Missionary Committee had met recently and gave support to the following: \$25.00 to Randolph County Hospital Chaplain's Fund, \$100.00 to the Oklahoma Indian Project, \$50.00 to Raymond Breaker to use for the transient fund, and \$60.00 to the Dial-A-Devotion.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting is adjourned to meet June 6, 1971 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

June 6, 1971

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened June 6, 1971 with 34 in attendance.

The Meeting was opened by prayer offered by Raymond Breaker. The opening minute was given followed by the reading of the previous month's minutes which were approved as corrected.

The Treasurer's report for the period ending May 31, 1971 was given as follows: Budget Balance \$1,647.65, Non-Budget Balance \$168.77, Mission Fund Balance \$2,051.86, Improvement Fund Balance \$1,242.65, and Expansion Fund Balance \$334.32. This report was approved. The Treasurer also read the new proposed detailed budget report which the Finance Committee had recently compiled for the coming 1971-1972 church year. The asking for the new budget is \$26,500.00 compared with \$25,450.00 budget for this year just ending. The thought was presented that the cost of Quaker Life is up perhaps around 50¢ per subscription over last year, and the Meeting agreed that if we might need \$10.00 or \$15.00 additional this coming year to cover this increased cost, this could come out of Miscellaneous. The new proposed budget was approved.

Statistical Report: Average attendance for May was 155.

Ministry & Membership reported a letter of appreciation had been sent to Raymond {Breaker}.

The various committees' yearly reports will be due at next month's Meeting.

Under old business the Dayspring Chapel was mentioned, and the Clerk asked the Meeting's thoughts since their representatives met with us May 16, 1971 to explain the plan for raising the necessary \$20,000.00 as their part before starting construction. Raymond reported that construction of the chapel will start in a week or two, since they have been successful in matching the \$20,000.00 that the Quaker Hill Foundation will furnish. It was the feeling of our Meeting that we would contribute just the \$500.00 that had been sent recently, but that individuals should prayerfully consider supporting this on an individual basis.

The complete report of the Nominating Committee with Charles Cates as chairman was read. There being no nominations from the floor, the report was approved as read.

Raymond Breaker mentioned that he and Georgia had accepted this coming year as chairman of the Youth, since they could not find anyone to sponsor the youth. He mentioned they may need help from the parents.

Mary Belle Hinshaw agreed to be our representative to the regional meeting to be held the evening of July 11, 1971 at Fountain City, and also to Yearly Meeting. Helen Boomer will be contacted to see if she will be the alternate.

The following members' names are to be dropped from our records: Ann Stiverson, who has joined the Catholic Church, Mike Cook to the Episcopalian, Phyllis Howell to the First Presbyterian at Richmond, and Howard and Wilsie Thornburg. Howard and Wilsie are attending Rural Friends Church, but do not wish to transfer to Rural at present. Andy and Linda Myers Puterbaugh wish to transfer to Friends Memorial at Muncie where they have been attending for several years since living at Muncie. Letters were read from the Thornburg's and Puterbaugh's expressing their appreciation for the influence and inspiration this Meeting has had in their lives. The Meeting approved the dropping of membership of the 5 listed above and the transfer of the Puterbaugh's to Muncie Friends Memorial.

The Meeting was saddened to receive the word this past week of the death of our former minister, Homer Vail, who was killed May 30, 1971 near Goldsboro, North Carolina in an automobile accident. Homer was serving as pastor at Goldsboro, and burial took place there. Raymond Breaker reported he had called the Vail's home extending our sympathy and inquiring what could be done to show our appreciation. One thought brought up was that perhaps some help could be given the African the Vail's had made friends with and worked with while serving in Africa. This boy is attending Friendsville Academy in Tennessee and might need help in his schooling. It was suggested that Ministry & Membership and the Missionary Committee meet and try to inquire of his needs or some way in which our Meeting might show its appreciation to Homer.

The book, "Our Special Heritage," has been donated by Georgia and Raymond Breaker to our library.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting is adjourned to meet July 7, 1971 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 1971-1972

Presiding Clerk	Mary Belle Hinshaw
Assistant Presiding Clerk	Walter Mills
Recording Clerk	Nancy Brady
Assistant Recording Clerk	Janet Copeland
Treasurer	Gordon Keys
Assistant Treasurer	Charles Cates

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY & MEMBERSHIP

1969-1972:

Elaine Babcock, Lester Norman, Dale Brady, Carroll Densmore

1970-1973:

Raymond Chitty, Caroline Vaupel, Rosemary McHolland, Kate Jessup

1971-1974:

Ennis Gulley, Lena Bales, Juanita Hinshaw, John Cook

TRUSTEES

1969-1972:

Robert Hartzell, Maxine Kritsch, George Carter, Dale Martzell

1970-1973:

Gene Fidler, Burt Hiatt, Cleo Harmon, Harold Odom

1971-1974:

Glen Engle, Ardith Coon, Alberta Shockney, Keith Hinshaw

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

1969-1972:

Raymond Babcock, Mildred Johnston, Joe Zell

1970-1973:

Austin Cox, Gernell Owens, Robert McHolland

1971-1974:

Mike Cover, Martha Freeman, Leland Shockney

COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

1969-1972:

Winifred Thompson, Alice Harrison

1970-1973:

Sharon Babcock, Karen Chitty, Pauline Mills

1971-1974:

Tom Rumer, Joan Helms

FUNERAL COMMITTEE

Flora Hartzell, Chairman

Golden Band Class - Mary Anderson  
William Penn Class - Kathleen Hartzell  
Welcome Class - Carol Bailey

YOUTH COMMISSION

Raymond and Georgia Breaker, Chairmen  
Annie and Gene Fidler, Rosa Mary and Joe Zell, Kate Jessup, Robert and Gertrude Cox, Burt and Betty Hiatt

USHERS

Harold Odom, Chairman; Burt Hiatt, Assistant Chairman  
Allen Comer, Dan Fouse, Norman Peters, Clarence Kritsch, Tony Kritsch, Dick Kolp, Sr., David Cox, Aaron Zell  
Substitutes: Lester Norman, Robert Hartzell

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Susie Green, Chairman  
Susan Mills, Sharon Babcock, Alvina Peters

STATISTICIAN

Ardith Coon

AUDITING

Evelyn Fields, Gladys Davisson

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

Marjorie Carter, Chairman  
Helen Boomer, Marvin Thornburg, Georgia Breaker, Anna Lou Arnett, Raymond Babcock

SPECIAL DAYS & CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Bettye and Bill Monks, Chairmen  
Mary and Ennis Gulley, Christine and Ed Hanke, Alta and Earl Worley, John and Evelyn Cook

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Raymond Chitty, Chairman  
Ruth Ann Fouse, Bill Addington, Carol Babcock, Cynthia Junco, Elizabeth Cates, Frances Thornburg

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1968-1971:  
Maxine Kritsch, Carol Babcock

1969-1972:  
Ralph Fisher, Gernell Owens, Alberta Shockney, Kenneth Boomer

1970-1973:  
Mary Gulley, Raymond Chitty, Norman Peters

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Raymond Breaker, Pastor  
Charles Cates, Chairman

July 4, 1971

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened July 7, 1971 with 29 in attendance.

Following a few moments of silent prayer, the opening minute was given followed by the reading of the minutes of the previous Meeting which were approved.

The Treasurer's report for the period ending June 30, 1971 was given and approved as follows: Budget Balance \$1,927.90, Non-Budget Balance \$186.46, Mission Fund Balance \$2,044.11, Improvement Fund Balance \$1,328.65, and Expansion Fund Balance \$162.06. Our total indebtedness is now \$33,717.79. The Treasurer mentioned that our budget for the previous year, 1970-1971, was \$25,450.00, but our total income came to \$25,977.59 and our expenses totaled \$24,665.66. The question was asked regarding how our Dial-A-Devotion fund stands, and Gordon {Keys} said there was \$80.46 plus \$60.00 which will be coming from the Mission Fund making \$140.46 for this fund.

Statistical Report by Ardith Coon listed the death on June 9, 1971 of William Ryan, and the death on July 3, 1971 of Walter Cox. Also reported was the birth of a son, Scott Allen, on June 23, 1971 to Ben and Ellene Kritsch, and the wedding on June 26, 1971 of Chris Frazier and Gene Stewart. The average attendance for June was 155.

Old business - since a Youth representative to Yearly Meeting was not chosen at last month's Monthly Meeting, Mary Belle Hinshaw asked if a name had been turned in for this. However, since no representative was chosen today, Mary Belle will contact Max and Janet Copeland and get a representative.

Walter Mills reported that should a second youth be able to go, he and Pauline would underwrite the expense of a second representative.

Alberta Shockney reported that the Missionary Committee and Ministry & Membership met together June 27, 1971 as requested by Monthly Meeting and, with full approval by the committees, agreed to send Rebecca Vail \$500.00 out of the Missionary Fund to use as she sees fit. Gordon mentioned that \$10.00 has already been turned in as a memorial, and this will be sent to Rebecca along with any other individual contributions. It was decided for the Clerk to go ahead and send a letter with the \$500.00 check, and send the individual contributions later. A letter was read from Rebecca thanking Winchester Monthly

Meeting for the letter as well as so many individual's letters extending sympathy to their family.

Annual reports were read from Quaker Girls, Women's Society, Missionary Committee, and Christian Education. These reports were approved.

William Wagner had sent a letter asking the name of our White's Institute representative, and Monthly Meeting approved Mary Belle contacting Nancy Brady to see if she will be our representative again.

Walter Mills gave a verbal report from the Trustees, and he reported we were able to pay \$12,000.00 on our indebtedness this past year, and the new chairman of the Trustees is Dale Martzell, Burt Hiatt is assistant chairman, and Ardith Coon is secretary of Trustees.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to meet August 1, 1971 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Winifred Thompson, Acting Recording Clerk  
for Nancy Brady

August 1, 1971

After a short period of silent prayer, the Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened August 1, 1971 with 30 attending.

Following the opening minute, the Secretary's report was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved as follows for July 31, 1971: Budget Balance \$2,321.11, Non-Budget Balance \$247.65, Mission Fund Balance \$1,525.61, Improvement Fund Balance \$1,439.41, Expansion Fund Balance \$10,690.06, Real Estate Mortgage Balance \$33,137.05, Bank Balance \$15,120.73.

The only Statistical Report was the July average for church attendance which was 162.

Dale Martzell, representing the Board of Trustees, asked approval as recommended by the Board that the \$500.00 from the Nellie Davidson estate and the \$10,000.00 from the Tom Moorman estate be applied to the church mortgage. This was approved by the Meeting.

There were several notes of correspondence: 1. A thank you from Mrs. Walter Cox (death {of her husband, Walter Cox}). 2. An invitation to the 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration of Wilbur and Lois Kamp at Wilmington, Ohio. 3. A letter from Rebecca Vail was read telling the Monthly Meeting about using the gift of \$500.00 for the African boy

the Vail's were sponsoring at the time of Homer's death. 4. A letter from the Quaker Haven Foundation Board was read telling of the camp's history and growth and asking to establish rapport between the churches by asking for a correspondent from our church and the Quaker Haven Board. The Meeting expressed the desire for Kenneth Boomer to act in this capacity. Also a contribution to help with the indebtedness of the new Retreat House was asked for. No action was taken on this at this time. Helen Boomer told of the beauty of the Retreat House. Walter Mills expressed a desire to see a definite support to Quaker Haven from our church. 5. A letter was read by Charles Cates from American Friends Service Committee about an open meeting in Germantown and a meeting on National Legislation at Wilmington. The dates were to be posted.

Walter Mills read the following list from Yearly Meeting report as approved by Ministry & Membership of Memorials to be established: August 20, 1970 - Naomi Flatter; October 12, 1970 - Alice Peacock; November 22, 1970 - Mildred Nickey; December 10, 1970 - Bertha Briner; December 15, 1970 - Nellie Davidson; November 24, 1970 - Clyde Brumley; April 19, 1971 - Guy Friar; June 8, 1971 - William Ryan; July 3, 1971 - Walter Cox.

Mary Beele reported on the Regional Meeting at Fountain City with 12 in attendance.

The book entitled "Our Special Heritage" is ready to be sold, the price being \$3.95. Walter {Mills} and Gordon {Keys} suggested the book be purchased and place in the local city library.

Gordon {Keys} asked if the church envelopes had reached everyone and stressed that contributions toward the Building Fund be made.

The closing minute was read to meet September 5, 1971.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

September 5, 1971

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened September 5, 1971 with 20 attending.

The opening minute was given. The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Due to the absence of Gordon Keys, Cleo Harmon read the Treasurer's report as follows: For the period ending August 31, 1971: Budget Balance \$2,109.03, Non-Budget Balance \$494.74, Mission Fund Balance \$1,560.11, Improvement Fund Balance \$1,562.09, Expansion Fund Balance

\$109.06, Real Estate Mortgage Balance \$22,193.67, and Bank Balance \$3,431.92.

Statistical Report given was the birth of a daughter, Jennifer Ann, to Jerry and Joanne Martzell on July 27, 1971. The average attendance for August was 141.

A report by Dale Martzell from the Trustees was given. Plans were being made to re-do the sidewalk in front of the church (east side) and that the water heater for the parsonage was to be replaced and installed by Mike Cover.

The Monthly Meeting approved to underwrite \$15.00 for Charles Cates to attend the American Friends Service Committee Conference in Germantown.

The announcement was made that the Friends World Service Committee was meeting at West Newton, South West, Indianapolis, on welfare.

The Meeting approved to underwrite \$12.00 for a young person of the church to attend the Youth Conference to be held at Richmond.

A report was given by Mary Belle {Hinshaw} on Indiana Yearly Meeting. (The theme of the Meeting was: Call to Make History.) She said three main areas were emphasized: 1. Membership Assessment. 2. Fia att {illegible word(s)} Meeting was approved to move membership from Indiana Meeting to the Ohio Meeting. 3. Spiritual Rebirth. A summary of the membership report: there are 9,528 resident members, 23 less than last year's report, 2,071 less than 10 years ago, 1,145 decrease in Sunday School last 2 years, 6,027 average in Sunday Morning Church Service.

The closing minute was read to meet October 3, 1971.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

October 3, 1971

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened October 3, 1971 with 21 present.

The opening minute was given. Due to the absence of the Recording Clerk, there were no minutes from the September Meeting.

The Treasurer's report was given and approved. The Budget Balance as of September 30, 1971 is \$2,116.17, Non-Budget Balance \$517.18, Mission Fund Balance \$1,577.36, Improvement Fund Balance \$1,687.09,

and Expansion Fund Balance \$19.81. Total Bank Balance September 30, 1971 is \$3,514.50. The Real Estate Mortgage Balance is \$21,750.25.

The Statistical Report gave the birth of a son, David Bradley, to Steve and Carol Zell on September 14, 1971, the birth of a daughter, Tammi Michelle, to Mike and Betty Odom on September 30, 1971, and the death of Olive Sebring on October 1, 1971. The average attendance for September was 124.

In reporting for the Missionary Committee, Marjorie Carter said that she had talked to Susie Green and Susie said there is dire need of help for clothing in the schools this fall due to fathers who work in Muncie and Richmond being unemployed. Marjorie is to check back with Susie to see how much money she would need. The Meeting approved giving her from \$100.00 to \$150.00 for this.

Kenneth Boomer gave a very enlightening report on Quaker Haven. He said that this year there had been 750 campers (children) and 900 week-enders. There are six different camps from Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings. The total income was \$28,810.00 and expenses were \$28,710.00. It costs \$1,000.00 a week, exclusive of food, to operate the camp. They hire some local help and pay from \$30.00 to \$80.00 per week for help. The biggest need is to have more children attend camp. They can care for 100 to 150 per week. The new Retreat House opened this past year and can accommodate 40 people at one time. The charges for the Retreat House for a week-end for Quaker groups is \$2.50 per person or \$50.00 minimum, and non-Quaker groups \$3.00 or \$80.00 minimum. The week-end campers keep it going at the present time. There is a need for camp counselors and transportation to and from camp for the children. The remaining debt on the retreat house is \$15,000.00. It is valued at \$60,000.00.

The Winchester regional meeting will be held in Muncie on October 31, 1971.

Nickie Bosworth Longnecker has requested that her name be dropped from membership in our Meeting. The Meeting approved.

Letters from the American Friends Service Committee and Indian Missions requesting financial aid were read. These were referred to the Missionary Committee.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet November 7, 1971 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Ardith Coon, Recording Clerk, pro tem

November 7, 1971

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened November 7, 1971 with 25 attending to conduct the following business.

The opening minute was read, followed by the reading of the September minutes which were approved. The October minutes were then read and approved.

Mary Belle {Hinshaw} mentioned that the Regional Meetings were to be held the second Sunday in April and the second Sunday in July.

The Treasurer's report was read with Gordon {Keys} explaining the United Budget. Paid was \$230.00 which is a part of the \$2,674.00 owed. This is \$7.00 per member for 382 members. Also made was a partial payment of \$240.00 which is a part of our Yearly Meeting quota of \$3,495.30, which is again for 382 members at \$9.15 per member. The total then per member being \$16.15. The Budget Balance as of October 31, 1971 was \$1,740.65, Non-Budget Balance \$383.87, Mission Fund Balance \$1,521.86, Improvement Fund Balance \$1,593.81, Expansion Fund Balance \$555.31, Real Estate Mortgage Balance \$21,750.25, Bank Balance \$3,392.39. This report was approved.

The Meeting approved of sending the \$20.00 in the Homer Vail Memorial Fund to Rebecca {Vail}.

The following reports were given: Statistical Report by Ardith Coon. The birth of a daughter, Mary Kathryn, on October 6, 1971 to Tom and Jane Zell. The death of Gertrude Friar, October 23, 1971. The average attendance for October was 157. Trustee's Report {was} given by Dale Martzell. The redecorating is finished in the parsonage kitchen, a water softener installed at the parsonage, side walk finished in front of the church, the stained glass windows are to have some repair plus other minor repairs to be done. Negotiations with insurance companies have taken place for the purpose of consolidating and broadening of our insurance coverage. The Christian Education Committee report {was} given by Charles Cates. The replacement of Joan Helms by Sue Hinshaw and adding Anna Lou Arnett. This was approved. The Missionary Committee report {was} given by Marjorie Carter. The sum of \$400.00 was sent to the Oklahoma Indians. The decision was made not to give the American Friends Service Committee missionary money, but those individuals who wish to give may do so. We were reminded that even though we had been willed money, we should not stop giving to the missionary fund. This report was approved.

The following letters of correspondence were read: Thank you's from the Olive Sebring family, the Gertrude Friar family, and the Ralph Ashley family. A thank you note from Grace and Evelyn Cox for the many ways the church had helped in the past year.

A letter from the Auditing Committee was read stating the Treasurer's books had been audited and found to be in order, signed Evelyn Fields and Gladys Davisson. The Meeting approved.

A letter from the Kickapoo Friends Center by Loren and Mary Lilly was read.

Kenneth Boomer informed the Meeting that Morris Stewart said he would be glad to come and speak on Quaker Haven.

The closing minute was read to meet December 5, 1971.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

December 5, 1971

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened December 5, 1971 to conduct the following business with 29 in attendance.

After the reading of the opening minute, the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Due to Gordon {Keys} being ill, there was no financial report given.

The following request for a change was given by Charles Cates for Austin Cox, asking that the Meeting approve of Austin moving from the Finance Committee to the Christian Education Committee. This was approved.

Mary Belle {Hinshaw} read the following letters with special emphasis on the one from Indiana Friends Committee of Legislation. Also of importance was the letter from the Randolph County Hospital Chaplain Association. They again needed operating money. Raymond {Breaker} explained that one use of the money was to pay a part-time secretary who calls the ministers to the hospital as the patient needs them. It was suggested that this need be considered when setting up the budget for next year. The Meeting approved of giving \$25.00 at this time. The last letter read was from the Central City Friends House telling of overnight stay for those who are traveling that route.

A Memorial Fund has been set up by Austin Cox and family in memory of Rosalyn {Cox} for a piano in the annex. Anyone wishing to contribute may do so.

Raymond reminded the Meeting that the new "Faith and Practice" was in the office and the cost is \$1.00.

The average attendance for November was 145.

There being no further business, the closing minute was read to meet January 2, 1972.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy C. Brady, Recording Clerk

January 2, 1972

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened January 2, 1972.

Mary Belle {Hinshaw} showed a poster and told of the Quaker Study from "Faith and Practice" of the Quakers in the past, present, and future, that her Sunday School class was doing. She then read the Queries from "Faith and Practice."

The opening minute was read. The minutes of the December Meeting were read and approved.

Due to the absence of Gordon {Keys} in December, both the Treasurer's reports were read, the November and December. These were approved. The report as of December 31, 1971: Budget Balance \$1,927.90, Non-Budget Balance \$1,809.92, Mission Fund Balance \$259.38, Improvement Fund Balance \$259.61 in the red, Expansion Fund Balance \$251.31, and Real Estate Mortgage \$17,314.00.

Helen Boomer expressed her concern that the "Faith and Practice" continue to be given, especially to new members, and many others agreed.

Two thank you's were read from the Nolen Alsbrooks family and the Hobart Morris family.

A letter of request from Grace and Evelyn Cox was read requesting their membership be transferred to Jericho Friends. This was approved.

There were no committee reports given.

The following three letters were read in part:

1. From Ronald Allen telling of the Faith and Life Conference at Quaker Hill, February 11-13, 1972.
2. From Friends United Meeting on Family Vacation With a Purpose, July 8-15, 1972 at Green Lake, Wisconsin.
3. From Indiana Council of Churches on a meeting between Roman Catholics and Protestants on major church issues of today, April 10-12, 1972.

