

WINCHESTER MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

1977-1979

Notes to the
reader about the transcription of these minutes:

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 page numbers (i.e., page 1:) are the page numbers that are in the minutes book.

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.

Corrections and clarifications to people's names will be welcomed by the editorial staff. The goal is to make these minutes clear, accurate, and above all, useful to the reader. In these minutes, sentence structure has sometimes been changed to clarify the meaning.

(Transcribed November 2007)

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends has now convened to transact such business as should properly come before it.

CLOSING MINUTE

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

KNOWN DUTIES OF RECORDING CLERK

Record the minutes.

Send letters as instructed by the Meeting.

Report the names of representatives to the proper commission.

Be sure all representatives know they are representatives.

Notify all committees as to their commitments as instructed by the Monthly Meeting.

POINTS TO NOTE DURING THE YEAR

Representatives to Yearly Meeting appointed for approval before
May Meeting. Send one name for representative and one name for alternate.

Memorials should be sent by August to the Yearly Meeting.

Yearly reports are expected from all standing committees, organized classes, and organizations.

January 2, 1977

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened January 2, 1977.

The Meeting opened by listening to the tape of Elton Trueblood which we were considering for airing on the local radio station. The opening minute was given. The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The Statistical Report gave the death of Walter Batchelor on December 17, 1976 and the birth of a daughter,

Stephanie, to attenders Steve and Nita Burton on December 24, 1976. The average attendance for Worship during the month of December was 124+.

During Commission reports, Bob McHolland announced we had \$12,000 left on our loan balance on the parsonage. The book shelves have been finished. Mary Belle {Hinshaw} expressed the Meeting's appreciation for this work.

We discussed the Elton Trueblood tapes and as some had difficulty hearing we decided to play {tape} #2 for further study. Keith {Kendall} enlarged more on the cost and stated there might be the possibility of sharing the cost with another Meeting. He did state Richmond had started the project, but decided now against doing it. One person expressed appreciation of the personal messages on Dial-A-Devotion instead of replacing them occasionally with Trueblood tapes. It was suggested we have a committee to talk with other area Friends Meetings. Helen Boomer spoke of the positiveness of outreach for more church growth through the project. Elaine Babcock suggested we name Keith to inquire into the sharing possibilities and report later.

Judy Kendall made a report on the Playschool. She said they had made several contacts and stressed it could be self-supporting. Various length of time in days could be designated. It was said by some that a license would be needed which would cost \$50 per year. Judy stated Anne Riddle does carry insurance of \$50 per year on the children. A fee of \$20-25 per month is usually required. Letha Cox and Judy asked the Meeting to direct questions and they would do their best to answer them. Judy said Anne was pleased the Meeting was interested. It was decided to hold decision over until at least next Monthly Meeting.

It was noted the library is fixed and looks quite inviting, but at present we still {don't} have {a} librarian.

It was announced the Pastor's Winter Retreat will be held February 7-10, 1977 at Winona Lake. We were questioned if we'd like to encourage our Pastor to attend. The cost would run from \$37.50 to \$48.00. We approved the proposal.

The USFW {United Society of Friends Women} received an acknowledgement from the Associated Executive Committee of

Friends on Indian Affairs for the give of \$120 to them for the year.

Communications were acknowledged from:

the Yearly Meeting office in regard to a Pastor's Winter Retreat February 7-10, 1977. We approved of supporting our Pastor to attend this retreat at Winona Lake as previously mentioned;

a newsletter from Kickapoo Friends Center and a receipt for \$30 from our Meeting. The letter will be held in the office for those who would like to read it;

thank you from the family of Mary Kolp for sympathy extended to them at their bereavement;

a letter from the Randolph County Association for Retarded Citizens in regard to placing a child in a Christian home who is at present residing at the County Home after the loss of his father. If you have an interest, you may contact the office for further information;

we did approve becoming members of the Chamber of Commerce;

we declined helping Pendle Hill in their plea for support;

a letter from the World Missionary Press, Inc.

a letter from Prisoner Visitation and Support Committee;

a newsletter from George Fox College and a contribution form to support the work of the American Friends Service Committee are also in the office if they are a concern of yours;

Christmas Greetings were read from Friends Fellowship Community and our attention was drawn to a booklet enclosed with the greeting which will be placed on the east entry-way bulletin board for sharing with all.