Helen Boomer spoke of giving thought to perhaps helping with the work of Friends at Purdue. She said Jim Clevenger had talked to her of this possibility. There was discussion on this.

Alberta {Shockney} read a letter of concern from Reed Wood Friends Church asking our prayers for President Nixon as he travels to the Peking Summit Meeting.

The Meeting was then adjourned to meet February 6, 1972.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy C. Brady, Recording Clerk

February 5, 1972

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened February 5, 1972 to conduct the following business with 28 attending.

After silent prayer and the opening minute, the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Gordon {Keys} said more money had been received for the Homer Vail memorial fund and the donation from Mrs. Ina Coats had been placed in the Cox Memorial Piano Fund. The church mortgage Balance as of January 31, 1972 was \$16,128.45.

The Statistical Report was given as the death of Irene Davis on February 3, 1972. The average attendance for January was 127.

A report from the Trustees was given. The church insurance is \$1,200.00 a year and is with Peacock Agency. The church boiler was inspected for the purpose of this insurance.

Mary Belle {Hinshaw} told that Karen Able from Ball State and Lillian Chant from Fountain City had been approved to attend the Faith and Life Conference.

A letter from David Kingry concerning the Quaker ministry and work at Purdue was read. Several in the Meeting felt it a good idea to support this work. It was suggested and approved to turn the matter over to the Social Concerns and Missionary committees as a joint discussion and bring their suggestions before the Meeting.

An open letter from the Friends Fellowship Community was read pertaining to the increase in care costs. Gordon explained that we need to think about our responsibility to this. The board, Gordon explained, is selected from Indiana Yearly Meeting and in an indirect way is our responsibility in supporting or backing this.

Raymond Chitty, as clerk of Ministry & Membership, brought before the Meeting the proposed compensation of the Pastor as follows:

Salary	\$6,000.00 (same as before)
Utilities	\$900.00 plus \$100.00
Expenses	\$1,800.00 plus \$300.00
Half of Health Insurance	\$200.00 (approximately)
Half of Pension	300.00 (same as before)

with the utilities not used to be given to the Pastor. After a short discussion, the Meeting approved.

There being no further business, the closing minute was read to meet March 5, 1972.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

March 5, 1972

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened to transact such business as should come before it on March 3, 1972 with 31 in attendance.

The Meeting was opened with the reading of the last five Queries. The opening minute was read followed with the reading of the previous Meeting's minutes. These were approved.

The Treasurer's report was read as follows for February:

Budget Balance \$19.10 (in the red)  
Non-Budget Balance \$3,581.30  
Mission Fund Balance \$1,289.78  
Improvement Fund Balance \$788.34  
Expansion Fund Balance \$33.72.  
Balance of Real Estate Mortgage \$15,500.00  
\$2,737.22 was received from the Ed Best Trust

The Statistical Report was given as the deaths of Margaret (Kritsch) Crist on February 12, 1972 and of India Allen on March 3, 1972. The average attendance for February was 140.

As approved by the February Meeting, the Social Concerns Committee and the Missionary Committee met to discuss the Friends work at Purdue. Marjorie Carter reported they decided to recommend \$150.00 be sent to David Kingry for this work and that we keep in touch. This was approved.

Thank you notes were read from the Clarence Kritsch family and the family of Irene Davis.

The Meeting approved sending \$5.00 to Rosemary Williams to help cover expenses of the Regional Meeting.

Elaine Babcock presented for Ministry & Membership the following names for the Nominating Committee: Maxine Kritsch, chairman; Ralph Fisher, Kenneth Boomer, Alberta Shockney, Mary Gulley, Raymond Chitty. The Meeting approved of these.

Ministry & Membership also presented for consideration on their recommendation the following names of those wishing to become members of the Meeting: Golda Flatter, Greg Thompson, Jane Zell, Tom Zell to Active, Jane Elizabeth and Kathy Zell to Junior. The Meeting approved.

Dale Martzell reported for the Trustees the \$2,737.22 from the Best Trust was 30% of the net income. He read from the Will stating how the money was to be used. The Trustees recommended the money be applied to the existing mortgage. This was approved.

A letter was read from the Indiana Friends Committee on Legislation steering committee requesting the Monthly Meeting appoint a delegate to the Spring meeting, April 8, 1972, at Indianapolis. Elizabeth and Charles Cates were appointed.

Mary Belle {Hinshaw} asked for approval of changing the April meeting from the 1st Sunday because of Easter to the 2nd Sunday. This was approved.

The Meeting adjourned to meet April 9, 1972.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

April 9, 1972

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened April 9, 1972 to conduct the following business.

After silent prayer, the opening minute was read. The minutes of the last Meeting were then read and approved. Cleo Harmon, in Gordon's {Keys} absence due to the death of his father, read the Treasurer's report and this was approved as follows:

Budget Balance as of March 31, 1972 - (\$300.81 in the red)  
Non-Budget Balance - \$900.88  
Mission Fund Balance - \$1,169.78  
Improvement Fund Balance - \$913.34  
Expansion Fund Balance - \$162.72  
Real Estate Mortgage - \$12,823.79

The Statistical Report given by Nancy Brady in Ardith Coon's absence was as follows: the birth of a son, Seth Douglas, to Douglas and Sasha Baker on March 22, 1972 and the birth of a son, Shawn Christopher, to Kenneth and Kathie Cook on March 22, 1972. The average attendance for March was 133.

Two thank you notes were read: one from the family of India Allen and one from Morris and Gene Stewart thanking us for the \$25.00 and allowing them to share in our Meeting.

Mary Belle {Hinshaw} announced a Rufus Jones Lecture April 28, 1972 by David Castle at Wilmington College.

A letter from Friends Committee on National Legislature asking for money was read. Adam {Flatter} stated he thought it well worthwhile. The Meeting approved \$10.00.

Kenneth Boomer told that more money had been sent to Quaker Haven and that the garden work would be starting soon.

The Meeting closed to meet May 7, 1972.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

May 7, 1972

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened May 7, 1972 with 33 in attendance.

Raymond Breaker gave a word of prayer. The opening minute was read followed by the reading of the minutes of the last Meeting. This was approved.

The Treasurer's report was given as follows for the period ending April 30, 1972:

Budget Balance - \$120.00 (in the read)  
Non-Budget Balance - \$770.18  
Mission Fund Balance - \$1,227.03  
Improvement Fund Balance - \$1,038.34  
Expansion Fund Balance - \$88.73  
Real Estate Mortgage Balance - \$12,143.69

This was approved.

Statistical Report given by Walter Mills: the death of Lloyd Keys on April 8, 1972, and an average attendance of 156 for April.

Dale Martzell reporting for the Trustees gave the Meeting an insight as to the future plans on church repairs, such as exterior and interior painting, window repair, etc.

Thank you's were read from the family of Lloyd Keys and from the Cecil Fisher family.

A letter from Bill Wagner was read pertaining to us sending any business items the Meeting might have to the Administrative Council for Friends United Meeting.

There was much discussion on the pros and cons regarding the membership of the church.

The Meeting closed to meet June 4, 1972.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

June 4, 1972

The Winchester Monthly Meeting met to conduct the following business on June 4, 1972 with 31 attending.

After the opening minute, the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved as follows:

Budget Balance - \$602.57 (in the red)  
Non-Budget Balance - \$796.74  
Mission Fund Balance - \$1,250.78  
Improvement Fund Balance - \$1,163.34  
Expansion Fund Balance - \$136.48  
Real Estate Mortgage Balance - \$12,143.69

The Statistical Report given by Ardith Coon was given as the death of Bashia Best on May 7, 1972 and the marriage of Mary Ann Copeland and David Alber on May 13, 1972. The average attendance for May was 149.

Bob McHolland reporting for the Finance Committee gave a summary of the finances concerning the annex. The Meeting approved the report to be printed in the Friendly Reminder. The Meeting also approved of the good report and several expressed they were pleased with this progress report.

The Meeting approved of Marjorie Carter being our representative and Esther Overman the alternate for both the Regional and Yearly Meetings.

The Nominating Committee Report for 1972-1973 was read with Meeting approval.

Mary Belle {Hinshaw} read a letter from American Friends Service Committee concerning the World Affairs Camp at Wilmington, Ohio.

Cleo Harmon suggested the Meeting help support Sharon Babcock to the FUM {Friends United Meeting} meeting. This the Meeting approved with the amount to be determined later.

In closing, Raymond Breaker thanked Mary Belle for her work as Winchester Monthly Meeting Presiding Clerk. Mary Belle had a three year term with perfect attendance. Walter Mills added his thanks as did the Meeting.

The closing minute was read to meet on July 2, 1972.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - 1972-1973

Presiding Clerk	Walter Mills
Assistant Presiding Clerk	Dale Martzell
Recording Clerk	Nancy Brady
Assistant Recording Clerk	Cleo Harmon
Treasurer	Sharon Babcock
Assistant Treasurer	Keith Hinshaw

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY & MEMBERSHIP

1970-1973:

Pauline Mills, Caroline Vaupel, Rosemary McHolland, Kate Jessup

1971-1974:

Ennis Gulley, Lena Bales, Juanita Hinshaw, John Cook

1972-1975:

Helen Boomer, Max Copeland, Marvin Thornburg, Leonard Bolinger

TRUSTEES

1970-1973:

Gene Fidler Burt Hiatt, Cleo Harmon, Harold Odom

1971-1974:

Glen Engle, Ardith Coon, Alberta Shockney, Keith Hinshaw

1972-1975:

Gordon Keys, Robert Cox, Clarence Kritsch, Mildred Johnston

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

1970-1973:

Richard Hinshaw, Gernell Owens, Bob McHolland

1971-1974:

Mike Cover, Martha Freeman, Leland Shockney

1972-1975:

Charles Cates, George Carter, Ben Kritsch

COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

1970-1973:

Elaine Babcock, Kenneth Boomer, Maxine Kritsch

1971-1974:

Austin Cox, Sue Hinshaw

1972-1975:

Ellene Kritsch, Jane Zell

FUNERAL COMMITTEE

Flora Hartzell, Chairman

Golden Band Class - Mary Anderson

William Penn Class - Kathleen Hartzell

Welcome Class - Carol Bailey

Quaker Girls - Ruth Fisher

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Burt and Betty Hiatt, Chairmen

Rosa Mary and Joe Zell, Carl and Winifred Thompson, Rita and Carroll  
Densmore, Raymond and Georgia Breaker

USHERS

Harold Odom, Chairman; Burt Hiatt, Assistant Chairman

Allen Comer, Dan Fouse, Lester Norman, Clarence Kritsch, Tony Kritsch,  
David Cox, Aaron Zell

Substitutes: Bob Hartzell, Ralph Fisher

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Susie Green, Chairman

Susan Mills, Adam Flatter, Elizabeth Tuttle

STATISTICIAN

Ardith Coon

AUDITING

Evelyn Fields, Gladys Davisson

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

Georgia Breaker, Chairman

Anna Lou Arnett, Gertrude Cox, Mary Gulley, Marjorie Carter

SPECIAL DAYS & CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

John and Evelyn Cook, Chairmen

Earl and Alta Worley, Dale and Dorothy Martzell, Alvina Peters,

Clarence and Maxine Kritsch

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Frances Thornburg, Chairman

Elizabeth Cates, Ruth Ann Fouse, Pat McLaughlin, George Carter, June

Mendenhall, Mary Anderson

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Maxine Kritsch, Chairman

Ralph Fisher, Kenneth Boomer, Mary Gulley, Alberta Shockney, Raymond

Chitty, Mary Belle Hinshaw, Raymond Breaker

July 2, 1972

The Winchester Monthly Meeting convened to transact such business as should come before it on July 2, 1972 with 33 in attendance.

A prayer by Walter Mills was given, the opening minute read, followed by the reading of the previous Meeting's minutes. This was approved.

The Treasurer's June report was given as was the annual report for the church year 1971-1972 and the proposed budget for the year 1972-1973. These were all approved with the Treasurer's report for June as follows:

Budget Balance - \$406.41 (in the red)  
Non-Budget Balance - \$825.73  
Mission Fund Balance - \$1,304.53  
Improvement Fund Balance - \$1,243.49  
Expansion Fund Balance - \$80.73  
Balance of Real Estate Mortgage - \$11,556.53

Raymond Breaker, as did the entire Meeting, expressed thanks and gratitude to Gordon {Keys} for all the good work he had given to being the church Treasurer and working so well with our building project.

There was no Statistical Report to be given other than the June {average} attendance which was 146.

Ministry & Membership reported their officers as Ennis Gully - Presiding Clerk; Lena Bales - Asst. {Presiding Clerk}; Rosemary McHolland - Recording Clerk; Caroline Vaupel - Asst. {Recording Clerk}.

Report for the Trustees was given by Dale Martzell. He gave a {review} of last year's work and also gave the Meeting an idea of what needs to be done, such as window repair, installing storm windows over the stained glass sections, painting the interior of the sanctuary and parlor. The last painting was done in 1962. The following officers for Trustees for the 1972-1973 year are: Burt Hiatt, Chairman; Gordon Keys, Vice-Chairman; Ardith Coon, Secretary.

Charles Cates, as did the entire Meeting, expressed thanks to the Trustees for their good achievement in the last year.

Raymond Breaker passed a letter to each present pertaining to membership reorganization. It was read by Rosemary McHolland and prepared by Ministry & Membership. This letter is to be sent to the entire church body August 15, 1972 and to be returned to the church office by October 1, 1972. Self-addressed and stamped envelopes will be included.

A report by Marjorie Carter for Missionary Committee was given as a letter from Susie Green asking for help for badly needed dental work for a local high school girl. The Meeting approved of giving \$50.00.

Walter {Mills} read a letter from Friends Fellowship Committee asking for a representative from our church. The Meeting approved Susie Green.

The closing minute was read to meet August 6, 1972 followed by a prayer by Raymond for those of our Meeting in the hospital. These were Eloise Keys, Mabel Mills, Frances Thornburg, Kenneth Norman, and Harold Johnston at the Mayo Clinic.

Walter Mills, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy C. Brady, Recording Clerk

August 6, 1972

The Winchester Monthly Meeting convened on August 6, 1972 with 30 in attendance. An opening statement was made by Walter {Mills} expressing his thanks for the church service and how good it was to know there is One who can help whatever our needs.

The opening minute was read followed by the reading of the minutes from the previous Meeting. This was approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved as was the auditor's report for the year 1971-1972. For the period ending July 31, 1972 the Budget Balance was \$196.21 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance \$828.74, Mission Fund Balance \$1,310.28, Improvement Fund Balance

\$814.36, Expansion Fund Balance \$527.48, Real Estate Mortgage \$11,556.53.

The Statistical Report was approved as the average attendance for July was 124 and the marriages of Tammy Atkins and Fred Beu on June 18, 1972 and Teresa Gulley and David Collins on July 28, 1972.

As old business, membership letters would be sent by August 15, 1972 to all on church records.

Memorials were set up for and approved as Walter Cox July 3, 1971, Olive Sebring October 1, 1971, Gertrude Friar October 23, 1971, Irene Davis February 3, 1972, India Allen March 3, 1972, Lloyd Keys April 8, 1972, and Bashia Best May 7, 1972.

Martha Freeman asked Monthly Meeting for a travel minute for her trip to Africa. This was approved.

Since next May is our Centennial, some think we should plan something so the Meeting was to think about it and be ready to appoint a committee to work on this in the September Meeting.

Cleo {Harmon} reported it was Quaker Life subscription time and that 100 subscriptions were needed to get the \$1.75 rate. It was approved to follow the same procedure as last year and to furnish shut-ins with the magazine.

It was reported that Raymond Theurer did not accept the personal check for his Sunday service but would donate it to the work of the Gideons.

The Yearly Reports were given by the Quaker Girls, Mission{ary Committee}, {Commission on} Ministry & Membership; all were approved. Approval was also given for reports to be printed in the Friendly Reminder.

As a note of interest, Walter gave a membership report from 1962 to 1972. We show a loss in the 10 year period of 99 members; the 1962 Church Service attendance was 204, in 1972 it was 144 and the Sunday School attendance for 1962 was 144, and in 1972 it was 80.

Alberta gave a closing prayer for those in the hospital: Clyde {Malt? illegible} and Mabel Mills.

The closing minute was read to meet September 3, 1972.

Walter Mills, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

September 3, 1972

The Winchester Monthly Meeting met September 3, 1972 with 29 in attendance.

After a few moments of silence, the opening minute was read followed by the reading of the minutes from the last Meeting. This was approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved as follows: Budget Balance \$188.51 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance \$697.05, Mission Fund Balance \$1,336.28, Improvement Fund Balance \$1,106.02, Expansion Fund Balance \$485.44, and Real Estate Mortgage \$11,000.00.

It was decided to carry the work to be done concerning the Centennial over to the October Meeting.

Walter {Mills} read the travel minute prepared for Martha Freeman.

A letter from Charles and Lucile Thomas was read thanking the Meeting for the sympathy extended at the time of the death of Lucile's mother.

The Statistical Report was given as the death of Urith Williams on August 23, 1972 and the average attendance for August was 135.

The request of Gregory Daggett to discontinue his membership was approved. Also the request to drop the membership of Linda (Cox) Mitchell was approved.

Marjorie Carter reported from Missionary Committee of the need for wood working tools for the Swift Purscell Boy's Home in Jamaica and for the need of textbooks for White's Institute. It was approved to send \$10.00 for each project.

Cleo {Harmon} commented there were still more subscriptions to Quaker Life needed, but felt this would be taken care of.

Lena {Bales} gave the closing prayer. The closing minute was read to meet October 1, 1972 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Walter Mills, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

October 1, 1972

After a period of silence, the Winchester Monthly Meeting convened on October 1, 1972

The opening minute was read followed by the reading of the minutes from the September Meeting. This was approved.

The Treasurer's report was read as Budget Balance \$283.09 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance \$753.36, Mission Fund Balance \$1,377.64, Improvement Fund Balance \$1,326.15, Expansion Fund Balance \$1,337.19, Real Estate Mortgage \$11,000.00. This was approved.

It was decided to form a sesquicentennial committee with Austin Cox, Rodger and Susie Green, Kenneth Boomer, Ardith Coon, and Cleo Harmon. The committee was to choose their chairman. This was approved.

A thank you from the family of Urith Williams was read. Also a letter from Yokefellow Institute asking the Monthly Meeting to pay \$9.00 plus transportation costs for the Pastor's wife to the Fall Retreat. A letter from the Commission on Christian Social Concerns was read telling of Bruce Weber being named director of Social Concerns.

The Statistical Report was given as the birth of a son, Jerry Eugene, to Steve and Nancy Fidler on July 23, 1972. The average attendance for September was 131.

It was approved to send a note of thanks to all those who have been interested in the past in our church from both the Ministry & Membership Committee and the Monthly Meeting. As of Oct. 1, 1972 the deadline date for all membership letters to be returned, 205 had been returned with 60 not yet received.

The following persons wished their names be dropped from the church roll: Ethelyn Diggs, Dianna Flegal Wolfe, JW and Corinne Puckett, John Cates, and Kathy Whiteside. The name of Jennifer Cox was asked to be placed on Junior membership, and the names of Ernest, Betty, Theodore, and Timothy Thornburg transferred to the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. These were all approved.

The closing minute was read to meet November 5, 1972.

Walter Mills, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

November 5, 1972

The Winchester Monthly Meeting met with 26 in attendance on November 5, 1972 to conduct the following business.

After a few minutes of silence, the opening minute read followed by the reading of the October minutes. This was approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved as: Budget Balance \$243.18 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance \$687.17, Mission Fund Balance \$1,424.00, Improvement Fund Balance \$1,499.61, Expansion Fund Balance

\$2,052.44, and Real Estate Mortgage \$11,000.00. Dial-A-Devotion was shown in the red and some thought perhaps we could work on this.

The Statistical Report was given as average attendance for October at 146, and the death of Grace Warren on October 24, 1972.

The Missionary Committee reported they would be renting a trailer for transporting materials and supplies to the Oklahoma Indians. This was approved.

Georgia Breaker thanked the Meeting for sending her to the Fall Retreat.

The travel letter for Martha Freeman from Africa was read.

Walter {Mills} read a letter from Indiana Yearly Meeting on Friends World Committee to call attention to a request for travel funds from each of the Monthly Meetings.

A letter from the Randolph County Hospital Chaplains Association was read and it was approved to send from Missionary Funds \$25.00 to help in this work.

A thank you from White's Institute for the Meeting's gift was read.

An Indiana Yearly Meeting Report from Bill Wagner was read in part; this was from the Statistical Report.

A draft of the thank you letter, from Ministry & Membership and Monthly Meeting and the Pastor, which is to be sent to those who wished {their} names dropped from this church roll was read by Walter. Several expressed personal approval to the letter and the Meeting also approved.

Ennis Gulley, on behalf of Ministry & Membership, reported the possibility of having Sunday Evening Services with the four uptown churches {that} do not already have services. These {are} the Presbyterian, Methodist, Main Street Christian, and Friends. It was voiced that it must be backed by our attendance if we approved of it. It was approved to look more into this.

A closing prayer was given by Marvin Thornburg. The closing minute was read to meet December 3, 1972.

Walter Mills, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

December 3, 1972

The Winchester Monthly Meeting met on December 3, 1972 to conduct the following business. There were 34 in attendance.

After a word of prayer by Walter Mills, the opening minute and minutes from the November Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given and approved as Budget Balance \$661.68 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance \$2,740.48, Mission Fund Balance \$1,446.95, Improvement Fund Balance \$1,672.58, Expansion Fund Balance \$2,196.19, and Real Estate Mortgage \$11,000.00. Profit from church bazaar as of December 3, 1972 was \$1,694.83.

The Statistical Report was given as the death of Wava Dudley on November 5, 1972. The average attendance for November was 146.

It was reported that combined Sunday Evening Services would begin in January.

An acknowledgment from Rev. Sweet of the {transfer of} the Ernest Thornburg family membership to Mt. Zion Methodist Church was read.

A thank you from the Wava Dudley family was read. A thank you from Jill Thompson for the Meeting sending her to the United Nations Seminar was read.

A letter from Winchester Ministerial Association to inform us of the Religious Census to be taken this year in conjunction with "Key 73" was read. The census is planned for March 4, 1973. They are trying to place the Good News for Modern Man in every home in Winchester. Donations from each church involved will support this. The Meeting, after some discussion, approved of \$70.00 to be taken from Mission Fund. It was felt this was a home mission. Our laymen will be asked to help in this endeavor.

Since there is no longer a Quaker Men's group but still a bank account of \$15.10 to be closed, the Meeting approved the money be applied to Dial-A-Devotion.

The following were approved as new members to be given certificates on January 7, 1973.

Marsha Kritsch	with Cleo {Harmon} to call on
Letha Cox	with Marvin {Thornburg} to call on
Audrea Comer	with Esther Overman to call on
Helen Whitesel	with Lena {Bales} to call on
Evelyn Coats	with Walter {Mills} to call on
Alice Cox	with Robert Hartzell to call on
Robert Barnes	with Alberta {Shockney} to call on
Sheryl Kerns	with Georgia {Breaker} to call on
Carol, Owen, Mark,	

and Kathy Bailey with the Max Copeland's to call on  
Phillip Hartzell with the John Cook's to call on  
Bruce Fidler with Ennis Gulley to call on  
Becca, Kathy, and  
Mike Densmore with Sharon & Carol Babcock to call on  
Aaron Zell with Caroline Vaupel to call on  
David Cox with Marvin {Thornburg} to call on  
Melanie Hiatt with Bob McHolland to call on  
Nancy Bolinger with Nancy Brady to call on

Charles Cates, for Marjorie Carter our Indiana Yearly Meeting Representative, reported there has been discussion on new method of financing, and there are questions on assessment and quotas. This is to be discussed in the regional {meetings} then the local {meetings}. A budget of each is to be presented.

The Meeting approved of candle light services on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve to bring in 1973 as a part of "Key 73."

There was some discussion as to the age of Junior membership termination since it is not stated in the Faith and Practice. It was approved at the age of 21 for our local Meeting. After 21, Junior members must decide to go into Active {membership} or be removed from the books. A Junior may go into Active before the age of 21 if so desired.

A letter was read from the commission on Missions stating the Indiana Yearly Meeting has approved of Bill and Dorothy Wagner to share their ministry with missionaries around the world. The commission is asking each local Meeting to help in this support by becoming involved in a fund-raising project as soon as possible for this cause.

A prayer was given by Lydia Cranor. The closing minute was read to meet January 7, 1973.

Walter Mills, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

January 7, 1973

The Winchester Monthly Meeting met January 7, 1973 with 29 attending.

The following business was transacted after a word of prayer by Walter {Mills} then the opening minute was read. The minutes of the December Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given and approved as: Budget Balance \$1,423.14 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance \$1,117.86, Mission Fund

Balance \$1,485.45, Improvement Fund Balance \$1,802.36, Expansion Fund Balance \$439.50, Real Estate Mortgage Balance \$4,900.06.

A thank you was read from the family of Mabel Mills for all acts of kindness, food, flowers, and \$1,310.00 which was given to the church expansion fund in her memory. Also the note stated the Meeting would be receiving in February \$1,000.00 from the estate to be given to the Expansion Fund.

The Statistical Report was given as the birth of a son, Daniel Lowell, on December 4, 1972 to Donna and Dan Dawson, and a son, Brian Norman, born December 26, 1972 to Karen and Norman Peters. The death of Mabel Mills on December 11, 1972. The marriage of Carol Thornburg and Larry May on January 1, 1973. The average attendance for December was 149.

Calling reports were given of those made on the new members. The impromptu reception at the last of the service to welcome the new members was appreciated as some voiced.

It was approved to send \$150.00 to Friends Campus Ministry at Purdue University from the Mission Fund.

A letter from Susie Green telling of contents and number of Christmas baskets delivered, which was 48, was read. She also stated Jericho {Friends Meeting} helped as did the Haloed Kow {editor's note: a small, local store}. Thank you notes will be sent from the Meeting to the above.

A time of vocal appreciation by many for Mabel Mills and her family's contributions, faithful attendance, many hours of work, and prayers was given.

A closing prayer by Cleo {Harmon} was given and the closing minute was read to meet February 4, 1973.

Walter Mills, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

February 4, 1973

The Winchester Monthly Meeting met on February 4, 1973 at the close of the Sunday School hour with 32 in attendance.

An opening prayer was given by Walter {Mills} followed by the reading of the opening minute and the minutes of the previous Meeting. These were approved.

The Treasurer's report was then given as follows: Budget Balance \$1,369.93 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance \$1,031.94, Mission Fund Balance \$1,303.15, Improvement Fund Balance \$2,012.76, Expansion Fund

Balance \$797.50, and Real Estate Mortgage Balance \$4,900.06. This was approved.

The Statistical Report was given as the average attendance for January was 150.

Burt Hiatt, reporting for the Trustees, needed to know how to dispose of the piano that was in the library. The Meeting approved that they do as they saw fit.

The table in the parlor was given to the church by the Carroll Densmore family.

It was brought to attention that 1st speaker Wilmer Cooper, Dean of Earlham School of Religion, was holding a series of meetings at the Friends Memorial Church.

Bill Wagner spoke a short while to the Meeting on the itinerary of his work. He told of wanting to be with Charles Wakeyse in Kenya to see Friends work from a national view point. He ended by saying the most important thing to them was our prayers.

The Meeting ended with a short prayer and the closing minute.

Walter Mills, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

March 4, 1973

The Winchester Monthly Meeting met March 4, 1973 to conduct the following business.

After a few minutes of silence and then a short prayer by Walter {Mills}, the opening minute was read followed by the reading of the {minutes of the} previous month's Meeting.

The Treasurer's report was given as follows: Budget Balance \$1,778.47 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance \$1,186.17, Mission Fund Balance \$1,326.15, Improvement Fund Balance \$2,221.09, Expansion Fund Balance \$3,849.75, and Real Estate Mortgage Balance \$4,900.06.

The Statistical Report was given as the average attendance for February was 135, the marriages of Gary Stewart and Christine Peltz on December 30, 1972, Diana Cox and Ralph Casillas on February 23, 1973, and Elvin Schafer and Helen Harmon on February 2, 1973.

The Trustees recommended the \$2,668.25 from the Ed Best Estate be placed in the Expansion Fund. This was approved.

A letter from Ministry & Membership recommending a note of appreciation be sent to James Clevenger for his work was read. The Meeting approved.

A letter from Ministry & Membership was also read recommending the 1973-1974 Nominating Committee. This was approved as: Kenneth Boomer to fill unexpired term of Ralph Fisher 1971-1974, Eva Bosworth to replace Raymond Chitty for 1972-1975 term., to add Keith Hinshaw and Marjorie Carter for the 1973-1976 term, and also to continue the terms of Mary Gulley - 1971-1974 and Alberta Shockney - 1972-1975. Since none on the committee wanted to act as chairman, the Meeting also approved of Esther Overman acting as chairman.

A third letter read from Ministry & Membership recommending the Pastor's salary for the coming year remain the same as 1972 with the exception of \$100.00 to be added to cover Social Security. The Meeting approved.

Kenneth Boomer announced that he was in need of information pertaining to the history of when our Meeting was established. To date, he had found it was started in 1873, asked to be set up as a Meeting on December 5, 1874, and made in 1875. {editor's note: the first Worship Services were held in the city hall in May 1873; in December 1874 the first Meetinghouse (built for the Winchester Quarterly Meeting) was dedicated; in January 1875, the first minutes of the Winchester Preparative Meeting were recorded}. The Monthly Meeting was set up on June 6, 1912. Helen Boomer suggested it be sent back to the committee to decide which year we should celebrate the sesquicentennial. The Meeting approved.

Lydia Cranor gave the closing prayer. The closing minute was read to meet April 1, 1973.

Walter Mills, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

April 1, 1973

The Winchester Monthly Meeting met April 1, 1973 with the following business being transacted. There were 34 members present.

After a word of prayer by Walter {Mills}, the minutes of the March Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given and approved as: Budget Balance \$2,293.04 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance \$1,125.40, Mission Fund Balance \$1,356.45, Improvement Fund Balance \$2,354.42, Expansion Fund Balance \$4,265.10, and Real Estate Mortgage Balance \$4,900.06.

The Statistical Report was given by Ardith Coon {as} the {birth} of a son, Wayne Joe, to Larry and Nancy Thornburg on March 14, 1973. The average attendance for March was 123.

Austin Cox reported the Christian Education Committee was working on the Vacation Bible School plans and anyone wanting to help may volunteer their services.

It was reported the Nominating Committee will hold its first meeting the week of April 2, 1973 and anyone wanting to work on a committee was to let them know.

An announcement of the 50th wedding anniversary of Paul and Madeline Todd on April 8, 1973 at South Marion Friends was read.

A letter from Indiana Yearly Meeting asking for gift donations for financial support to help send 5 delegates to Sydney, Australia to the Friends World Meeting and help support William and Dorothy Wagner on their missionary travels. Several expressed we should contribute to these causes. It was approved to turn the matter over to the Mission Committee.

Marjorie Carter spoke some on the program for the Regional Meeting to be held at Farmland. We are one of the host churches.

Kenneth Boomer gave Quaker Haven Camp Clean-up dates as Saturday, May 19 and 26, 1973.

An early Sunrise Service was spoken about by Raymond {Breaker}. It is questionable as to whether there will be one due to lack of interest.

Burt Hiatt informed the Meeting someone was needed to mow the church and parsonage lawn this summer if any had anyone in mind.

The Meeting approved of sending a thank you to Donald Brown for giving us seed, lime and fertilizer for the lawns.

Austin Cox explained to the Meeting the piano fund had enough in it and would like to have it before the Mother and Daughter banquet. This was approved.

The closing minute was read to meet May 6, 1973.

Walter Mills, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

May 6, 1973

The Winchester Monthly Meeting met on the first Sunday in May, May 6, 1973, with 23 in attendance.

After a moment of silence and the opening minute, the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved as follows: Budget Balance \$1,630.20 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance \$606.68, Mission Fund Balance \$1,420.95, Improvement Fund Balance \$2,548.75, Expansion Fund Balance \$2,261.60, and Real Estate Mortgage Balance \$2,400.06.

As a note of interest, it was pointed out that only \$138.46 {editor's note: the rest of this line and the following line are blank}

A thank you note was read from the Austin Cox family to inform the Meeting that a studio model piano in walnut finish built by the Baldwin Company had been purchased and they thanked all who had contributed.

The Statistical Report showed an average attendance for April of 167 and the death of Vada Coon on April 28, 1973.

Walter {Mills} spoke of appreciation for Vada's work in our Meeting for so many years. He also informed the Meeting that she remembered the church in her Will.

By a letter, the Meeting was informed that the Ronald Hinshaw family had moved their membership to the Grace United Methodist Church in South Bend.

The Meeting approved of Ennis Gulley as 1973-1974 Yearly Meeting representative and Mary Belle Hinshaw as alternate. This is to be held August 10-12, 1973.

The Missionary Committee recommended sending \$100.00 for Bill Wagner's work and \$100.00 to help toward expenses of the representatives to Sydney, Australia.

A report from the Nominating Committee was read in part as they had not completed {filling the positions}. More were needed on the Youth Committee. The committee did ask approval of new members added to the Finance Committee since this committee needs to meet to work on the budget. The members added and approved for 1973-1976: Allen Comer, Rosemary McHolland, and Dale Brady.

The closing minute was read to meet June 3, 1973.

Walter Mills, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

June 3, 1973

The Winchester Monthly Meeting met in regular session on June 3, 1973 with 26 in attendance.

After a few moments of silence, the opening minute was read and {the minutes of the last Meeting were read and} approved.

The Treasurer's report was given and approved as: Budget Balance \$2,090.10 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance \$135.96, Mission Fund Balance \$1,251.95, Improvement Fund Balance \$2,757.08, Expansion Fund Balance \$2,443.18, and Real Estate Mortgage Balance \$2,400.06.

The Statistical Report was given by Ardith Coon as the marriage of Barbara Hanke and Michael Wendel on March 31, 1973 and the death of Elbert Kabel on June 1, 1973. The average attendance for May was 147.

A letter was read stating Joan Stiverson Wilmore transferred membership to Winchester Main Street Christian Church.

The Nominating Committee report for 1973-1974 was read and approved.

The Finance Committee report on the 1973-1974 Proposed Budget was read and approved.

Thank you notes were read from the families of Alonzo Hartzell and Vada Coon.

A letter was read from Raymond Breaker, as chairman of the Ministerial Association Religious Censuses, in appreciation for our part in Bible distribution and the census' success.

Helen Boomer reported that the family of Vada Coon gave her sewing machine to the Women's Society for its work which will help a lot.

Closing prayer was given by Walter {Mills}. The closing minute was read to meet July 1, 1973.

Walter Mills, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT  
1973-1974

Presiding Clerk	Walter Mills
Assistant Presiding Clerk	Burt Hiatt
Recording Clerk	Nancy Brady
Assistant Recording Clerk	Cleo Harmon

Treasurer

Keith Hinshaw

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY & MEMBERSHIP

1971-1974:

Ennis Gulley, Lena Bales, Juanita Hinshaw, John Cook

1972-1975:

Helen Boomer, Max Copeland, Marvin Thornburg, Leonard Bolinger

1973-1976:

Gertrude Cox, Kathleen Hartzell, Letha Cox, Carroll Densmore

TRUSTEES

1971-1974:

Glen Engle, Ardith Coon, Alberta Shockney, Keith Hinshaw

1972-1975:

Gordon Keys, Robert Cox, Clarence Kritsch, Mildred Johnston

1973-1976:

Dan Fouse, Mary Anderson, Rodger Green, Earl Worley

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

1971-1974:

Mike Cover, Martha Freeman, Leland Shockney

1972-1975:

Charles Cates, George Carter, Ben Kritsch

1973-1976:

Rosemary McHolland, Allen Comer Dale Brady

COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

1971-1974:

Austin Cox, Sue Hinshaw

1972-1975:

Ellene Kritsch, Jane Zell

1973-1976:

Carol Bailey, Mary Belle Hinshaw

FUNERAL COMMITTEE

Flora Hartzell, Chairman

Golden Band Class - Elizabeth Tuttle

William Penn Class - Pauline Mills

Welcome Class - Carol Bailey

Quaker Girls- Gernell Owens

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Carroll and Rita Densmore, Chairmen  
Rosa Mary and Joe Zell, Carl and Winifred Thompson, Raymond and  
Georgia Breaker

USHERS

Harold Odom, Chairman; Burt Hiatt, Assistant Chairman  
Allen Comer, Robert Hartzell, Lester Norman, Clarence Kritsch, Tony  
Kritsch, David Cox, Aaron Zell, Joe Zell, Robert Barnes  
Substitutes: Ralph Fisher, Donald Clevenger

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Susie Green, Chairman  
Susan Mills, Adam Flatter, Betty Hiatt, Elizabeth Tuttle, Janet  
Copeland

STATISTICIAN

Ardith Coon

AUDITING

Evelyn Fields, Gladys Davisson

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

Marjorie Carter, Chairman  
Anna Lou Arnett, Pauline Mills, Mary Gulley, Olive Cover, Caroline  
Vaupel

SPECIAL DAYS & CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

John and Evelyn Cook, Chairmen  
Earl and Alta Worley, Dale and Dorothy Martzell, Alvina Peters,  
Clarence and Maxine Kritsch, Sheryl Kerns, Bruce Fidler, Norman Peters

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Frances Thornburg, Chairman  
Elizabeth Cates, Ruth Ann Fouse, Pat McLaughlin, George Carter, June  
Mendenhall, Sondra Barnes

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Esther Overman, Chairman

1971-1974:

Mary Gulley, Kenneth Boomer

1972-1975:

Eva Bosworth, Alberta Shockney

1973-1976:

Keith Hinshaw, Marjorie Carter

1974-1977:

to be selected in 1974

July 1, 1973

The Winchester Monthly Meeting met in regular session with 32 in attendance.

After a few moments of silence and the opening minute {was read}, the minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given and approved as follows: Budget Balance \$2,364.67 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance \$99.26, Mission Fund Balance \$1,296.20, Improvement Fund Balance \$2,727.34, Expansion Fund Balance \$2,809.43, and Real Estate Mortgage Balance \$2,400.06.

The Statistical Report was given as the average June attendance was 152, the death of Joe Harris on June 26, 1973, and the marriage of Dale Rouch and Velma Lyons on June 30, 1973.

Ministry & Membership recommended upon their request to discontinue the memberships of William Addington, Teola Addington, Timothy Holdeman, Richard Robinson, Raymond Robinson, and Electa Washler.

A letter from Bill and Dorothy Wagner was read thanking the Meeting for the financial help given on their missionary trip.

It was reported a letter had been sent to Leah Harris in Florida upon the death of {her husband} Joe {Harris}.

The Meeting approved of sending \$25.00 to the Randolph County Hospital Chaplains Association now and again as the need arises.

The two representing our church at the Lynn Sesquicentennial and Dedication of the new sanctuary on July 22, 1973 are Lydia Cranor and Lena Bales. The Meeting approved. For White's Institute representative for the coming year, the Meeting approved Nancy Brady.

The Meeting approved keeping Cleo Harmon as reporter on Indiana Friend.

After some discussion on continuing the Expansion Fund after the three previous years, it was approved to do so and give it some thought. Burt Hiatt reported the Trustees definitely would like it continued. Many expressed the need for a new or different parsonage.

Helen Boomer suggested the Meeting appoint a younger representative to Indiana Yearly Meeting for Quaker Haven to replace Kenneth {Boomer}. Keith Hinshaw was suggested. The concern was to be carried over to the August Meeting.

For the youth representative to Indiana Yearly Meeting, the Meeting approved of turning this over to the Youth Committee.

The yearly reports were approved for Quaker Girls, Ministry & Membership, and Missionary Committee. The Meeting approved of the secretary printing reports in full in the Friendly Reminder.

It was approved to set up the following Memorials: Grace Warren - October 24, 1972; Wava Dudley - November 5, 1972; Mabel Mills - December 11, 1972; Vada Coon - April 28, 1973; Elbert Kabel - June 1, 1973; Joe Harris - June 26, 1973.

A letter was read from Earlham College stressing that more Friends young people look into Earlham as their college choice and {that} possible financial help {is} available.

The Meeting closed with a prayer by Walter {Mills} and the closing minute was read to meet August 5, 1973.

Walter Mills, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

August 5, 1973

The Winchester Monthly Meeting met in regular session on August 5, 1973 with 18 attending.

After the opening minute was read, the minutes of the July Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved as Budget Balance \$2,178.13 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance \$173.31, Mission Fund Balance \$1,240.26, Improvement Fund Balance \$2,917.33, Expansion Fund Balance \$2,189.18, and Real Estate Mortgage Balance \$1,400.06.

The Statistical Report for July was given as the average church attendance {for July was} 135, the death of Vera Maynard on July 26, 1973, the birth of a son, Matthew Craig, to Dave and Mary Ann Copeland Alber on July 16, 1973, and the wedding of Bruce Fidler and Sheryl Kerns on August 4, 1973.

The yearly reports were given from the William Penn Class, Women's Society, and Quaker Girls.

The Missionary Committee reported that \$100.00 was requested by Susie Green for the purchase of school clothes for needy children. This was approved.

The yearly Statistical Report was given as church attendance in 1973 was 144 as compared to 142 in 1972, Sunday School attendance in 1973

was 77, in 1972 it was 80, Monthly Meeting attendance was 30 in 1973 and 28 in 1972. The total church membership for 1973 was 340 and in 1972 it was 366.

Since our budget has been operating in the red for some time, it was felt necessary to bring to the attention of the entire Meeting this concern. It was approved a letter be sent to each church family on this matter and to hold Monthly Meeting during the Sunday School hour instead of the regular time.

To be carried over to the September Meeting was the need to replace Kenneth Boomer as Quaker Haven representative and a Youth Representative.

After prayer by Walter Mills, the closing minute was read to meet September 2, 1973 during the Sunday School hour.

Walter Mills, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

September 2, 1973

The Winchester Monthly Meeting met in September during the Sunday School hour with 53 attending.

After a few minutes of silence, the opening minute was read followed by the minutes of the last Meeting. These were approved.

The Treasurer's report was then given and approved as: Budget Balance \$1,918.97 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance \$218.36, Mission Fund Balance \$1,279.76, Improvement Fund Balance \$3,083.99, Expansion Fund Balance \$951.12. The final Mortgage payment was paid in August 1973 on the new annex.

The Statistical Report was given as the average attendance for August was 123, the death of Fredric Carter, a former pastor, on July 18, 1973, the death of Kenneth Boomer on August 30, 1973, and the wedding of Charles Tuttle and Jennifer Smith on August 11, 1973.