Keith reported that Dial-A-Devotion didn't pick up appreciably after advertising it in the local paper, but had increased by some 6 to 8 calls after passing out pens containing the number thereon. It was noted perhaps we needed to appoint an outreach committee next year.

The Executive Committee and Devotional Committee of IYM {Indiana Yearly Meeting} will meet Tuesday evening and Mary Belle asked if we had any suggestions as to changes within the structure. She said the Superintendent had made a possible suggestion that Yearly Meeting begin on Thursday with Saturday and Sunday as prime days and close on Monday.

She invited the Meeting to make any presentation that would be relevant to the sessions for 1977. Members are to express concerns to her personally if they have any concerns.

There being no further business presented, the Meeting adjourned with the closing minute to meet February 6, 1977 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

February 6, 1977

Winchester monthly Meeting of Friends convened February 6, 1977 with an attendance of 21 persons.

The Meeting opened by the Clerk reading the Queries from Faith and Practice. The opening minute was given. The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved. There was no Treasurer's report due to the fact our Treasurer was snowed in.

The Missionary Commission submitted the following which was approved: 1. \$25.00 for the Englewood Church, 2. \$50.00 for the Dayton Venture, and 3. \$90.91 for bolts to move an aluminum building in Jamaica.

The Statistical Report gave the average attendance for January as 104+ for Morning Worship. Services weren't held the 5th Sunday due to the snow and extreme cold. For the Family Nite on January 23, 1977 we had an attendance of 75+. The deaths of Helen Hiatt on December 24, 1976 and Mary Honour on January 5, 1977 were also acknowledged.

It was suggested and approved that our birthday offerings received monthly in {Morning} Worship be given to White's Institute.

It was approved to dismiss discussion of the Trueblood tapes for the time being.

No further action was taken on the Playschool at this time.

Thank you notes were received from the families of Walter Batchelor and Mary Honour for sympathy expressed at the time of their deaths.

A thank you was received from Dorothy Kaugher in appreciation of all the things done for her daughter, Caroline, to make her love Sunday School as she does.

Ministry & Membership were reminded that names should be presented at the next Monthly Meeting for the Personnel Committee.

A letter was read indicating the schedules of "Church Growth Seminars" which are to be sponsored by IYM {Indiana Yearly Meeting} and will be under the leadership of Dr. Win Arn. One will be held in our Meetinghouse on April 1-2, 1977 and it is hoped that we can have a good attendance from our membership. Registration fee is \$12.00. It was not determined if the individual would pay the entire cost or the church pay part.

We received a letter from Gary Wright of the Traverse City Meeting offering teams of 3 to 6 laymen to share in our Morning Worship services at a given time if we desired. Suggestion was made that this could be given to Ministry & Membership for further consideration.

A letter was received from Kenneth Pohlenz, of the Evangelism & Outreach Commission, asking our prayers and encouragement for the Dayton Venture as contributions have been slow in its behalf. Also \$16,000.00 still needs to be raised for the building at Englewood.

The minutes of the Executive Commission of the Administrative Council were mentioned and are available in the office. It was asked by IYM that we help provide the Personnel Committee with the names of persons willing to serve on Yearly Meeting Commission and other related appointments. Names and suggestions to be turned in at the office or next Monthly Meeting.

Keith {Kendall} gave a Dial-A-Devotion report for January as: an average of 30 calls per day; lowest number 13 and highest 54; a 5 minute message was placed on for January 30th with 52 calls recorded. Advertising pens have been a help as has cable TV advertising which is free.

A thank you letter was read from the official board of Main Street Christian {Church} in thanks for our thoughtfulness and hospitality over the past several months during their remodeling program.

It was noted that FUM {Friends United Meeting} as of January 27, 1977 showed income exceeding expenditures by the sum of some \$13,000. A letter from Dan Mark-Whitley, Christian Social Concerns coordinator, is available in the church office as is the FUM statement of income.