It was approved to grant Kathy Norman a change of membership to Winchester Congregational Christian Church.

The Meeting approved Ministry & Membership's request that a series of meetings be held here from December 9-16, 1973 with Dr. Lowell Roberts. Ministry & Membership also asked if we approved of a new church directory being made since this had not been done since 1968. The Meeting approved.

October 7, 1973 is to be White's Institute Representative's Day and Dale and Nancy Brady and Marvin and Irene Thornburg will attend.

A letter telling about the Dedication Services at Dayspring Meeting on September 6, 7, 8, and 9, 1973 was read.

Mary Belle {Hinshaw} reported on the Yearly Meeting. She gave a very interesting report on the different areas of work.

Charles Cates announced that Darrell Watts was the new representative to Friends Fellowship Community.

Clifford Tuttle suggested everyone be sure to read the September issue of Quaker Life.

Closing prayer was given by Walter Mills followed by the closing minute.

Walter Mills, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

October 7, 1973

The Winchester Monthly Meeting met in regular session on October 7, 1973 with 30 persons in attendance.

Our Presiding Clerk offered prayer and the opening minute was given followed by the minutes of the previous Meeting. They were approved.

The Treasurer's report was then given and approved as follows: Budget Balance \$1,152.79 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance \$1,271.41, Mission Fund Balance \$1,370.26, Improvement Fund Balance \$3,035.65, and Expansion Fund Balance \$1,303.37. The Clerk made note of the improved nature of the Monthly Meeting finances. It indicated more overall gifts than for quite some time.

The Statistical Report gave an average attendance for September of 123.

Ministry & Membership brought the letter of transfer for Lorena Bales from the 1st Reformed Presbyterian Church in Bradenton, Florida to our Meeting which was approved. The Clerk welcomed her back. An official visit will be made by Walter and Pauline Mills.

A letter was read from Lillian Chant in regard to regional meetings in the future.

A Singspiration is planned at Farmland Friends on October 28, 1973 at 7:00 P.M. They desire our Meeting to send special musical numbers. This was referred to the Music Committee. Many made fine comment on

the pretty music presented by the Women's Chorus both Wednesday, the 3rd, and today.

In March a "School of Witnessing" will be held, led by Max Huffman. Details to be sent later. Representatives and alternates are to meet after the close of the song service

A thank you was read from Helen Boomer for our concern and prayers during their recent bereavement.

A report was presented and read from the Trustees which is to appear in the Friendly Reminder. It was approved.

A letter was referred to concerning the Pastors' Wives Retreat to be at Quaker Hill the following week. The Quaker Girls Class has underwritten the cost for Georgia Breaker.

A letter was read from Arlene B. Hubbard in regard to a \$1,000.00 gift presented to the Meeting in memory of her husband, Paul. Charles Cates remarked that Arlene was at one time director of the choir here at Winchester Friends. After a considerable amount of discussion, it met with approval of adding it to funds toward plating the Sanctuary window to the east for protection and warmth. This is with the Trustees' final approval. The project is to be mentioned in the Friendly Reminder also in order to give opportunity for others to give to this cause. A letter of recognition and thanks will be sent by the Clerk in behalf of the Meeting and it was suggested a similar letter be sent by the Pastor.

As was announced, our mortgage is paid in full and it seemed worthy to have a mortgage burning ceremony in celebration. A special committee of the Clerk, Pastor, and the chairman of Special Day's Committee were named to meet further and implement plans, tentatively set for Rally Day on the 21st.

Robert Hartzell questioned if the Meeting was contributing to the Bike-A-Thon to be run October 21, 1973 for the Cancer Fund. It was decided a note be placed in the bulletin; if any care to donate it can be presented through our representative.

Those to remember in special thought at the hospital are Howard Summers, Helen Thornhill, and Louis Mendenhall.

There being no further business presented, the Meeting closed with the closing minute to meet November 4, 1973 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Walter Mills, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk pro tem

November 4, 1973

The Winchester Monthly Meeting met in regular session with 29 attending.

After a few moments of silence, the opening minute was read followed by the reading of the minutes of the previous Meeting. This was approved.

The Treasurer's report was then read and approved as: Budget Balance \$921.55 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance \$253.46, Mission Fund Balance \$1,416.26, Improvement Fund Balance \$4,586.02, and Expansion Fund Balance \$776.37.

The Statistical Report was given as: the death of Howard Summers on October 7, 1973 and the death of Helen Thornhill on October 11, 1973. The average attendance for October was 142.

A request for membership from Ministry & Membership on declaration of faith for Mabelle Louise Cox was approved.

A thank you note from the family of Howard Summers was read.

Walter read a report from the Auditing Committee stating the books had been audited and found to be in good order. A word of appreciation was given for the work of the Treasurer and the Auditing Committee.

A letter from the Friends World Committee was read on the world gathering at the Tri-Annual Meeting.

Charles Cates stressed the Friends Meeting on National Legislation.

After a word of prayer, the closing minute was read to meet on December 2, 1973.

Walter Mills, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

December 2, 1973

The Winchester Monthly Meeting met in regular session on December 2, 1973 with 25 attending.

Prayer was given by Burt Hiatt. The opening minute was read followed by the reading of the November minutes. This was approved.

The Treasurer's report was given and approved.

Raymond {Breaker} stressed the series of upcoming meetings with Dr. Lowell Roberts and hoped for a good turnout.

The Statistical Report was given as the average attendance for November was 129.

As a move to help in the energy crisis, the balcony lights will be turned off during services.

Charles Cates suggested a thank you be sent to Earl Worley for fixing and repairing the water fountains.

Ennis Gulley spoke of the need for eave spouts over the entrance. This was to be reported to the Trustees.

Raymond gave the closing prayer.

The closing minute was read to meet January 6, 1974.

Burt Hiatt, Asst. Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

January 6, 1974

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met January 6, 1974 with 34 attending.

After a period of silence, the opening minute was read. The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given and approved. It was decided to hand a copy of the Treasurer's report to each one present.

The Statistical Report showed the average attendance for December was 142.

A letter from Don Garner was read asking for 35mm slides of our Meeting to be sent to help in a presentation of a taped narration that describes Indiana Yearly Meeting.

A school for Witness sponsored by Friends United Meeting to be held February 1, 2, 3, 1974 was announced. It was approved that \$10.00 per person be taken from the Mission Fund for anyone wanting to attend.

Several Yearly Reports were to be placed on the back table if anyone would like to read {them}.

A review of The December 1973 Minutes of the Administrative Council of Indiana Yearly Meeting was read.

A recommendation from Ministry & Membership was read that we retain Raymond Breaker as our Pastor for another year. There being a question to this, Walter {Mills} read from the Winchester Monthly Meeting minutes of March 1970 on hiring the minister. Still other questions, Walter read from the Indiana Yearly Meeting Pastoral Agreement as to how procedure was to be taken. Since there was felt the need for more discussion, it was approved to send the recommendation back to Ministry & Membership.

The Meeting adjourned to meet February 3, 1974.

Walter Mills, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

February 3, 1974

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met in regular session with 54 attending.

Esther Overman gave the opening prayer. The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read by Walter {Mills} due to Sharon's {Babcock} absence because of attending a meeting. This was approved as Budget Balance \$1,022.63 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance \$164.07, Mission Fund Balance \$337.45, Improvement Fund Balance \$2,733.35, and Expansion Fund Balance \$4,007.62.

The Missionary Committee recommended \$35.00 be allowed to Anna Lou Arnett for gas and to pay for a U-Haul trailer to take a load of clothing to the Oklahoma Indians, \$10.00 per person for fees to lay witness meeting and \$25.00 to the Hospital Chaplain Fund. These were approved.

It was reported Helen Boomer, Sharon and Carol Babcock, and Marjorie Carter attended the school for lay witness.

A letter from Ministry & Membership was read reaffirming the March 1, 1970 minute on hiring of a minister. This being that the question of hiring a minister would not be brought up every year. The recommendation from Ministry & Membership was read to retain Raymond Breaker with the same contract agreement as that of 1973-1974. This was approved.

The closing minute was read to meet March 3, 1974.

Walter Mills, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

March 3, 1974

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened to conduct the following business. After a few moments of silence, the opening minute was read. Twenty-five were in attendance.

Burt Hiatt, Assistant Presiding Clerk, then read a note from Walter Mills stating that "due to personal reasons" it was necessary for him to resign as Clerk of the Meeting.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved as Budget Balance \$621.12 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance \$179.73, Mission Fund Balance \$1,643.82, Improvement Fund Balance \$5,567.96, Expansion Fund Balance \$6,378.62.

The Statistical Report was given as 126 average attendance for February. The birth of a daughter, Sara Elaine, to Steve and Carol Zell on February 19, 1974 and the birth of a son, Robert Wade, to Bob and Cynthia Junco on February 22, 1974.

A letter from the Planning Committee for Personal Evangelism Institute was read and Mary Belle {Hinshaw} gave a report on the Regional Meeting to be held here on March 22, 23, 24, 1974. The purpose being to help train interested persons in helping others find Christ. Approximately \$15.00 is needed for one to attend these meetings. It was stated that Mary Belle's work in this is much appreciated.

Marjorie Carter read a recommendation from the Missionary Committee for the following: \$100.00 to go to Indian workers salaries, \$50.00 to White's Institute to help in redecoration, \$25.00 to Pastoral Leadership in Jamaica, \$25.00 to the LuGula Ward Building. These were approved.

Kenneth Cook's request to move {his} membership to the Congregational Christian Church was approved.

A memorial gift of \$25.00 from Jack Carpenter for Kenneth Boomer was accepted. A thank you note is to be sent to him.

The Petition for Distribution of \$1,000.00 from the Mabel Mills Estate was read and this is to go into the Expansion Fund.

A letter was read from the Indiana Yearly Meeting concerning a conference on Creative Aging to be held March 29-31, 1974 at the Conference Center.

Regrets were expressed for Walter's resignation.

It was announced that on March 31, 1974 from 4:00-6:00 P.M. David Stanfield will conduct an area wide workshop on "How to Make Out Your Will."

Appreciation was spoken for the U.S.F.W. {United Society of Friends Women} for the paneling of the north wall of the kitchen-dining area.

Adam Flatter gave a beautiful prayer after which the closing minute was read.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

April 7, 1974

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met in regular session with 28 in attendance.

After the opening minute, the minutes of the March Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The Statistical Report was given as the average attendance for March was 128.

The Missionary Committee recommended \$100.00 to help with the tornado fund. The committee was also asked to help the Tom Swingly family whose home recently burned; \$25.00 was approved as a token help to Jericho Church for this purpose.

Stewardship & Finance asked that any funds wanted to be placed on next year's budget be reported to the committee.

Mildred Johnston reported on a teacher from Ramallah Girl's School who is at Ball State. She has become ill with cancer and is in great need of financial help. This was approved to be turned over to the Missionary Committee.

Mr. Earl Conn spoke on the Indo-China Relief Fund. Quakers are trying to do something to help with this. It is hoped a total of \$50,000.00 can be raised from all Quaker groups across the world. The funds are to go to the Friends United Meeting. There are 3 areas of work: 1. farmers aid, 2. aid to children, and 3. a hospital. It was approved to refer this to the Missionary Committee.

A letter from the Friends Yearly Meeting office was read announcing a National Conference of U.S.F.W. {United Society of Friends Women} and Quaker Men at Greensburg, North Carolina June 14-18, 1974.

Helen Boomer sent a thank you note to the Meeting for paying for Laywitness Meeting fees.

Representatives named and approved for Winchester Regional Meeting were Mary Belle {Hinshaw} as representative and Ennis Gulley as alternate.

A prayer was given by Raymond {Breaker} and the closing minute read to meet on May 5, 1974.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

May 5, 1974

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened on May 5, 1974 with 27 in attendance to conduct the following business.

After the opening minute, the minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved as was the Treasurer's report.

A recommendation from the Missionary Committee to send \$115.00 to the Indo-China Children's Relief was approved. It was also reported that \$50.00 was sent to the teacher from Ramallah. This was from the Women's Society.

The Statistical Report was given as the average attendance for April was 146. On April 11, 1974 a son, Aaron Joe, was born to Kenneth and Kathleen Mills.

The Ministry & Membership reported on the proposed budget for the 1974-1975 year. This was approved. They recommended that Carol Babcock and Rita Densmore be added to the Nominating Committee (now called the Personnel Committee) for a 3 year period. Approved.

The closing minute was read to meet June 2, 1974.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

June 9, 1974

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met with 21 attending on June 9, 1974 to transact the following business.

After a few minutes of silence, the opening minute was read. This was followed by the reading of the minutes {of the previous Meeting} and the Treasurer's report. These were approved.

The Statistical Report was given as the average attendance for May was 147. The birth of a son, Michael Eugene, on May 1, 1974 to Ben and Ellene Kritsch, and the birth of a son on May 15, 1974 to Rosemary and David Roosa. The death of Ileen Odom on May 9, 1974 and the death of Glen Engle on June 5, 1974.

The Personnel Committee report recommendation for 1974-1975 was read by Keith Hinshaw. This was approved.

A thank you note from the Ileen Odom family was read. Also a thank you note was read from the Ward and Ridgeville Kindergarten for books they received from Bible School collections.

The Ray Chitty family asked that their membership be transferred to the Hazel Dell Friends Meeting in Elwood, Indiana. This was approved.

Several letters asking for donations were read and it was approved to post these on the bulletin board.

A letter from Indiana Yearly Meeting was read asking for a Youth Representative and Alternate; this was approved to be turned over to the Youth Committee.

Helen Boomer announced that she and Elizabeth Tuttle would be representing us at the National Conference in North Carolina in June as they plan to attend.

The closing minute was read to meet July 7, 1974.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Nancy Brady, Recording Clerk

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT 1974-1975

Presiding Clerk	Burt Hiatt
Assistant Presiding Clerk	Keith Hinshaw
Recording Clerk	Cleo Harmon
Assistant Recording Clerk	Marjorie Carter
Treasurer	Sharon Babcock
Assistant Treasurer	Annie Fidler

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY & MEMBERSHIP

1972-1975:

Helen Boomer, Leland Shockney (replaces Max Copeland), Marvin Thornburg, Leonard Bolinger

1973-1976:

Gertrude Cox, Kathleen Hartzell, Letha Cox, Carroll Densmore

1974-1977:

Raymond Babcock, Sue Hinshaw, Norman Peters, Maxine Kritsch

TRUSTEES

1972-1975:

Gordon Keys, Robert Cox, Clarence Kritsch, Mildred Johnston

1973-1976:

Dan Fouse, Mary Anderson, Rodger Green, Earl Worley

1974-1977:

Bob McHolland, Lena Bales, Winifred Thompson, Louis Mendenhall

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

1972-1975:

Charles Cates, George Carter, Ben Kritsch

1973-1976:

Rosemary McHolland, Allen Comer, Bill Monks (to replace Dale Brady)

1974-1977:

Tom Zell, Alberta Shockney, Keith Hinshaw

COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

1972-1975:

Ellene Kritsch, Jane Zell

1973-1976:

Carol Bailey, Mary Belle Hinshaw

1974-1977:

Nancy Brady, Ennis Gulley

FUNERAL COMMITTEE

Mary Anderson, Chairman

Golden Band Class - Mary Anderson

William Penn Class - Kathleen Hartzell

Welcome Class - Carol Bailey

Quaker Girls - Carrie Hinshaw

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Carroll and Rita Densmore, Chairmen

Austin and Letha Cox, Raymond and Georgia Breaker, Carol and Sharon Babcock, Ken and Pat McLaughlin

USHERS

Clarence Kritsch and Joe Zell, Co-Chairmen

Regulars: Aaron Zell, Allen Comer, Tony Kritsch, Carl Thompson

Substitutes: Robert Hartzell, Burt Hiatt, Mike Densmore, Patrick McLaughlin, Don Clevenger

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Susie Green, Chairman  
Harriet Engle, Elizabeth Tuttle

STATISTICIAN

Ardith Coon

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Evelyn Fields, Gladys Davisson

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

Marjorie Carter, Chairman  
Anna Lou Arnett, Mary Gulley, Eva Bosworth, Rita Densmore

SPECIAL DAYS & CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Burt and Betty Hiatt, Chairmen  
John and Evelyn Cook, Dale and Dorothy Martzell, Alvina Peters, Robert  
and Sondra Barnes

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Frances Thornburg, Chairman  
Lorena Bales, Ruth Ann Fouse, Elizabeth Cates, Pat McLaughlin, June  
Mendenhall

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Keith Hinshaw, Chairman

1972-1975:

Eva Bosworth, Alberta Shockney

1973-1976:

Marjorie Carter, Keith Hinshaw

1974-1977:

Carol Babcock, Rita Densmore

1975-1978:

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July 14, 1974

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened July 14, 1974 with an attendance of 22. Burt Hiatt, Clerk, offered prayer and the opening minute was given. The report of the Recording Clerk was read and approved.

The report of the Treasurer was read and approved as Active Church Balance \$282.02 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance \$3,058.17, Mission Fund Balance \$1,405.99, Improvement Fund Balance \$2,554.29, and Expansion Fund Balance \$6,991.37.

The Statistical Report gave an average attendance of 143 for the month of June. The yearly Statistical Report was also read as were reports from the Quaker Girls Class, Ministry & Membership, and the William Penn Class. Approval was given to placing all in the {Friendly} Reminder.

Charles Cates, a member of the Stewardship & Finance Commission, made know a request for mimeograph paper used in our newsletter and asked Monthly Meeting's guidance in purchasing same. Cleo Harmon was asked to go into more detail and she offered that a better price would be secured if we bought in considerable quantity; therefore, after discussion, it was approved letting her use {her} judgment in this purchase.

A card of thanks was read from the Glen Engle family for sympathy extended to them in their recent bereavement.

Other communications included a letter of thanks in regard to the gift books made to the Randolph Central School System by the aid of Bible School donations.

A letter was read concerning the Brown family in Ridgeville who need provisions for getting two family children to Indianapolis for treatment of Hypo-Plastic Anemia. This has been done in the past on a voluntary basis by the Community Helping Hand, but this is no longer possible. They now have acquired the services of a person who will do this continually on the condition they have funds to help with expenses. The Missionary Commission asked Monthly Meeting to consider a sum of \$50.00 for this aid with perhaps more to be given as deemed necessary later. It was approved.

An excerpt was read from the {Report} of the Administrative Council Minutes in regard to the tornado stricken families at Kennard and Grant City. The Yearly Meeting has contributed a total sum of \$18,790.66 which has in part been delegated to the families in need. The {Report} was placed on the rear table in the sanctuary along with 2 reports on Friends Fellowship Community and the American Friends Service Committee report for reading at your convenience.

Question was voiced as to when we would receive our new directories. Raymond Breaker will contact them again first of the week.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet August 4, 1974 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

August 4, 1974

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened August 4, 1974 with an attendance of 24.

The opening minute was given and the report of the previous {Meeting's} minutes read. After correction they were approved.

The report of the Treasurer was read and approved as Active Church Balance \$257.49 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance \$3,029.83, Mission Fund Balance \$1,391.40, Improvement Fund Balance \$2,790.27, and Expansion Fund Balance \$7,041.12.

The Statistical Report gave the marriage of Susan Breaker and Eddie Phillips on June 14, 1974 and the marriage of Mark Cook and Debra Tutterow on July 20, 1974.

A minute from the Trustees gave the officers for the forthcoming year as Mildred Johnston as chairman, Bob McHolland as assistant chairman and Lena Bales as secretary.

The Missionary Commission report was read and approved.

Marjorie Carter compared the active giving of \$1,257.00 in 1973-1974 in comparison to only \$510.00 in 1971-1972 which she felt was to be commended.

Charles Cates read a letter from the Stewardship & Finance Commission of Indiana Yearly {Meeting} which asked that it be shared with our Meeting in regard to budget structure. It was determined at 1973 sessions that the Stewardship & Finance Commission was directed to make a study of the Yearly Meeting budget structure with the goal of trying to provide more flexibility to Monthly Meetings as they seek to relate their financial support to those items in which they have greatest interest. They presented the following four options:

Option I. The financial support of the Yearly Meeting Budget be completely voluntary. The budget would be worked out as usual to serve as a goal for the Yearly Meeting. Meetings would be free to support the items in the budget at whatever level they desired, ranging from no support for any of it to full support for all of it.

Option II divided the Yearly Meeting into two parts:

Part A would include items involving staff support, committee work, and any items for which firm support was felt to be necessary. Monthly Meeting would be expected to support Part A in full.

Part B would consist of items mainly in the category of outreach, related Friends organizations (and items on which diversity has been experienced). Support for Part B would be on a voluntary basis.

Option III. Similar to Option II except that Part B would be given a total per-member rate. Monthly Meetings would be expected to fully support the total amount of Part B (rate per-member times the membership would be assigned each Meeting), but would have the option of distributing this Part B amount over Part B items in any manner they desired.

Option IV. Continue the present budget structure.

After due consideration and discussion, the Meeting felt directed to instruct our Yearly Meeting representative, Mary Belle Hinshaw, to continue to stand on Option IV as we have done in the past. If this fails, then revert to Option II with the understanding much more information must be made available to our Meeting at all levels to carry this out in a satisfactory manner.

George Carter announced that new officers for this next year for the Stewardship & Finance Commission will be Charles Cates and George Carter as co-chairmen and Rosemary McHolland as secretary.

Burt Hiatt, Clerk, expressed a concern that Quaker homes were not opened to those of our Friends Meetings who went on a bicycling trip through the East recently. As an outgrowth of this concern, it was suggested that the Yearly Meeting report and the trip report be given on the same day to our congregation.

There being no further business presented, the Meeting adjourned to meet September 1, 1974 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk. Adam Flatter pronounced the benediction.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

September 1, 1974

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met September 1, 1974 with an attendance of 26. The opening minute was given and the report of the previous {Meeting's} minutes were read and approved.

The report of the Treasurer gave a balance of \$305.59 {in the red - see correction in next month's minutes} in the Active Account, \$8.82 in the Non-Budget Balance, \$1,485.40 in the Mission Fund Balance, \$6,002.60 in the Improvement Fund Balance, and \$7,112.12 in the Expansion Fund Balance. The report was approved.

A minute from the Trustees with the recommendation that the income from the Best Trust be placed in the Improvement Fund Balance was approved.

The Statistical Report gave the deaths of Hermione Bailey on August 26, 1974 and Rolland Coats on August 22, 1974. The average attendance for the month of August was 113.

The Stewardship & Finance Commission reported that Option IV mentioned in previous minutes will be continued for another year with discussion continuing in regard to change.

Carroll Densmore, Clerk of Ministry & Membership, asked the Meeting's guidance on the amount to pay our pulpit supply during Raymond's surgery and convalescence. \$25.00 was suggested and approved for a temporary time.

Approval was given to allowing Anne Riddle the use of lower floor classrooms for a Nursery School on a temporary basis until she can secure other quarters.

A thank you letter was received from the Community Helping Hand Fund for our donation this past month in helping the Brown family.

A letter of thanks was received from the F.U.M. for the contribution received for Indo-China appeal.

A letter from the American Friends Service Committee and a bulletin from Friends Fellowship Community were mentioned and placed on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for your reading convenience.

Burt Hiatt thanked Carroll {Densmore} for his efforts in filling the pulpit during Raymond's absence. We were also reminded to remember Raymond in our prayers for his recovery.

There being no further business presented, the Meeting adjourned to meet October 6, 1974 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

October 6, 1974

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met October 6, 1974 with 24 in attendance.

After a moment of silent meditation, the opening minute was given and the report of the previous {Meeting's} minutes. They were corrected by our Treasurer who said due to a posting error our Budget Balance remained in the red. {The editors have made a notation in the previous Monthly Meeting's minutes showing this correction.} The minutes were approved as corrected.

The Treasurer's report gave an Active Church Balance of \$322.46 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance as \$215.48, Mission Fund Balance \$1,578.81, Improvement Fund Balance \$6,169.26, and Expansion Fund Balance \$7,306.12.

The Statistical Report gave the death of Garland Thornhill on September 10, 1974 and the average attendance at Worship 124+ for the month of September.

The Trustee's chairman, Mildred Johnston, expressed the request for Anne Riddle to hold Nursery School Meetings in our church January through May, 5 mornings a week if this is favorable with the Meeting. Anne felt need of a firmer commitment if she is to enlarge on her plans. She has checked into insurance which would be needed as our coverage would not extend in this area of outreach. After discussion of advantages or disadvantages of these sessions, the Meeting gave firm approval. Mildred also questioned the authority of the Trustees as just how far they needed to go before asking Monthly Meeting's guidance. It was felt by the Meeting that we should be able to trust the Trustees' judgment for routine maintenance problems or projects. It was noted that paneling is to be completed in the south dining room to cover the unsightly walls. Work will also be done by Hinshaw's at this time to cover window wells to help alleviate the problem of water seeping into the basement on the new carpeting. Marvin Thornburg felt it would be a good idea also at this time to point up brick work on the south side of the church as this no doubt contributes to the problem of leakage.

The Auditing Committee reported correct audit of the church books. They gave the sum of church income as \$48,091.09 for this year with \$42,560.78 in disbursements. This made a balance of \$7,872.49 on July 30, 1974. It was approved.

A communication was read from Nebraska Yearly Meeting in regard to a Friend-In-Washington program which is a one year lobbying effort growing out of the concern of one or more Friend's groups and supported with money other than that in the regular FCNL {Friends Committee on National Legislation} budget. It will be for the aid of advancing legislation favorable to the American Indian and his problems. We were encouraged to give it prompt indication of interest and/or commitment on our part. A pamphlet concerning this will be placed on the back table for future study if you so desire. After considerable discussion and comments, the Meeting approved an amount of \$250.00 to start and also \$150.00 to Susie Green for a local mission fund, to help the needy. Both sums to be taken from the Mission Funds.

Inquiry was made as to the total amount in the Breaker Love Fund and it was thought to be around \$1,200.00 at present. We were advised

that the hospital room rates have risen since Raymond's initial surgery and hope we would remember this as a continuing fund.

A letter was read from Spiceland Friends Meeting in invitation to their Sesquicentennial Service Sunday the 20th at 10:00 A.M. with Kenneth Pickering as guest speaker. Due to the fact that is also our Rally Day, we declined to name a representative or representatives. However, our Clerk, Burt Hiatt, said he and Betty might be able to attend the afternoon session.

A thank you note was received from the family of Goldie Hermione Bailey for sympathy recently extended to them.

A thank you letter was read from Wayne Hinchman, principal at Willard School, for books received from the church through Susie Green. He reported they were being used for their individualized reading program.

It was noted that our pulpit supply is in the red, but felt this item will have to be listed here as we have no special fund to distribute {to} this need.

There being no further business presented, the Meeting adjourned to meet November 3, 1974 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk. Marvin Thornburg pronounced the benediction.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

November 3, 1974

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened November 3, 1974 with prayer by our Clerk, Burt Hiatt. 28 persons were in attendance.

The opening minute was given and the minutes of the previous meeting read, corrected and approved.

The Treasurer's report gave the Active Budget Balance as \$581.18 in the red, Non-Budget Balance as \$204.14, Mission Fund Balance as \$512.31, Improvement Fund Balance \$6,233.80, and Expansion Fund Balance \$7,504.75. After approval, discussion was held concerning the fact that few persons were aware that we operate with a deficit because of the way the Treasurer's report is stated; therefore it was decided to add 3 lines to the bottom of the report each month to set forth the budget need; expenditures and the balance in a summary that would clarify the problem.

The Statistical Report gave the death of Kaethe Rolle on October 20, 1974 and the death of Ruth Fisher on October 27, 1974. The average attendance for October was 122.

Mildred Johnston, Trustee chairman, reported a new sweeper has been purchased and the paneling done in the basement area.

Carroll Densmore, Clerk of Ministry & Membership, reported the Sunday School classes will have charge of lining up greeters at the door each Sunday.

Marjorie Carter, Mission Commission chairman, reported another need has been made known to the committee. Lee Marsh, grandson of one of our members, has need of a new electrified wheel chair which will cost around \$1,300.00 due to inflation. Overmyer's Corporation has set up a fund for this purchase and at present has \$500.00 in the account. Susie Green felt if our church would add to the contributions perhaps other churches, sororities, and service clubs would follow suit. It was approved to send a check of \$100.00 by Ennis and Mary Gulley to be presented to Lee on their visit there.

A thank you note was read from the family of Kaethe Rolle for sympathy extended to them at their recent loss.

A letter of request for transfer to Muncie Friends Memorial Church was received from Susan Mills. This was approved.

A letter was read from Lester Boyd of the Executive Committee of Quaker Men which accompanied a questionnaire in regard to our Quaker Men's organization. We have no existing structure now, but interest was shown so our Clerk will fill in the questionnaire and support for the venture will be promoted in our Meeting.

Another letter from Quaker Men was received concerning a Bible Quiz program for the young people of the Yearly Meeting. Youth Leader's representatives will gather at Daysprings today for further information regarding this. It was felt by many that such a project would be good if it promoted more Bible knowledge among our youth.

A mailing was received from Ken Anderson, film program coordinator, inquiring if the church would like to receive the Successful Christian Living Program.

The Friend's Fellowship Community report and the American Friends Service Committee report were both to be placed on the table at the read of the sanctuary for further reading by those interested.

Announcement was made that the Quaker Men and Wives Banquet will be held November 23, 1974 at 6:30 P.M. at White's Institute. It was suggested this be placed in the bulletin.

There being no further business presented, the Meeting adjourned with the closing minute to meet December 1, 1974 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

December 1, 1974

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened December 1, 1974 with an attendance of 22.

The Meeting opened with silent prayer and the opening minute was given. The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given as Active Budget Balance as \$709.05 in the red, Non-Budget Balance \$70.15, Mission Fund Balance \$1,325.31, Improvement Fund Balance \$5,692.23, and Expansion Fund Balance \$7,577.25. The report was approved.

Mildred Johnston, Trustee chairman, gave a report on the insurance premium due. The coverage has been re-valued and it will cost some more than the budget amount set aside. It has been written for 3 years, but the premium amount is not guaranteed for this length of time.

Marvin Thornburg reported he had Charlie Barnes clean drains and he personally took care of the bill. Burt Hiatt on behalf of the Meeting expressed our thanks for this contribution.

A thank you letter was received from Lee Marsh in regard to our recent monetary gift. Raymond Babcock updated the total amount now contributed by Overmyer's, all churches, service clubs, etc. as \$1,278.00 on this project. He added another fund has been started toward the purchase of a lift to aid in entering the van for travel outside the home. An initial gift from Leon Hendrickson of \$400.00 has been presented toward the goal of \$1,122.00.

Two communications were received that were placed on the rear table in regard to Pendel Hill and also Quaker work at the United Nations.

A letter was received from the Committee on Evangelism and Outreach in behalf of a special concern regarding Max and Kathleen Huffman. They have expressed a desire to attend the Jerusalem Convocation on Church Growth in February, 1975. The Committee felt this could be quite beneficial and presented the proposal to the Administrative Council where it was approved. Total cost for both would be around \$2,400.00 and could be underwritten with a love offering by concerned Meetings

or individuals. After some discussion, approval was given to tabling the issue until the next Monthly Meeting when we've had time to consider prayerfully our part.

A letter was received with a questionnaire asking each Meeting's guidance on approval or disapproval of support to the United Budget. After due consideration, we reasoned that we continue to stand behind the full budget as we approved previously. Our Clerk will fill out the questionnaire and return it to the proper committee.

There being no further business presented, the Meeting adjourned with the closing minute to meet January 5, 1975 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

{No written minutes were found for January 1975.}

February 2, 1975

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened February 2, 1975 with an attendance of 25 persons.

The Clerk, Burt Hiatt, offered prayer, the opening minute was given, and the report of the previous {Meeting's} minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer read a report for the month of January which gave an Active Budget Balance of \$1,583.23 in the red, due mostly to our insurance premium which was just due. The Non-Budget Balance gave a sum of \$16.39 which is the amount in the Dial-A-Devotion fund. Mission Fund Balance \$1,459.81, Improvement Fund Balance \$5,980.92, and Expansion Fund Balance \$9,874.00. The Treasurer did not read our December report as each person will have a copy to refer to. The report was approved.

The Statistical Report gave the marriage of Susan Mills and Gary Adams on December 22, 1974, the birth of a son, Trentin Joe, to Marsha and Tony Kritsch on January 10, 1975, and the death of Alice Summers on January 23, 1975. The average attendance at Morning Worship during January was 104+.

The Ministry & Membership Commission gave the recommendation that Raymond {Breaker} be retained as Pastor with the same financial arrangement as before with the stipulation if an emergency did arise to provide the necessary additional funds needed.

Mildred Johnston gave a brief Trustee's report.

The request for funds for a trip to Jerusalem for Max and Kathleen Huffman will not be necessary as the trip has been canceled due to political unrest in the territory.

Cards of thanks were received from the families of Emil Keys and D.M. Simmons for sympathy extended to them at their recent losses.

A letter of thanks was received from Mrs. Inez Schlechty for the box prepared for her at Christmas time. She said it was appreciated very much.

Our Clerk read the Administrative Council minutes for December.

A communication from the Friends World Committee for Consultation asking for prayers and financial support was placed on the rear table for those interested.

Charles Cates expressed a concern about the fact that our Educational Unit is cold and thought perhaps the Trustees would consider the problem. Mildred Johnston said they plan to discuss that at the upcoming meeting.

Upon question if the Love Fund was keeping up to expenses, it was deemed adequate at this time. Any member is free to question the balance when in the bank by asking Evelyn Fields. It is our concern that it be sufficient for the need.

Carroll Densmore reported that the Youth Quiz Contest recently spoken of was quite difficult and the youth declined to participate at this time.

We felt a genuine concern at our attendance and felt we all should get out and call to encourage our members and attenders.

There being no further business presented, the Meeting closed with the closing minute to meet March 2, 1975 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

March 2, 1975

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened March 2, 1975 with an attendance of 21 persons.

The opening minute was given after silent prayer was held and the minutes of the previous Meeting read and approved.

The Treasurer's report gave a balance of \$1,951.23 in the red for the Active Church Budget; the Non-Budget account is \$10.38 in the red which is amount minus in the Dial-A-Devotion fund. The Mission Fund Balance is \$1,507.06; Improvement Fund Balance is \$6,147.58; and the Expansion Fund Balance \$9,903.25. The report was approved.

The Missionary recommendations for the "So Send We Them" projects of Indiana Yearly Meeting were presented as follows: \$200.00 toward Indian Missionaries' salaries, \$25.00 to Ramallah for the Scholarship Fund, \$25.00 to White's Institute for redecoration, \$25.00 to Kenya for scholarships and current expenses, and \$10.00 to Patti Miller for Room & Board at Kickapoo. These were approved.

A recommendation from Ministry & Membership that our Pastor, Raymond Breaker, have the first 2 weeks off in April at his request for vacation. He has the pulpit filled for these 2 Sundays. This was approved.

Burt {Hiatt} made the announcement that the Singing Quakers will be at Muncie Friends Memorial on Thursday at 7:30 P.M. He suggested a carload or two to attend and support this. He read a communication from Don Rubendall in regard to Youthquake '75 at the Conference Center in Azusa Pacific College in Los Angeles, California. This will include a planned day at Disneyland, a visit to the Rose Parade and an afternoon at the beach. It will afford an opportunity to engage in a variety of discussions centering on the role youth have in the Friends Church today. The quota is 100 people (12 sponsors and 88 youth) and total cost will be approximately \$266.00. After some discussion it was approved to pay \$100.00 toward the full cost of 4 reservations.

A letter was read from Mary Lane Hiatt asking the Monthly Meeting to forward names of persons who will be willing to serve at the Yearly Meeting level to the Personnel Committee.

A letter was received from the Commission on Evangelism and Outreach in reference to the 2 workshops to be held at Dayspring Friends Chapel on "Principals of Church Growth." The full calendar for this Church Growth Year will be placed on the bulletin board and notice of the workshops will be run in the bulletin the next 2 weeks.

A thank you note was read from the family of Alice Summers for sympathy extended to them at their recent loss.

The acknowledgment of Susan Mills Adams's membership acceptance by Muncie Monthly Meeting was received.

An American Friends Service Committee bulletin was placed on the rear table for further reading.

Rita Densmore of the Missionary Commission brought to the attention of the Meeting that the Commission has 4 youth at least who are interested in attending the work camp at Kickapoo Indian Mission in July. The total cost of this is \$100.00 per youth. The Meeting gave approval to taking the amount needed from the Missionary Fund.

We discussed the fact that Dial-A-Devotion was running in the red. It was suggested that it might be taken from the Mission Fund as this is a Home Mission. We table it for another month to see if it will pick up. If not, then make the request.

Ministry & Membership announced they had named Nancy Brady and Mary Gulley to the Personnel Committee for the forthcoming year. Nancy has accepted and Mary will be contacted when she returns from Florida.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned with the closing minute to meet again April 6, 1975 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk. Burt {Hiatt} read "Thoughts for Lent" after adjournment for our meditation.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

April 6, 1975

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened April 6, 1975 with an attendance of 29 persons.

We opened with silent prayer followed by the opening minute and the minutes of the previous Meeting which were approved.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,068.65 in the read in the Active Budget, \$1,981.53 in the Non-Budget Balance, \$1,280.31 in the Mission Fund Balance, \$6,267.60 in the Improvement Fund Balance, and \$10,012.75 in the Expansion Fund Balance.

No Statistical Report was given.

Charles Cates said he was appreciative of the Stewardship flyers being included in the bulletin.

Dial-A-Devotion is an apparently healthy fund as of now, so that was tabled for a while.

A thank you letter was read from the Frances Hartzell family for sympathy recently extended to them at their loss.

Brochures from Pendel Hill on summer sessions and from the Friends Boarding School in Barnesville, Ohio were to be placed on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for those interested.

Attention was given to a committee meeting for Right Sharing of the World's Resources which is sponsored by the Friends World Committee. It will be held at Muncie Friends on April 19, 1975. The program was placed on the south bulletin board for your convenience.

A letter was read from Max Huffman concerning an Evangelism Seminar Week-End similar to the one held here in February of last year to which 3 of our members attended. This one will convene April 18, 19, and 20, 1975 at Dayspring Friends Chapel. Further information is available on the bulletin board in the south entry-way.

A communication from the Indian Friends Committee on Legislation reported the spring meeting is to be held April 26, 1975 at Irvington Friends, Indianapolis. This is to be included in our calendar of events.

Our Presiding Clerk also called attention to a letter in regard to World's Mission Tours. More information will be obtained if there is interest.

Marjorie Carter, chairman of the Missionary Committee, read minutes from a special meeting held at the Presbyterian Church which included ministers and laypersons from the Presbyterian, Friends, Wesleyan, Main Street Christian, Congregational Christian, Lutheran, Catholic, Nazarene, and First United Methodist churches together with Susie Green, Donal Browne, White River Township Trustee, and Gertrude Wilson, representative from the Randolph County Department of Public Welfare. This meeting was held April 3, 1975 to discuss the possibility of centralizing the work that most churches do on an individual basis. The need was felt to coordinate this plan with existing help from the Welfare Department and Township Trustee into a Community Emergency Help Plan, because of regulations on the Welfare Department which eliminate help for some persons and cause as much as 15 days waiting periods for others and the Trustee's allotted limited funds. Due to lack of employment, the transient traffic is heavier and it was noted needy families have risen from an average of 40 families to around 150. The Welfare Department, the Township Trustee, and Susie {Green} communicate very well in investigating the legitimate need for help. They also agree on guidelines in giving food, utilities, rent, fuel oil and gasoline. Guidelines based on these now being used would be set up so that each minister would be giving the same help by using some type of vouchers. It was stressed that money never be given. When a person brings a request to a minister or designated lay person, it will be checked out through the Welfare Department and the Trustee by a central clearing person to be sure that they are not receiving the same help from more than one

source. This being one of the reasons why this program is so essential. Another reason being the recent heavy demands on funds created by widespread unemployment as mentioned before. A common fund would be established through contributions from the churches choosing to participate. The Meeting strongly approved joining in this cooperative effort of the local churches and they chose to contribute one dollar per Active member, which would amount to \$223.00. This being our initial contribution to help start the common fund which will have to be replenished as it is used. This need will be reported to us by our Minister who will receive a monthly report on the project at the Ministerial Association meetings. Ways of replenishing this fund which is part of our Missionary giving will be discussed in future meetings. In the meantime we were encouraged to remember the pockets provided for this purpose in our regular offering envelope. It was suggested this be explained in detail in our Friendly Reminder and bulletin.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned with the closing minute to meet May 4, 1975 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

May 4, 1975

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened May 4, 1975 with an attendance of 27.

We bowed our heads in a moment of prayer and the opening minute was given. The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved showing a \$1,991.82 deficit in the Active Church Balance, Non-Budget Balance as \$1,960.76, Mission Fund Balance of \$1,377.31, Improvement Fund Balance of \$6,434.26, and Expansion Fund Balance of \$10,055.75.

The Statistical Report gave the death of Gordon Keys on April 18, 1975. Words of appreciation were spoken for Gordon's involvement within the church.

It was reported the Community Emergency Help Program will have the support of 6 churches. Two have not decided as yet.

A letter was received requesting a representative and alternate to Yearly Meeting. Marjorie Carter was named representative with Mary Belle Hinshaw as alternate. They will be notified as to their acceptance.

A letter of thanks was received from Edna Brumley for blood donated during her stay in the hospital. She enclosed a check which represented the sums ordinarily paid for blood to the church at the donors' request. The \$75.00 is to be used in the areas they choose.

It was acknowledged the painting was progressing although a few spots were pointed out that needed additional paint.

Ardith Coon issued a request from Ministry & Membership as to the procedure to take in sending letters to the membership who made no reply to the reassessment form sent out a few years back to our entire membership. Approval was given to Ministry & Membership for the drafting of this letter and sending to members in question.

A Bulletin was received from Friend's Fellowship Community and was placed on the rear table.

A poster was read indicating a Sword of Peace drama which will be held at Snow Camp, North Carolina this summer. It was placed on the bulletin board in the south entry-way.

Question was raised as to our approval of permitting Anne Moorman Riddle's continuance of her Nursery School for another year in our church. It was voiced that this is a very worthwhile project and we soundly approved this request.

Flyers for two tours were noted from the Friend's World College. One is for an 8 Day Bible Lands Seminar for the sum of \$799.00 and the other a Christian Sojourn to Bible Lands and Europe from \$1,199.00 up. The flyers and enrollment cards can be obtained in the church office if there are interested persons. If seven or more members of one Meeting sign up to go, the Clerk of the Meeting goes free to act as a host or hostess for the trip.

There being no further business presented, the Meeting adjourned with the closing minute to meet June 1, 1975 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

June 1, 1975

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened June 1, 1975 with an attendance of 30.