A registration form is also available in the church office for a United Nations Seminar for USFW {United Society of Friends Women} on April 26-28, 1977. Fee \$10 by April 4th.

A newsletter from Fayette-Haywood Workcamp in Tennessee is available in the office as is the Leader's Digest from FUM Meeting Ministries Commission.

A brochure was received from the National Council of Churches in Christ entitled "What is a Church Occupation" - also available on request.

Keith presented some marriage counseling books which he felt could be beneficial to newly married couples and after discussion it was approved to have him purchase 10-12 copies.

Before the close of the Meeting, we were challenged by the Clerk to give strong consideration to attending the "Church Growth Seminar" in April.

There being no further business presented, the Meeting adjourned with the closing minute to meet March 6, 1977, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

March 6, 1977

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened March 6, 1977 with an attendance of 26 persons.

The Clerk opened the Meeting with the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. The opening minute was given. The minutes of

the previous Meeting were read and approved. It was noted we should correct the cost of the Church Growth Seminar registration to \$14.

The Treasurer gave a Budget Balance of \$1,301.10; Non-Budget Balance of \$836.45; Missions Fund Balance of \$924.85; Improvement Fund Balance of \$1,103.54; and Expansion Fund Balance of \$1,667.84. This was approved. The Monthly Meeting directed the Treasurer to forward our birthday offerings to White's {Institute} on a quarterly basis. It was noted that a \$500 memorial gift was received from Arlene Hubbard in memory of her husband Paul Hubbard. The Clerk was directed to send a thank you letter on behalf of Monthly Meeting. It was approved that the memorial be placed in the Expansion Fund and the name placed in the memorial book housed at the west end of the upper annex hall.

The Statistical Report gave an average attendance of 110.

The Dial-A-Devotion report gave a total of calls as 876; average per day 31; highest in a day 45 and lowest in a day 20 for the month of February.

Ministry & Membership presented the names of Mildred Johnston and Georgia Breaker to be on the Personnel Committee. This was approved, providing Mildred will accept the position when she returns home from Florida; Georgia has already given her consent to Ministry & Membership.

Discussion was reconsidered about the Playschool. As Anne Riddle was present, she was invited to present her views. She expressed appreciation at how the school had grown during its years of existence here under her and Jane Zell's leadership. They started with 3 youngsters in 1975 and their attendance has grown to 21 as of this year. At present, she said she had no definite direction as to whether she would or could continue the school next year either under the same arrangement she now has with the church or our sponsorship. She plans to look for full time employment at the close of Playschool which will be the last of May and she won't be able to make a definite decision as to the school's continuance until then. She said if she continued one more year under her own direction and then sought other employment and therefore did not wish to continue beyond that, she would be glad to work with any

individual proposed as leader by the church as a foundation for a church sponsored school. It was the consensus of the Meeting that we let the matter rest until Anne knows further and make our decision then. Charles Cates, Frances Thornburg, and Walter Mills expressed their appreciation of Anne's endeavors in behalf of the playschool and what it has personally meant to the church.

A letter was received from State Senator Marlin McDaniel in relation to his opposition of pari-mutuel gambling in the state. Keith {Kendall} wrote a personal letter to him in support of his action and asked if Monthly Meeting would be interested in sending a similar letter. It was approved a letter be written expressing our appreciation of his stand and congratulations on his vote against the bill.

A letter was brought to our attention from the Chore and Housekeeping service which is now available in our county under the auspices of the Joint Organization for Broader Services, Inc. This is a request which may be made by elderly individuals for housekeeping, handyman, escort services or counseling. All inquiries {are} to be made to the Randolph County Community Action Center.

A letter was received in regard to the Conference of Friends in the Americas to be held June 25-July 1, 1977 at Wichita, Kansas. Widely based financial support is needed and they suggested an amount of \$10 which was approved to be taken from the Mission Fund.

A letter was received from Word, Inc. in regard to two proven programs to help bring more abundant living to adult Christians in small group experiences under the leadership of Keith Miller and Bruce Larson. If interested, we can send for further details to their office in Waco, Texas.