After silent prayer, the opening minute was given and the report of the Recording Clerk from the previous Meeting was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved as: Active Budget Balance \$1,867.36 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance \$1,932.99, Mission Fund Balance \$1,475.31, Improvement Fund Balance \$3,351.00, and Expansion Fund Balance \$10,184.75.

Mildred Johnston, chairman of the Trustees, gave a report of a summary of things done during the last few months in church improvements. She reported an electrical service bill for work done in compliance with the safety code by Frazee's as \$1,144.91 which will be paid as soon as the Women's Society sends the \$1,500.00 they voted to give to the Improvement Fund. The painting of the interior of the sanctuary, parlor, balconies and vestibules cost \$2,880.00 which has been paid. \$290.00 was paid to Spiedel Company for cleaning the carpets of the newly painted area. Whitesel's cleaned the balcony draperies and the altar rail curtain free of charge and have offered to clean the drapes in the annex when the Meeting desires it. Gernell Owens did all necessary mending of the draperies free of charge also. Our Clerk recognized this good report. It was suggested by the Meeting that a letter of appreciation be sent to Whitesel's for their donation.

A request was made by Ministry & Membership that we give \$150.00 for expenses for Friends United Meeting Triennial Sessions in July at Wilmington to Raymond Breaker. He was named a representative by Indiana Yearly Meeting. This gained approval.

Charles Cates presented the forthcoming budget for 1975-1976. It will be an increase of \$1,250.00 which will mean that we'll need an approximate sum of \$2,510.41 monthly or \$482.70 weekly. It was approved.

The Personnel Committee report was made by Keith Hinshaw, chairman. It was approved. Burt {Hiatt} thanked the committee and all who accepted appointments. Keith remarked it was the easiest time they ever had for they only met twice.

Charles {Cates} spoke in appreciation of the work of the Trustees and chairman Mildred Johnston. Several spoke in approval and offered to show our gratitude by applauding her for the superlative manner these things were accomplished.

Cathy Densmore wrote a note of thanks for the Bible received at graduation time.

Muncie Monthly Meeting and Langley Mill Monthly Meeting joined in a letter of request because of their common concern for support of the Friends World Committee on Consultation. After some discussion as to what manner to handle this it was approved to refer it to the Missionary Commission.

A letter was read from Hilda Clarke in reference to support of school supplies at White's {Institute} where she teaches. It was suggested this has been done by the United Society of Friends Women and it will be given to them for action. A notice of a new album she has for sale will be run in the bulletin and {Friendly} Reminder. She also included a form such as we've circulated in our Meeting before in regard to the Bible being read on the moon and the efforts of Madeline Murray O'Hare to squelch any demonstration of religion by public leaders. It was thought this idea of Hilda's a fine one and it would be a good idea to reprint the form of protest in the {Friendly} Reminder for our members to send in, in support of the action taken by the astronauts in December of 1968.

The American Friends Service Committee bulletin was placed on the table at the rear of the sanctuary for those who are interested.

Marvin Thornburg remarked how pretty he thought the church looks after the renovation.

Carroll Densmore expressed a concern at our absence of members in Meeting on Sunday. He said if we'd get out and work at it and get people back, it wouldn't be necessary to carry a deficit in our financial budget. Ardith Coon expressed this same concern. She said it was quite evident when working with the membership books that there are several of our Active church members who do not attend church on any regular basis. Our Clerk countered we all need to get with it.

There being no further business presented, the Meeting adjourned with the closing minute to meet again July 6, 1975 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT  
1975-1976

Presiding Clerk	Burt Hiatt
Assistant Presiding Clerk	Nancy Brady
Recording Clerk	Cleo Harmon
Assistant Recording Clerk	Elizabeth Tuttle
Treasurer	Sharon Babcock
Assistant Treasurer	Annie Fidler

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY & MEMBERSHIP  
1973-1976:

Gertrude Cox, Kathleen Hartzell, Letha Cox, Carroll Densmore

1974-1977:

Raymond Babcock, Sue Hinshaw, Norman Peters, Maxine Kritsch

1975-1978:

Ennis Gulley, Joe Zell, Dale Brady, Gene Fidler

TRUSTEES

1973-1976:

Dan Fouse, Mary Anderson, Rodger Green, Earl Worley

1974-1977:

Bob McHolland, Lena Bales, Winifred Thompson, Louis Mendenhall

1975-1978:

Richard Hinshaw, Ben Kritsch, Rita Densmore, Leonard Bolinger

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

1973-1976:

Rosemary McHolland, Allen Comer, Bill Monks

1974-1977:

Tom Zell, Alberta Shockney, Keith Hinshaw

1975-1978:

Mary Gulley, Tony Kritsch, Dick Kolp

COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

1973-1976:

Carol Bailey, Mary Belle Hinshaw

1974-1977:

Nancy Brady, Karen Peters

1975-1978:

Shelly Cox, Marsha Kritsch

FUNERAL COMMITTEE

Mary Anderson, Chairman

Golden Band Class - Mary Anderson

William Penn Class - Alvina Peters

Welcome Class - Pat McLaughlin

Quaker Girls - Gernell Owens

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Austin and Letha Cox, Chairmen

Raymond and Georgia Breaker, Carol Babcock, Kathleen Hartzell

USHERS

Clarence Kritsch, Norman Peters, Co-Chairmen

Regulars: Allen Comer, Joe Zell, Aaron Zell, Mike Densmore,

Jerald Gilpin

Substitutes: Bob Hartzell, Dale Brady, Don Clevenger, Bob Cox

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Susie Green, Chairman  
Harriet Engle, Elizabeth Tuttle, Charles Cates

STATISTICIAN

Ardith Coon

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Evelyn Fields, Gladys Davisson

MISSIONARY COMMISSION

Helen Boomer, Chairman  
Eva Bosworth, Marjorie Carter, Anna Lou Arnett, Olive Cover

SPECIAL DAYS & CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Burt and Betty Hiatt, Chairmen  
Alvina Peters, John and Evelyn Cook, Dale and Dorothy Martzell, Anne Riddle

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Frances Thornburg, Chairman  
Ruth Ann Fouse, Elizabeth Cates, Pat McLaughlin, June Mendenhall,  
Lorena Bales

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1974-1977:  
Carol Babcock, Rita Densmore

1975-1978:  
Mary Gulley, Nancy Brady

1976-1979:  
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July 13, 1975

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened July 13, 1975 with an attendance of 50 persons.

We stood in prayer in memory of our Pastor, Raymond Breaker, which closed with spoken prayer by our Clerk. The opening minute was given and the report of the previous Meeting's minutes was given and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given as \$1,295.04 in the red in the Active Budget Balance, Non-Budget Balance \$2,018.22, Mission Fund Balance \$1,029.06, Improvement Fund Balance \$3,840.26, and Expansion Fund

Balance \$10,307.75. This was approved and our Clerk called our attention to the fact that our deficit had decreased appreciably and our Mission Fund offering was substantially increased.

The Statistical Report gave the death of our Pastor, Raymond Breaker, on July 3, 1975 and {the death} of Reginald "Rich" Elliott on July 5, 1975. Our Statistician, Ardith Coon, also presented the Yearly Report.

It was noted that Memorials are to be sent to Dorothy Bennett for acceptance by Yearly Meeting.

Ministry & Membership chairman Carroll Densmore asked the Monthly Meeting to name a committee to help search out a new Pastor. After discussion at length by the Meeting, it was felt that this is the responsibility of Ministry & Membership aided by the help and prayers of the entire Meeting. Carroll announced that the pulpit will be filled until the second week of August by Alan Kolp. The Clerk noted that the Love Fund is till open for those who wish to contribute for Georgia's needs.

The Meeting approved the transfer of Anna Lou Arnett from Evanston Meeting to Active membership in our Meeting.

It was questioned about a Memorial Fund that the Ministerial Association was interested in. However it was decided that some were speaking of a fund in memory of Raymond for some other purpose and others were speaking of a fund to assist Georgia. It was felt that we would wait until clarifying this before any action be taken. Carroll Densmore expressed the fact that Ministry & Membership had agreed that 4 weeks vacation pay for our Pastor and wife be presented to Georgia for immediate needs. They will confer at a later meeting as to any additional funds presented.

Acknowledgement of an A.F.S.C. {American Friends Service Committee} letter; minutes from the Administrative Council Retreat, and minutes from the Administrative Council Meeting were made. They will be in the church office for interested parties who care to delve into them at their length.

A card in regard to a meeting for a decision on an area crusade was read from Carol Lyon. Mary Belle Hinshaw reported she had expressed a desire to attend but had said in reference to this that she felt under our circumstances that if there was to be one it should be held elsewhere than Winchester Friends as we have hosted it two times previously.

A communication telling of a dedication service to White's Institute on July 27, 1975 was read.

Two communications from Max Huffman were read. The first addressed to Raymond was read in regard to a farewell gift for Bill Wagner, our Yearly Meeting Superintendent. The recommendation on this one was that we give \$25.00 in memory of Raymond, because of their valued friendship, was approved. The other letter was in regard to the Dayton United Venture. This is a project to provide a Black and White Pastoral team who will take Christ to a racially integrated community at the Fairport Avenue Friends in Dayton, Ohio. The Pastors involved are Kenneth Hall, a black Friends Pastor from Jamaica and Robert Havelin, a white Pastor. The churches of Indiana Yearly Meeting are asked to raise \$9,000.00 this year for the support of Kenneth Hall and his family. Alan Kolp and Adam Flatter spoke in appreciation of Hall. It was decided to turn this concern over to the Missionary Commission for action.

Two yearly reports were read. One from the Quaker Girls class and one from the Trustees. These will appear along with the Statistical Report in a future {Friendly} Reminder.

Helen Boomer expressed appreciation for the morning message by Alan Kolp.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet August 3, 1975 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk. Adam Flatter pronounced the benediction.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

August 3, 1975

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met August 3, 1975 with an attendance of 34.

We opened with silent prayer followed by the opening minute and the minutes of the previous meeting which were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$725.33 in the red in the Active Church Balance, \$1,997.01 in the Non-Budget Balance, \$1,075.56 in the Mission Fund Balance, \$3,999.92 in the Improvement Fund Balance, and \$10,425.25 in the Expansion Fund Balance. It was noted on approval that this was a gain of \$500.00 or more in our deficit.

Ministry & Membership chairman Carroll Densmore reported that Dial-A-Devotion is being continued by the assistance of Mark Garringer, pastor at the Congregational Christian Church. He is assuming this responsibility at no expense to us due to his active interest in the community which Dial-A-Devotion serves. After some discussion Monthly

Meeting approved continuing support of this venture at least until we acquire a Pastor or into the Fall months.

The Finance Commission chairman, Allen Comer, reported that the vacation pay due Raymond {Breaker} had been presented to Georgia and they approved of her staying on in the parsonage for a couple of months. It was the consensus of the Meeting that she stay even until we would have need of the parsonage at a later date.

Yearly reports of the Missionary Commission and William Penn class were heard. They will be presented in the {Friendly} Reminder in a future issue.

Communications received were one from Jim Pitts and Wilmer Beeson, Family Camp Directors at Quaker Haven, promoting the Labor Day Week-End Family Camp.

A thank you was received from Miriam Elliott for sympathy extended to her at Rich's death. A letter was read from her in regard to a monetary gift in Rich's behalf. It will be placed in the Expansion Fund as a Memorial gift and will be acknowledged in the Memorial Book housed in the annex.

A letter of thanks is to be sent to the Nisbit's.

It was noted that we were still receiving Christian Readers, previously attended to by Raymond as supplemental reading for the Meeting. It was suggested this be carried on by the Sunday School Superintendent perhaps.

A letter was received from Earlham College announcing that seven Young Friends from Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings were named as recipients to the 1st Annual Wilkinson Award. The awards totaled \$12,500.00. It stated this scholarship will be available in the 1976-1977 academic year and we were encouraged to speak to our Young Friends who express an interest in higher education and share with them the opportunity.

A letter from Jim Pitts in regard to a Hymn-Sing at the Randolph County Fair Ground for this evening between 5:00 and 6:00 P.M. was called to our attention.

A letter from Don Rubendall was read telling of a challenging and free week-end at the Quaker Hill Conference Center at Richmond for 8 couples from Indiana, New England, and Southeastern Yearly Meetings to meet together October 3-5, 1975 to learn about each other and FUM {Friends United Meeting}. Keith and Sue Hinshaw were suggested and approved as probable attenders. If there are others to suggest, you may contact Mary Belle Hinshaw, Clerk of the Winchester Region.

Rodger Green spoke of a concern to make a memory plaque, similar in design to our dedication plaque, for Raymond Breaker in his memory. It was approved to look into the situation and get preliminary information for the Meeting concerning this.

It was reported that 2 watches had been purchased for Bill and Dorothy Wagner and also a plaque with special inscription which will be presented at Yearly Meeting. They are leaving our Yearly Meeting this year in the capacity of Superintendents and will assume a pastorate in Florida. Mary Belle Hinshaw, as representative to Yearly Meeting, asked if we had any instructions in regard to inclusion on the Budget. There are 7 areas of difference she listed. However, after discussion it was approved to stand firm on the Option to support all agencies previously supported by the Yearly Meeting.

There being no further business presented, the Meeting adjourned with the closing minute to meet again September 7, 1975 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

September 7, 1975

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met September 7, 1975 with an attendance of 28.

We opened with silent prayer followed by the opening minute. The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$162.60 in the clear, a Non-Budget Balance of \$1,859.80, Mission Fund Balance of \$1,270.81, Improvement Fund Balance of \$4,163.08, and Expansion Fund Balance of \$10,523.75. It was approved. The Clerk remarked that we were out of the red which was certainly good. However we need to support Dial-A-Devotion as it appears \$2.88 in the red this month.

The Statistical Report gave the average attendance for Morning Worship for August as 108; the death of Troy Keener on August 4, 1975; and the death of Herbert Harrison on August 8, 1975.

Helen Boomer recommended for the Missionary Commission to pay Anna Lou Arnett's expenses for taking a trailer to Oklahoma to the Mission Field in October. Burt offered the use of his covered trailer if it would be satisfactory. It was approved to give her \$100.00 toward expenses if necessary.

Ministry & Membership chairman Carroll Densmore announced the pastors for the remainder of the month: Keith Mardock, September 14; Pam Mark

and Dan Whitley, September 21 and 28; and the first Sunday in October will be Jim Pitts.

It was suggested that Mary Belle Hinshaw present her Yearly Meeting report at a subsequent Worship Service if this was favorable to her. Carroll Densmore is to contact her concerning this.

Permission was granted for Diana Bolinger to have her wedding here October 11, 1975. This has been cleared with the church calendar and Trustees. Jim Pitts will be the officiating minister.

It was felt that it would be well to have a combined meeting occasionally for Commission's chairmen to let each acquaint the other with programs being carried on in the church by their Commission so that there would be no conflict.

A request of transfer to the Greenfield Friends Church was received from Max and Janet Copeland. It was approved.

A communication about Pendel Hill tapes will be available in the office if there is interest in them. Three other pieces of literature were placed on the back table. One is in regard to the Trident Project and the other two subsist of an order form for obtaining a reprint of "40 Years Among the Indians" and registration blanks for Workshops entitled "Elimination of Self-Defeating Behavior" and "The Gift of Wholeness - A Weekend of Spiritual Enrichment." The first is to be held in September and January and the second is scheduled for October 10-12, 1975 at Quaker Hill Conference Center.

It was noted that due to her illness, Marjorie Carter could not fulfill the duties of Yearly Meeting representative at a Regional Meeting here this afternoon. The Clerk of the Regional Meeting, Mary Belle Hinshaw, felt it would be rather awkward for her to serve as alternate representative and preside simultaneously, therefore she would appreciate the support of someone else from the Meeting.

It was noted that the meeting of White's Institute representatives will be held Sunday, October 5, 1975, and it was hopeful our representative could attend.

Susie and Rodger Green presented two patterns for memorial plaques that could be imprinted in Raymond Breaker's memory. They said the cost would be approximately \$125.00 to \$140.00. The Meeting gave unanimous approval to the first design shown and gave approval to the Greens to go ahead with the project.

The Clerk expressed our thanks to Ministry & Membership for the work their Commission has carried out in securing ministers for our pulpit.

There being no further business presented, the Meeting adjourned with the closing minute to meet again October 5, 1975 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

October 5, 1975

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met October 5, 1975 with an attendance of 22.

The Clerk offered prayer and the opening minute was given. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and questioned whether we approved giving Mary Belle Hinshaw her expenses for her attendance at Yearly Meeting, however she declined any cost. The minutes were then approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

It was noted that Harold Odom was now a member of South Salem Christian Church and we should adjust our records accordingly.

Mary Belle Hinshaw gave highlights of the sessions at Yearly Meeting. She told of about 14 or 15 various changes to be made in our Faith and Practice. However, she said it would be drafted and presented to each Monthly Meeting before final acceptance. The Final Budget was accepted with the same organizations or boards receiving support as in previous years, but they will appoint a committee in 1977 to make a study of needed changes. She expressed the hope that we would get behind the Fairport Project which has been mentioned in previous minutes. The matter is a present resting with the Missionary Commission. Mary Belle also reported that we weren't very near to getting a Yearly Meeting Superintendent nor was the sale of the place on Briar Road or the {obtaining} of a new building imminent. A Regional Singspiration will be held November 30, 1975 and the Fairport project will be an item to bring up for support.

Carroll Densmore, chairman of Ministry & Membership, gave a short report in which he expressed thanks for attendance at the Shepherds Meeting held Tuesday, September 30, 1975. He said Ministry & Membership had established five pastors who will aid in any area which cannot be handled by the Shepherds or where they think a pastor's presence advisable. They are: Mark Garringer, pastor of the Congregational Christian Church; Jim Pitts, pastor at Jericho Friends; Duane Hansen, pastor at Lynn Friends; Marcell Thornburg, assistant pastor at Rural Friends, and Lorne MacMillan, pastor at the Church of the Nazarene. He expressed the thought that it would be well if we could reimburse Keith Mardock for his expenses when he attends our

Shepherd's Meetings here. This was given approval. A communication was received from Quaker Hill Conference Center with a request for funds to help support their endeavors. They need to refurbish the Center. This was turned over to the Missionary Commission.

A form was received in regard to the Chain of Prayer Ministry with other Friends Meetings. This is a voluntary joining of Friends Meetings in a continuous period of prayer from January 1, 1976 to April 18, 1976. Each Meeting takes responsibility for a twenty-four hour day (a few choose a one-half day) beginning at noon on one day and continuing until noon the next day.

A mailing was received enlisting help for the Fairport Project mentioned previously in these minutes.

A series of catalogs from Quaker Hill were received listing books they have available there. They will be left in the church office for the memberships' use and referral.

It was the consensus of the Meeting to retain Nancy Brady as White's Institute Representative.

The Statistical Report gave the average attendance at Morning Worship for September as 131.

There being no further business presented, benediction was pronounced by Alan Kolp and the closing minute was given to meet November 2, 1975 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

November 9, 1975

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened November 9, 1975 with an attendance of 23.

Silent prayer was held prior to the opening minute. The minutes of the last stated Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved giving a Budget Balance of \$795.87, Non-Budget Balance of \$1,898.21, Mission Fund Balance of \$1,368.11, Improvement Fund Balance of \$4,480.64, and Expansion Fund Balance of \$10,869.95. It was questioned if the \$100.00 from the Mission Fund set aside for Anna Lou Arnett's trip to Oklahoma {was to} be given to the Youthquake Fund as she will not be going until Spring. It was reported that the total fee has been paid and \$100.00 each was provided by the young people.

The Auditing Committee report was presented with a total \$43,300.60 income for the year added to a beginning balance of \$7,872.49 and total disbursements of \$46,244.52 leaving a balance of \$4,928.57. The committee added a footnote in regard to appreciation for the splendid books and reports our Treasurer is presenting to this Meeting. This was heartily approved and the Auditing Committee's report accepted.

Communications were in the following forms: one in regard to an annual Quaker Men's reunion in the form of a retreat for November 22-23, 1975 at Quaker Haven and a letter in regard to a C.R.O.P. {Christian Rural Overseas Program} Banquet to be held Monday, November 17, 1975 was acknowledged.

A reference was made of a letter from Dan Rubendall telling of a Midwest Consultation Meeting for interested representatives to be held March 19-20, 1976 at Quaker Hill. Names of interested persons are to be sent to Mary Belle Hinshaw for possible acceptance.

We were asked by F.C.N.L. {Friends Committee on National Legislation} to name 5 delegates for representation Saturday, November 22, 1975 at Muncie. Among them are Charles and Elizabeth Cates and the letter was presented to them.

A letter from Quaker Hill Conference Center with news of a retreat led by D. Elton Trueblood for November 21-23, 1975 was given and registration blanks are in the office. A second letter from Quaker Hill Conference Center in regard to the 4th Annual Creative Ministries Conference with the theme "Frontiers in Evangelism" for December 2-5, 1975 with Russell Myers, John Wimber, and John Robinson as leaders. A brochure giving details will be in the office for interested parties.

A report from F.U.M. {Friends United Meeting} was read with an appeal to assist them in their financial state which is critical at this time due to inflationary cost. John Jennens projects a possible \$40,000.00 deficit with only limited reserves. The I.Y.M. {Indiana Yearly Meeting} has asked urgent consideration by the Monthly Meetings to aid in their behalf. A study made by the General Board expresses a need to exercise extreme caution in preparing the budget for 1976. However, help and assistance is needed now to assure that the work of those in the care of F.U.M. will not suffer. It was acknowledged that this need should be brought before the entire Meeting and Sharon Babcock, who is an employee of F.U.M. and right next to the problem, aid in the preparing of a statement with Cleo Harmon in order to present this need to all.

A few concerns were voiced by various members. Among them it was questioned if Ministry & Membership had any report on a new minister. The Clerk of Ministry & Membership reported on names of 3 prospective ministers who will be contacted as to availability to speak in the near future. He also noted that Pam Mark and Dan Whitely were still

being considered regardless of false reports mentioned. It was stressed that Ministry & Membership could only operate with feedback from the members in regard to a new pastor. Appreciation was voiced for Carroll Densmore's efforts in obtaining pulpit supply these past few months.

All minds clear and there being no further business presented, the closing minute was given to meet December 7, 1975 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

December 7, 1975

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened December 7, 1975 with an attendance of 27.

Silent prayer was held and the opening minute given. The minutes of the last stated Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given with a Budget Balance deficit of \$178.04, Non-Budget Balance of \$122.52, Mission Fund Balance of \$1,594.11, Improvement Fund Balance of \$6,233.84, and Expansion Fund Balance \$10,892.45. It was questioned as to the transfer of the Ed Best Fund. It was disclosed that this sum had been used for the painting this year of the sanctuary and parlor, etc. which met the requirements as to its use by the Will in the Best Estate. A letter reporting this use has been sent to Peoples Loan and Trust to comply with the stipulation contained in the Will. It was also questioned if more of the excess funds couldn't be placed in certificates. It was noted that \$3,000.00 is the minimum balance we can operate with so some of the money will be placed in certificates in the very near future.

The Statistical Report gave the average attendance for Worship during November as 121 and also the death of Leland Shockney on November 19, 1975.

A letter was received by Ministry & Membership from Pam Mark in regard to assistance within our Meeting during her next quarter at the Earlham School of Religion. This is a part of the required essentials and will be under the leadership of the School. She suggested several areas that might be beneficial to the Meeting. She asked if she might not teach some, work with the Shepherd program, perhaps hold Mid-Week Meeting and serve in the pulpit some within this 10 week's time. The Ministry & Membership made the recommendation that we accept this as a helpful project also to us at Winchester Friends. It was felt by several that it would be a means of stimulating interest and would

also be backing to the Earlham School of Religion. It was approved. The Commission also reported that there will be more prospective ministers to speak at Winchester the months of January and February and they were hopeful that someone would be ready to be presented at our March Meeting as a possible new Pastor. It will not be an easy decision and therefore {will} require our prayerful support. Appreciation was voiced for Carroll Densmore's efforts in obtaining persons to supply the pulpit these many months.

A letter was received in regard to having the Singing Nicholson's the 20th, 21st, or 22nd of February. It was approved to give this responsibility to the Special Day's Committee.

The Missionary Commission asked for approval to give \$100.00 to Susie Green's project of helping clothe needy children in the community and \$100.00 to go toward the refurbishing at Quaker Hill Conference Center. Both sums were approved.

Another communication was received in regard to the F.U.M. {Friends United Meeting} deficit. It is mostly the reason that the member Yearly Meetings are not supporting their part for various reasons. However, the need is now and Dan Rubendall, Interim Yearly Meeting Superintendent, said he would urge us to do what we could. It was decided a letter sent from the office would have more bearing than to place the news in the {Friendly} Reminder, therefore a letter will be sent from the office hopefully before Christmas Sunday to give our people the opportunity to contribute as they feel led. The fiscal year for F.U.M. ends January 10, 1976, so we will meet again prior to that date and have a report on the sums given collectively.

The Clerk remarked about our great loss at the death of Leland Shockney. We know we will miss him greatly. He also reported he had called on the Bolinger's at the time of their tragic loss.

A letter was acknowledged from Yearly Meeting in behalf of Spencerville Friends Church in regard to preparing a float to appear in various parades in the area celebrating the Bicentennial Year and to climax at Yearly Meeting time. Burt Hiatt said he'd obtain more information and keep this challenge in mind for the Youth of our Meeting.

Another letter from Yearly Meeting was in regard to having a Quaker Men's representative to appear at one of our forthcoming Worship Services to explain their plans to help in the development of a recreational vehicle camping area at Quaker Haven. The date for the appearance is to be made through Lester Boyd, Van Wert, Ohio.

A communication from F.U.M. in regard to a Bicentennial Quaker Leadership Seminar on January 26-29, 1976 was noted. A registration blank is in the office for interested parties.

Don Rubendall pronounced benediction. There being no further business presented, the Meeting adjourned to meet January 4, 1976 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

January 4, 1976

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened January 4, 1976 with an attendance of 20 persons.

Silent prayer was held prior to the opening minute. The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given with \$1,185.59 as the Budget Balance, \$375.76 remains in the Non-Budget Balance, the Mission Fund Balance was \$1,461.61, Improvement Fund Balance \$6,393.50, and the Expansion Fund Balance \$12,960.45. It was approved. A \$2,000.00 gift was noted to the Expansion Fund with the stipulation that they hoped it would be used in the purchase of a new parsonage if this is the decision of the Meeting. Marvin Thornburg remarked that it is becoming more common that the ministers own their own homes.

Ministry & Membership chairman Carroll Densmore reported that a committee of four persons was going to Leesburg, Ohio for the purpose of hearing Keith Kendall as a prospective for the Ministry here. He said they were going to make a report at the February Meeting in this regard. He asked for opinions of Marion Clarkson who spoke the preceding two Sundays. Several spoke in appreciation of him. Mildred Johnston spoke at length on the faith she had in people of the Meeting and felt they were capable to meet any situation if we took on added obligations. Carroll also presented a recommendation from Ministry & Membership that we give Pam Mark \$600.00 and travel expenses for her term here. Approved.

Arlene Hubbard's gift of \$300.00 toward the work of our Meeting was acknowledged and suggestion was made that she be sent a thank you letter in behalf of the Meeting by the Recording Clerk. It was also suggested that thank you letters be sent to Hervey Stees for his donations toward the Christmas Baskets and to Bettye Monks for her faithful contribution of cakes to each box.

A sum of \$206.00 has been contributed to the F.U.M. {Friends United Meeting} from our Meeting. It was suggested that we take the extra funds necessary to make the donation equivalent to \$1.00 per member. This was approved.

The Clerk expressed his sincere thanks for the Love Gift presented to him and Betty toward their trip to California. He said they used some of the funds to defray expenses for punch and cookies at their New Year's session.

A communication in report of the F.U.M. {Friends United Meeting} deficit budget was called to our attention.

Several spoke encouragingly of our ability to attract qualified men and women for the Pastorate here at Winchester.

A Christmas greeting was received from those on the Yearly Meeting staff at Muncie.

A communication from the Quaker Hill Conference Center will be posted in the vestibule for those interested in forthcoming conferences and workshops there.

A letter from Don Rubendall in regard to a Midwest Consultation for the purpose of bringing different groups of Friends into intimate touch with one another, seeking their common Quaker heritage, and sharing experiences. It will be held at Quaker Hill on March 19-21, 1976. In preparation for this, six persons will be appointed from our region who can represent I.Y.M. {Indiana Yearly Meeting} in an adequate manner and their names will be sent to Mary Belle Hinshaw. If we have anyone {who} is interested from our Meeting, their names are to be sent to Mary Belle for consideration.

The FCNL {Friends Committee on National Legislation} pamphlet will be placed on the table at the rear of the sanctuary.

There being no further business presented, the Meeting adjourned to meet February 1, 1976 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

February 1, 1976

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened February 1, 1975 with an attendance of 49.

The Clerk opened {the Meeting} with prayer and the opening minute was given. The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Statistical Report gave an average attendance for January as 71.

Carroll Densmore gave a report in regard to Ministry & Membership's visit to Leesburg to hear Keith Kendall who was unable to be here for

a Worship service due to his commitment there, however he'll be here in Winchester at our church this afternoon to meet with as many as possible from 2:30 to 3:00 P.M. In discussion which followed, Helen Boomer questioned if we would have the opportunity to meet with Keith and Joyce Mardock who have shown an interest in service here. It was reported that they plan to meet with Ministry & Membership the week after next upon their return from Keith's mother's burial service in Kansas.

The Treasurer's report was read giving a Budget Balance of \$1,271.16, Non-Budget Balance of \$196.25, Mission Fund Balance of \$1,522.61, Expansion Fund Balance of \$13,039.45, and Improvement Fund Balance of \$6,552.66. It was approved.

Approval for a transfer of membership of Glenda Reece to Asbury United Methodist Church in Portland was given.

The following communications were received: from Quaker Hill Conference Center in regard to forthcoming conferences there; one from Don Rubendall with some information regarding the same subject; a seminar involving Tom Mullen as lecturer entitled "The Discipline of Family Discipleship," a Lenten Conference on March 26-27, 1976. It will be held at the Concord United Methodist Church at a cost of \$15.00 per person. Registration forms are available in the church office. A communication came from Eagles Incorporated in regard to "Equipping a Growing Life Encounter Seminar." A letter was noted from Lowell E. Mills, Acting General Secretary of F.U.M. {Friends United Meeting}, with a most recent report indicating the \$40,000.00 deficit has been decreased to just under \$9,000.00. It also contained information from various areas of the F.U.M. work. A summary of the Administrative Council Retreat was received. An ad hoc committee composed of Francis Hill, Bill Wagoner, Mary Belle Hinshaw, Bruce Miller, and Don Rubendall was formed to work on suggestions made. Mary Belle reported that they had met and ideas will be presented to Ministry & Membership next Saturday, following.

A communication from Indiana Yearly Meeting officers approved forwarding a petition to the Legislature against Pari-Mutual betting as provided by Senate Bill 170. The membership was encouraged to sign the petition today!

Charles Cates indicated there were two items of extreme importance in our newest Quaker Life in regard to Gene Roop and his experiences in his visit to Israel in an archeological pursuit which evolved into an unexpected learning process due to the Military Alert there.

Also an open letter to Friends with a progress report about ESR {Earlham School of Religion} and how they will need to be funded now through Friends and "friends of Friends" as the endowment for the Lilly Foundation and Earlham College support are withdrawn.

A recommendation was received from the Trustees which read as follows:

The Trustees recommend to Monthly Meeting that we remodel the present parsonage. The Trustees feel that the present parsonage could be put in top condition, inside and out, for from \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00. This would equal a new parsonage at the same location of about the same size for approximately \$70,000.00.

Bob McHolland, Chairman  
Winifred Thompson, Secretary

Several questions were raised by various members of the Meeting with good thoughts pro and con.

However, it soon became apparent we were not ready for a decision and it was approved to table the recommendation until our next Monthly Meeting. Charles {Cates} spoke in appreciation of the work and study the Trustees did in preparing this recommendation.

There being no further business presented, the closing minute was given and the benediction was pronounced by Walter Mills.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

March 7, 1976

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened March 7, 1976 and opened with silent prayer.

The opening minute was given and the report of the previous Meeting read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read as follows: Budget Balance \$1,886.99, Non-Budget Balance \$126.49, Mission Fund Balance \$1,748.36, Improvement Fund Balance \$5,755.82, and Expansion Fund Balance of \$13,114.45. It was approved. Marjorie Carter spoke in appreciation of the Missionary section of the report and Helen Boomer elicited that the fund goes to 5 different areas of the mission enterprise.

The Statistical Report gave the birth of a son, Michael Joseph, to Kenneth and Kathy Mills on February 25, 1976 and the marriage of Cynthia Dee Cox to Ernest Lumpkin on February 27, 1976. Average attendance for the month of February was 104.

We approved the transfers of Mark Cook to the Congregational Christian Church here in Winchester and Mary Copeland Alber to West Newton Friends in Indianapolis. Due to an oversight, Anna Lou Arnett had not

received a call at the time of her transfer to us, therefore Bob and Kathleen Hartzell were appointed to call.

Our Clerk confirmed that fact our facilities will be shared with the Main Street Christian Church during their upcoming renovation and said he'd received personal thanks from John Waltz on their behalf.

A thank you was received from F.U.M. {Friends United Meeting} for our recent contribution toward their budget deficit.

A letter from Senator McDaniel expressed acknowledgement of receiving our petition against pari-mutual betting.

The Personnel Committee was given the responsibility of naming persons who would possibly serve in the Yearly Meeting capacity and send their names in for consideration.

It was brought to our attention that the day set aside for our Chain of Prayer is March 30, 1976 - 12 noon to 12 noon and that Burt {Hiatt} will call the next involved Meeting in North Carolina following the close of our day.

Papers concerning application for the Wilkinson Scholarships will be held in the church office for those who may be interested of our youth.

A letter from I.Y.M. {Indiana Yearly Meeting} for inter-regional Bible study was tabled until the next Monthly Meeting.

Our Clerk reported plans were pretty well completed for preparation to house and feed the William Penn Choir who will appear at our church for a program on Tuesday, March 9, 1976, in conjunction with Lynn, Jericho, Peaceful Valley, and Rural {Friends Churches}. He thanked those who graciously opened their homes to the Choir and for those who are preparing food.

Mary Belle Hinshaw announced forthcoming regional workshops of I.Y.M. {Indiana Yearly Meeting} coming into the level of Monthly Meetings. The first one here will be March 28, 1976 at 2:30 P.M. All chairmen of commissions and committees are urged to attend.

Clerk of Ministry & Membership, Carroll Densmore, announced that it was the almost unanimous decision of their commission to present the name of Keith Kendall as Pastor at Winchester Friends. He also read a letter from Keith Mardock in regard to their interest and availability here. Many spoke favorably of both men during the interim which followed. Questions in the minds of some members were answered as best as possible. Gathering the sense of the open discussion, it seemed to be the feeling of the Meeting that we call Keith Kendall to be forthcoming Pastor here and it was approved. However it was felt

that this does not close the way for the Mardock's were Keith Kendall to decline our call. Carroll added he wouldn't know Keith Kendall's answer until the latter part of the month.

{By} permission of the Trustees, their proposal on parsonage arrangements will be further studied at the next Monthly Meeting or a Called Meeting this month. Mildred Johnston expressed the thought that we need some clarity to our Meeting which might be afforded if we had an interim pastor. Keith Mardock and Charles Thomas were suggested as possible persons to carry on this venture if it seems feasible. Carroll Densmore is to check these possibilities.

There being no further business presented, the closing minute was given to meet April 4, 1976 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

March 21, 1976

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened March 21, 1976 for a Called Meeting to consider the salary and housing of our new pastor. There was an attendance of 62 persons.

We started with silent prayer before the opening minute was given.

As a preliminary to deciding on the salary, Allen Comer presented the decision of Stewardship and Finance to offer the same financial arrangement we had for Raymond {Breaker} with the exception that it was raised to \$500 more than stated because of retirement purpose. Keith Kendall to pay 5% of the overall amount toward the program and the Meeting to match the sum. A breakdown was listed as base, \$6,000; utility allowance, \$900; expense allowance \$2,000; health insurance \$260 and pension fund of \$300 for a total of \$9,960 which covered {the} addition they proposed. Rosemary McHolland, secretary of Stewardship & Finance Commission, confirmed the amounts. It was suggested by Rita Densmore that we up the benefits so that it would run around \$11,000 which she thought other Friends Meetings in the area were {paying}. Austin Cox suggested it be increased to \$10,500 which would be a raise. The vacation will extend 4 weeks as previously which Keith will take in August to fill another obligation. His salary is to be reviewed every year as the contract calls for, but the question of retaining him will not be raised unless it warrants it, either on the part of the Meeting or on his own part. Danny Fouse thought we might round out at \$10,000 as Carroll Densmore informed us that their refrigerator, stove, washer and dryer were furnished at Leesburg and it would be helpful to have these aids here. Other questions were raised by various members, some in favor of \$10,500 and some in favor of the \$10,000 sum. Dick Hinshaw countered we split the difference and make it \$10,250. The Clerk asked if we could have

approval on \$10,250, appliances included, and \$100 toward moving expenses. It was approved. Robert McHolland, chairman of the Trustees, made a report that they gave their unanimous approval in their meeting to do whatever was decided by the Meeting in terms of housing. The tabled recommendation of the previous Meeting was reread and Mildred Johnston strongly recommended we accept it. Several ideas were presented in regard to the present parsonage. Dick Hinshaw said he felt it feasible to restore the parsonage and some of the other Trustees felt they needed action by the Monthly Meeting, one way or the other, before they could investigate other alternatives. Some suggestions made were to destroy the present parsonage and build a new one some distance from the church or start a trust fund and let the pastor purchase {his} own property. It was inserted by one Trustee that the loss of equity in our present parsonage and the cost of destroying it could go quit a ways in restoration. A show of hands established that 35 were in favor of a Pastor next door to the church and 12 away from the church which didn't bring us much nearer to a decision than we have been for a month and a half. It was bantered back and forth whether we were ready for a decision as yet and consideration was given to tabling the issue again. It was asked by the Trustees that we approve or disapprove the question at hand as they really cannot do anything until we come to some type of decision. The Clerk asked if {we} were ready to approve or disapprove the recommendation and we received firm approval. However, Carroll {Densmore} informed us that Keith Kendall could come as early as June 7, 1976 and wondered at having a place available for him by that time. It was approved that the Trustees were responsible for housing him in a rental if the parsonage cannot be made ready by that {time}. Marvin Thornburg said he knew of a property that might be available to rent on East Washington Street.

There being no further business to present, the Meeting adjourned with the closing minute to meet April 4, 1976 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

April 4, 1976

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened April 4, 1976 with an attendance of 22 persons.

It was opened with silent prayer and the opening minute was given. The reports of the two previous Meetings were read and, after correction, approved.

The Treasurer's report was read giving a Budget Balance of \$2,232.34, Non-Budget Balance of \$29.98, Mission Fund Balance of \$1,825.86,

Expansion Fund Balance of \$17,284.55, and Improvement Fund Balance of \$5,904.98. Bob McHolland, chairman of the Trustees, asked to clarify if the Improvement and Expansion Funds were both available to go toward parsonage restoration. It was the consensus of the Meeting that they were.

The statistician gave the following report: the deaths of Grace Snodgrass on March 21, 1976 and Lydia Cranor on April 2, 1976. The average attendance at worship has been 119 this past month. The report was approved.

Carroll Densmore, chairman of Ministry & Membership, reported that neither Keith Mardock nor Charles Thomas was available as an interim minister, but that he did have the possibility of having Alan Kolp through the month of May.

It was approved by the Meeting that we grant Keith Mardock \$10.00 for each trip here in conjunction with the Dial-A-Devotion in order to continue this service.

The Missionary Commission asked approval for contributions to the People Reaching People program with \$300.00 towards the salaries of Oklahoma missionaries, \$50.00 to Miami Meeting, \$50.00 towards Ramallah scholarships, \$100.00 to White's {Institute} for Sunday School materials, and \$100.00 to the Friends Bible Institute. It was approved.

Announcement was made by the Clerk that our new Indiana Yearly Meeting Superintendent has been hired for the forthcoming year. He is Sherman Brantingham of Damascus, Ohio.

Communications were of the following nature: a thank you from the Grace Snodgrass family for sympathy extended to them in their recent loss; Edna Brumley sent a contribution of \$25.00 for the extra pint of blood donated in her behalf, to be used by the church in any manner they wish; a letter which was tabled at the last Meeting in regard to an inter-regional Bible Study to help Indiana Yearly Meeting become a more united meeting was discussed with assumption that our Meeting would approve sending a communication indicating that we would be willing to participate; a letter with information about the United Nations Seminar through May 16-20, 1976 and a request for funds to the American Friends Service Committee are to be held in the office for further study by individuals if they are interested. Also the American Friends Service Committee request was given to the Missionary Commission for a recommendation.

There being no further business to present, the Meeting adjourned to meet again May 2, 1976 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk

Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

{No minutes for May 1976 were found.}

June 6, 1976

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened June 6, 1976 with an attendance of 33 persons.

Silent prayer was held before the opening minute. The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer gave her report with a Budget Balance of \$2,878.15, Non-Budget Balance of \$94.96, Mission Fund Balance of \$437.61, Improvement Fund Balance of \$596.62, and Expansion Fund Balance of \$14,318.43. This was approved.

The Statistical Report gave the average attendance at Morning Worship as 183. Approved.

Robert McHolland, chairman of the Trustees, gave a report on the progress of the parsonage and felt they could have Open House on June 13, 1976 following {Morning} Worship.

Al Comer, co-chairman of Stewardship & Finance, gave the proposed budget which totaled \$32,215.00. This was approved.

Thank you notes were received from the Kuhn Sisters for having them in our worship hour recently; also from Aaron Zell in thanks for his Bible and from Cleo Harmon in thanks for Appreciation Day May 2, 1976.

American Friends Service Committee literature is to be placed on the rear table as was literature and a letter from Bruce Weber in regard to taking a part in jail ministry.

A card was received from Max Huffman and J. Stanley Banker with a plea for adult counselors at Quaker Haven for Senior High Camp June 13-18, 1976.

A brochure was received promoting a workshop at Quaker Hill on June 11-13, 1976 entitled "The Intensive Journal Way of Inner Growth."

A letter was received from John Hess expressing the wish that we join with other churches to ring the bells on July 4, 1976 at one o'clock. Cleo Harmon offered to ring the bell.

Two communications were received from Friends United Ministry in regard to budget recovery from John Jennens and a thank you from Virginia Esch for a recent contribution made by Winchester Friends.

A communication from Friends Counsel on Education {is} to be placed in the office for further study.

A letter from Max Huffman announced that Dr. Win Arn, who will be leader at Short Course this year, has also consented to help in a Church Growth Workshop to be held here on July 9, 1976 from 7:30 - 9:00 P.M. All members are urged to avail themselves of this opportunity.

Mildred Johnston expressed a desire that the Meeting have a reception for Keith and Judy Kendall sometime in July after checking with them for the most convenient date. This was approved and will be announced later in the bulletin.

Burt {Hiatt} expressed the thought that we should reimburse Carroll Densmore for phone calls made in behalf of the Meeting, however Carroll declined.

Rita Densmore suggested we purchase a recorder for the Pastor's use.

Bob McHolland is to check what is available.

As Fritz Whitesel cleaned our drapes and curtains and old choir robes, it was the consensus of the Meeting to send him a thank you.

It was noted that Regional Meeting will be held at Williamsburg tonight and was hoped we'd have a good representation.

Charles Cates spoke of a letter received from Friends Fellowship Community.

It was approved to postpone the next Monthly Meeting until July 11, 1976 due to the fact that we might not have a good number over the July 4th weekend.

A letter was also read in regard to the Representatives Meeting to be held at Muncie Memorial at 9:00 A.M. on June 19, 1976. No lunch will be furnished.

There being no further business to present, the Meeting adjourned to meet again July 11, 1976 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Burt Hiatt, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT  
1976-1977

Presiding Clerk	Mary Belle Hinshaw (for 1 year)
Assistant Presiding Clerk	Austin Cox
Recording Clerk	Cleo Harmon
Assistant Recording Clerk	Elizabeth Tuttle
Treasurer	Sharon Babcock

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY & MEMBERSHIP (three year terms)

1974-1977:

Raymond Babcock, Sue Hinshaw, Norman Peters, Maxine Kritsch

1975-1978:

Ennis Gulley, Joe Zell, Burt Hiatt (to replace Dale Brady), Gene Fidler

1976-1979:

Dan Fouse, Walter Mills, Gernell Owens, Mary Anderson

TRUSTEES (three year terms)

1974-1977:

Bob McHolland, Lena Bales, Winifred Thompson, Louis Mendenhall

1975-1978:

Richard Hinshaw, Ben Kritsch, Rita Densmore, Leonard Bolinger

1976-1979:

John Cook, Jane Zell, Clarence Kritsch, Nancy Brady

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE (three year terms)

1974-1977:

Tom Zell, Alberta Shockney, Keith Hinshaw

1975-1978:

Mary Gulley, Tony Kritsch, Dick Kolp

1976-1979:

Annie Fidler, Elaine Babcock, Carl Thompson

COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (three year terms)

1974-1977:

Nancy Brady, Karen Peters

1975-1978:

Shelly Cox, Marsha Kritsch

1976-1979:

Georgia Breaker, Marcella Bolinger

FUNERAL COMMITTEE (one year term)

Mary Anderson, Chairman

Golden Band Class - Mary Gulley

William Penn Class - Ardith Coon and Kathleen Hartzell  
Welcome Class - Pat McLaughlin  
Quaker Girls - Gernell Owens

YOUTH COMMITTEE (one year term)

Austin and Letha Cox, Chairmen

Tony and Marcia Kritsch, Bruce and Sheryl Fidler, Marcelyn Vaupel,  
Carol Babcock, Burt and Betty Hiatt, Keith and Judy Kendall

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Rodger and Susie Green, Charles Cates, Mary Belle Hinshaw

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Harold and Mildred Johnston, Evelyn Cook, Shelly Cox, Ron and Sharon  
Hartzell, Ellene Kritsch - to serve as Kitchen Superintendent

STATISTICIANS

Ardith Coon, Alice Cox

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Gladys Davisson, Evelyn Fields, Letha Cox

MISSIONARY COMMISSION (one year term)

Anna Lou Arnett, Chairman

Helen Boomer, Eva Bosworth, Marjorie Carter, Olive Cover

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Frances Thornburg, Ruth Ann Fouse, Co-Chairmen

Elizabeth Cates, Pat McLaughlin,

USHERS

Clarence Kritsch, Chairman

Regulars: Joe Zell, Jerald Gilpin, Mike Densmore, Carroll Densmore,  
Bob McHolland, Dick Kolp, Ben Kritsch

Substitutes: Bob Hartzell, Bill Monks, Don Clevenger, Bob Cox, Burt  
Hiatt, Carl Thompson, Dale Brady

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE for this year was:

Burt Hiatt, Carol Babcock, Rita Densmore, Mary Gulley, Austin Cox,  
Karen Peters, and Nancy Brady, Chairman

July 11, 1976

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened July 11, 1976 with  
silent prayer followed by the opening minute to 30 persons in  
attendance.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read giving a Budget Balance of \$3,587.38, Non-Budget Balance of \$22.80 in the red, Mission Fund Balance of \$1,345.11, Improvement Fund Balance of \$6,354.66, and Expansion Fund Balance of \$18,673.40. Note was made to our indebtedness in the Dial-A-Devotion fund with hopes expressed that we will recover by next month.

The Statistical Report gave the average {attendance} of 123 for the month of June at our Morning Worship.

We were reminded the reports from various classes and committees are due at this time.

The Clerk read a very good report from the Quaker Girls class and expressed thanks for the report.

A letter was noted from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting with the information that those visiting the area for the Bicentennial Year were afforded the comfort and convenience of staying with families of their membership at a cost of \$2.50 per day, per person for bed and breakfast with a 50¢ sum in addition to defray utility costs and maintenance. A brochure with the Calendar of Events for this year was enclosed for the convenience of those who may visit there.

The International Center for Learning Clinic has forced a change of date to February 4-5, 1977. A brochure is being held in the church office for those interested.

The Clerk has the budget information for Yearly Meeting and gave us a proposed rate that will cover our membership.

We received removal certificates in behalf of Keith, Judy, and Tanya Kendall from Leesburg, Ohio Meeting. We approved and told Keith we were happy to receive them into membership with us.

A thank you was read from Amy Cox for the Bible presented to her as a graduate.

A letter from the Chaplain's Association to remind us of their need for continuing funds. A sum of \$50.00 was approved with the thought this might be written in the budget in the future.

A letter from Jim Pitts with the plans for a Yearly Meeting choir was acknowledged.

Lymon Hall sent a communication in regard to our new Yearly Meeting Superintendent, Sherman Brantingham.

A very interesting letter was read from White's Institute in regard to activities there this past year.

An acknowledgement was received from Inez Reeve with information that they had recently received gifts from our Missionary Commission for various projects and places. A World Missionary Press newsletter and one from the American Friends Service Committee will be placed on the back table for those interested. Literature from Yearly Meeting will also be placed there.

A nice letter from Clarence Hurrays of Peru was read expressing their thanks for being remembered by the Meeting these many years they have been away from Winchester.

It was announced that Joe Zell will be Presiding Clerk of Ministry & Membership and Norman Peters {will be} Recording Clerk.

Our Pastor spoke in favor of having 2 newsletters monthly in place of one lengthy issue and this was approved. (We were reminded of the reception for the Kendall's on this Sunday evening, with the hopes that we would have a good attendance.) Keith also disclosed a breakdown of salary which covered the first 6 months of this year for notification of the Meeting.

There being no further business to present, the Meeting adjourned with the closing minute to meet August 1, 1976 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

August 1, 1976

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met August 1, 1976 with an attendance of 28 persons.

After direction by the Presiding Clerk, the opening minute was given. The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given with a Budget Balance of \$4,134.65, Non-Budget Balance of \$16.31 in the red due to our Dial-A-Devotion program, Mission Fund Balance of \$1,356.86, Improvement Fund Balance of \$6,590.32, and Expansion Fund Balance of \$18,989.15.

The Statistical Report gave us the birth of a daughter, Diane Lynne, to Ernest and Dee (Cox) Lumpkin on July 19, 1976 and the average attendance at {Morning} Worship of 135+ during July.

Yearly reports were given from Ministry & Membership, Christian Education, and the Statistical secretary. They were approved and

shall be held in the church office if anyone cares to read {them} fully. Other reports will be welcome at the next Monthly Meeting.

Communications were received as follows: a thank you from the Keith Kendall's for our expression of sympathy at the loss of Keith's father; a thank you for a financial gift made to Taylor University was received by the Meeting; a letter was read from Sherman Brantingham, Yearly Meeting Superintendent, welcoming all to Indiana Yearly Meeting sessions at Earlham, starting August 13 through August 19, 1976.

A letter was acknowledged from the Friends United Meeting in regard to the half-way point in their budgeted year with information of recovery to their operating deficit to date which now reads \$13,415.00 in the red. The budget income for the six months just past are to {be} held in the church office for interested parties.

A letter was acknowledged from Mooreland Friends in regard to the report that pornographic material has appeared in the bookstore of Earlham College. This concern will probably be brought up at the Indiana Yearly Meeting sessions, so if you have desires in regard to this, please make them known to Austin Cox, Yearly Meeting representative from our Meeting. Also, if you have any other concerns relevant to the Yearly Meeting, please make them know to him also.

The Presiding Clerk gave clarification of needs for a microphone stand and microphone to better assist understanding at the regular Monthly Meeting sessions; she also questioned if there was any progress on obtaining a reel-to-reel tape recorder for Dial-A-Devotion use. It was reported that these concerns are being taken care of.

The Pastor gave some guidelines indicating that he didn't expect any pay or gratuity for weddings and funerals for members and attenders as that is part of what he was being paid to do. However if anyone wanted to express their appreciation for his service he would be glad to accept a gift, having just experienced this at the death of his father, for those who helped in their consolation at that time.

We approved the revised version of the Yearly Budget which included the proper amount for the pension plan held by Keith.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again September 5, 1976 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

September 5, 1976

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened September 5, 1976 with an attendance of 23 persons.

Prayer was offered and the opening minute was given. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given with a Budget Balance of \$4,418.35, Non-Budget Balance of \$94.18, Mission Fund Balance of \$718.36, Improvement Fund Balance of \$6,735.93, and Expansion Fund Balance of \$15,665.76. This was approved.

The Statistical Report gave the death of Nellie Pickett on August 21, 1976 and the average attendance at Morning Worship was 142.

The reports of the Stewardship & Finance Commission and the Trustees were read and approved.

Austin Cox, Yearly Meeting representative, gave an interesting report on the sessions held recently. He reported the Indiana Yearly Meeting has a total of 83 Meetings; at the present, however, 29 Meetings are in arrears of their annual assessment in the amount of \$16,000.00 for the 1975-1976 year. He reported on Partner Projects of the Friends United Meeting and said 4 churches are getting assistance from the Yearly Meeting. These are Dayton, Englewood, Dayspring, and Traverse City.

Several communications were read or acknowledged: (1) in regard to the {Main Street} Christian Church DVBS {Daily Vacation Bible School} held here recently, Linda Waltz, Director, expressed thanks for the use of our facilities (2) a letter from White's Institute in regard to Representative's Day, October 14, 1976 (3) one from Earlham School of Religion with thanks for the gift to their school and the information was enclosed that they have reached their necessary amount for the school year in session now. It is hoped by them that all Meetings will write in 5% of their budget to underwrite the needs of the school for the 1976-1977 year (4) a letter from the Community Blood Center which told of the Blood Assurance Program for those who wanted to participate in the program, however this was tabled until the next Monthly Meeting so that it can be studied further before we made a decision.

A letter was read from Dee (Cox) Lumpkin requesting her membership be transferred to the Losantville Methodist Church. This was approved.

Information was received from Quaker Hill Conference Center for upcoming workshops there this fall and winter.

A bulletin of the Friends World Committee for Consultation was placed on the table at the rear of the sanctuary. All other communications are held in the office for interested persons.

The Meeting was informed of the opportunity to have new church directories made by the United Church Directories of Galion, Ohio. However, after discussion it was approved to update our current books by adding names, new addresses and telephone numbers of members and attenders.

Keith {Kendall} asked if some funds could be made available for church advertising and promotion such as spots on the radio and pencils which could be passed to prospective attenders. Elaine and Ray Babcock will underwrite the cost of 140 such pencils for this purpose.

There being no further business to present, the Meeting was adjourned with the closing minute to meet again October 3, 1976 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Elizabeth Tuttle, Asst. Recording Clerk

October 3, 1976

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met October 3, 1976 with an attendance of 34 persons.

After a period of silent waiting, the opening minute was given followed by the reading of the previous month's minutes. They were approved.

The Treasurer's report was given with a Budget Balance of \$5,196.20, Non-Budget Balance of \$123.76, Mission Fund Balance of \$6,862.59, Expansion Fund Balance of \$15,877.26, and the total bank balance of \$10,906.25. The report was approved.

The Statistical Report gave the death of May Cook on September 22, 1976. The average attendance for September was 125+.

The following report was submitted for the approval of the Meeting.  
1. For tape records, cassette player and tapes (to record sermon for the homebound). (Estimate \$150.00); 2. Country & Western Hymnals for the Kickapoo Mission; 3. To make up the difference if necessary between the CROP {Christian Rural Overseas Program} offering October 10th and \$100.00; 4. Large print Bibles for people with vision difficulty; 5. Indiana Yearly Meeting Goals: a. Friends Hospital in Kaimosi; b. Friends Bible Institute; c. Toward the salaries of Indian Missionaries. \$1,400.00 to be divided proportionately. The recommendation was firmly approved.

The Trustees reported they have had 5 new road signs directing visitors to our Meeting made and they will be distributed at various city limits areas.

The Blood Assurance Program was discussed and the matter was to be left up to those in attendance by a show of signatures on the attendance pad. It failed to have enough eligible persons to give blood to make the program advisable. Therefore it was not approved by the Meeting.

Dee Cox Lumpkin's transfer was acknowledged by the Losantville Methodist Church.

A letter from Friends United Meeting with the information that they are at a deficit of \$29,602.00 now as compared to \$52,332.00 at this time last year. The budget report is available in the office for interested parties.

Two letters with information of the Right Sharing of World Resources Annual Consultation to be held on October 15-17, 1976 at William Penn House in Washington, D.C. and an Friends United Meeting Peacemakers Conference Center on November 19-21, 1976 were read and the information is to be held in the church office if you are interested.

A letter from the Randolph County Association for Retarded Citizens was acknowledged with the information they would provide a speaker for our Meeting who would speak in behalf of the organization if we desired.

Keith reported that his mother had a davenport to contribute if we could find a suitable place in the Meetinghouse. Mildred Johnston spoke of need for high-chairs in the dining room. Offers were made to contribute by members.

Keith questioned if our Meeting would be willing to share our facilities with the Main Street Church if they do not have access to their church by the time basketball season starts. It was approved to do so.

It was mentioned the Quaker Life subscriptions are due by the last of October so \$2.50 should be turned in to our Treasurer, Sharon Babcock, or to the church office.

It was approved to have the Carl Young Family for a Family Nite service instead of a Sunday Morning Worship Hour.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned with the closing minute to meet again November 7, 1976 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

November 7, 1976

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened November 7, 1976 with an attendance of 30 members.

It was suggested by our Clerk that individuals be aware of the good devotions in the magazine "Fruit of the Vine" which is the devotional prepared by Friends. The one used in the November Monthly Meeting was written by Wayne Allman who has spoken at various times in our Meeting. The subscription price is \$2.00 per year and can be obtained through the Quaker Hill Bookstore.

The opening minute was given and the report of the previous Meeting read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read giving a Budget Balance of \$4,694.76, Non-Budget Balance of \$394.80, Mission Fund Balance of \$2,070.38, Improvement Fund Balance of \$994.37, and Expansion Fund Balance of \$3,731.13. The Treasurer said we have reduced our mortgage at the bank to \$10,000.00 on the restoration of the parsonage. The Meeting suggested the balance remaining be written at the bottom of the forthcoming financial sheets. Approved.

The Statistical Report gave the death of Ethel Crawford on September 21, 1976. The average attendance {for the month of October was} 147+. Funeral service for Ethel Crawford {was} on September 24, 1976.

We received a request from Tom and Barbara Rumer requesting their membership be transferred to Carmel Friends Meeting. Although we regret their loss, we do understand and approved this transfer.

A communication from Marie McCracken regarding a retreat at Quaker Hill Conference Center on March 11, 12, 13, 1977 {is to} be tabled until the December Meeting at which time we will try to name one or two participants from the Monthly Meeting who are willing to attend.

We received a letter from CROP indicating the need for the Christian Rural Oversees Program with a goal of \$10,000.00 from Randolph County. Our offering was taken at a previous Sunday and the check will be sent with Keith {Kendall} as he is guest speaker at the Kick-Off Banquet on November 9, 1976 at Mississinewa Christian Church. He offered to take a carload with him for that evening.

We received a letter from the Director of the Randolph County Branch of the Dunn Mental Health Center offering their services through the

area churches by serving as Psychological Consultant or Resource Person to area Pastors.

American Friends Service {Committee} communications with various needs have been placed on the table in the sanctuary if you would like to support any of their programs.

Dale Craig, Cub Master of Pack 76 of the Boy Scouts in Winchester, was introduced and asked to inform us of his desire of finding a church willing to participate in the Scouting Program. He suggested that we could sponsor the Pack if interested and hoped we were a church willing to become actively involved with the boys. This would possibly be around \$200.00 a year cost to sponsor and different individuals would have the opportunity to outfit boys or serve as leaders. It was the strong consensus of the Meeting that we approve of the proposal providing the Trustees approve the use of our facilities. Charter time will be January 1, 1977.

The Jaycee Janes made a request to use our church basement for a December 4, 1976 "Visit with Santa Claus" - a project with games and toys for children.

Keith asked if the Meeting would approve having a tour through the parsonage at Christmas time for the public to help Band-Aids, a supporting group of the local High School Band. Other parsonages in the city are also planning to participate. It was approved.

There being no further business to present, the Meeting closed to meet December 5, 1976 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

December 5, 1976

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened December 5, 1976 with an attendance of 26 persons.

After a period of silent waiting, the opening minute was given followed by the minutes of the previous Meeting which were read and approved as corrected.

The report of the Treasurer was read giving a total of \$20,000.00 still remaining on our mortgage at the bank. This was a correction from last month. The report gave the Budget Balance of \$2,542.37, Non-Budget Balance of \$406.17, Mission Fund Balance of \$783.43, Improvement Fund Balance of \$927.83, and Expansion Fund Balance of \$4,241.13.

The Statistical Report gave the birth of a son, Eric Michael, to David and Linda Pugh on November 8, 1976 and the birth of a son, Scott Andrew, to active attenders Ron and Sharon Hartzell on November 17, 1976. The average attendance was 137+ for {the Morning} Worship Hour for November.

Bob McHolland, Trustee chairman, reported that the bequest from the Ed Best estate has been applied to the mortgage.

A letter has been written to the Peoples Loan & Trust specifying what has been done with the fund in compliance with the provisions of the Will.

The Trustees also gave their approval for the Boy Scouts to use our facilities for the forthcoming year. Dale Craig, Scoutmaster, will be informed of our decision.

There was no response to the retreat at Quaker Hill in March.

A letter was read from Traverse City Friends in thanks for having them in the Meeting for a Mini-Crusade. All courtesies were greatly appreciated.

An acknowledgment was received in behalf of the Rumer {membership} transfer.

A letter was received from Friends Bible College in Haviland, Kansas asking of our interest in a performance by a male duet called "The Followers" during January or February in our Meeting. It was decided to turn the matter over to Ministry & Membership for a recommendation to the Monthly Meeting.

Communications were received from American Friends Service Committee in regard to the development of the B-1 Bomber. The U.S. Congress has postponed the production decision until February 1, 1977 due to the public opinion against the program. We were urged to send letters of discouragement to Jimmy Carter, President-Elect, immediately concerning this. It is important that we act now and that we continue our effort until the final decision is made next year. Other things felt important in addition to this are 1. to write letters to editors of various newspapers calling them to support its termination, as we do all congressional leaders, and 2. arrange a meeting with our mayor and ask his support to write to Carter, also, requesting him to stop construction and use the money thus allocated for urban and social needs. Additional information is available in the church office.

Clarification was made in the budget to complete payment of \$110.50 towards Keith {Kendall's} retirement be sent to Leesburg Friends in reimbursement of the amount they had paid previously to the fund for the year.

Keith enlarged on the Trueblood tapes available from the Friends United Meeting which are suitable for broadcast on our local radio station. It would cost \$5.00 by a special rate each time it is played on the station and the total program would run around \$1,500.00. It was approved to purchase one tape which can be played at our next Monthly Meeting to help make us more aware of the possibilities. If it is found suitable, the Meeting may consider purchasing the program or maybe sharing its cost with another Meeting.

Keith questioned the Meeting if they would be willing to sponsor the already established playschool which is at present under Anne Riddle's leadership. There is some question as to the continuance of the school this next year. We were asked if we would find it profitable and advisable for Winchester Meeting to continue a school similar in nature. It could be open 5 days a week - possibly for 4-5 year olds for 3 days a week and for 3 year olds, 2 days a week. It would be necessary to have an advisory board to present the possible program in regard to finances and real needs, etc. to the Meeting. It found some favor with the Meeting and they approved looking into the aspects of such an arrangement. An ad hoc committee of Judy Kendall and Letha Cox were appointed to discover such facts to see if it is feasible for our Meeting.

Carroll Densmore expressed the concern that our Library needs a bit of work to make it more appealing. It has been the function of the {Commission on} Christian Education in the past to name a Librarian. It was therefore approved to ask this committee for a selection. Bob McHolland said he was in the process of painting new book shelves to help in the appearance of the room as many extra books are scattered about.

Vouchers were recently prepared for those who have bills to present to the Treasurer. This will make some kind of order to all requests.

There being no further business presented to the Meeting, it closed with the closing minute to meet January 2, 1977 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk  
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

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