A communication with an announcement of a conference entitled "Toward a Holistic Quaker Movement" to be held on April 22-24, 1977 at Quaker Hill Conference Center. Leaders are Jack Kirk, Elton Trueblood, T. Canby Jones, Joseph Raber, John Bone, and Lorton Heusel. Registration blanks can be obtained in the church office.

Keith expressed expectations for the Church Growth Seminar to be held here in our Meeting April 1-2, 1977 under the direction of Dr. Win Arn. It was felt that it could be a real inducement to attenders if the Meeting would pay the

proposed registration fee of \$14. This was approved. For those who felt they {could cover the cost}, the {registration fee} could be returned to the Meeting.

Other communications received and available from the church office are the Friends World News, George Fox College Report, Christian Children's Fund World News, AFSC Report, and the newsletter of the activities of the Ball State Fellowship of Friends.

Walter Mills expressed the thought that Nancy Brady as chairman of Personnel for this past year should be the convenor for the new committee. This was the consensus of the Meeting.

There being no further business presented, the Meeting adjourned with the closing minute to meet April 3, 1977, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

April 3, 1977

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened April 3, 1977 with an attendance of 28.

After a few moments of silence, the opening Minute was given. The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given orally and approved.

Bob McHolland reported for the Trustees, saying that \$8,730.00 had been received from the Ed Best Trust Fund, which is to be applied towards the debt on the parsonage restoration.

The Dial-A-Devotion report was read. A total of 786 calls had been made in March, which is an average of 25 per day.

The Statistical Report given by Ardith Coon showed two deaths during the month: William Stiverson on March 20, 1977 and Donald Clevenger on March 29, 1977. Attendance at Meetings for Worship in March were: 124, 144, 118, and 142, with an average of 132.

Ministry & Membership reported Mildred Johnston had consented to be on the Personnel Committee and Nancy Brady as the convenor for the coming year.

Letha Cox reported on the Young Friends activities. They entertained youth from Lynn, Farmland, White River, and Rural Friends on March 27, 1977. They will be serving the Easter Breakfast following the Sunrise Service April 10, 1977.

The following report was presented from the Missions Commission chairman, Anna Lou Arnett, for approval. The Commission recommends that money on hand in the Missions Fund be distributed as follows: \$150.00 for the Cher Jackson fund (a 6th grader who will be having a bone marrow transplant in Seattle); \$100.00 for the Randolph County Hospital Chaplaincy Fund; \$50.00 to Western Yearly Meeting for their Dwight Kendall memorial for projects for Council House Friends Center in Oklahoma; \$200.00 to Friends United Meeting in response to Elton Trueblood's appeal; \$75.00 (approximately) for a U-Haul to take rummage to Oklahoma Indian work; \$200.00 for Friends Hospital in Africa (specifically for Evelyn Smuck's airfare if she goes over as a temporary nurse); and \$25.00 to be available for Cub Scout Pack 76 when they need it. This total amounts to \$800.00, leaving approximately \$180.00 in the fund. This was approved.

Communications were received as follows. A thank you note from Earlham School of Religion for a financial contribution. Also from the American Friends Service Committee for relief support in Bangladesh. A letter was received from Indiana Yearly Meeting asking for a "love offering" for the Englewood Friends Church and the support of Kenneth Hall at Fairport Avenue Meeting in Dayton. The Englewood Church is having a dedication and open house on April 17, 1977 at 3:00 p.m. and Friends are urged to attend and bring their love offerings. Keith Kendall presented a proposition that our Meeting might give Englewood the 5 dozen plastic chairs that the USFW {United Society of Friends Women} has proposed to sell in exchange for the purchase of 100 cushioned folding chairs, instead of a money offering. He has learned that Englewood is in need of chairs. It was approved that we ask the USFW to consider this project at their next meeting April 12, 1977.

A letter from Wilson Keys, Secretary of the Gideon Camp, was received which asked if a layman from the Gideons could speak at our Sunday Meeting for Worship on May 22, 1977. This was approved.

Several persons expressed their experiences and thoughts about the Church Growth Seminar held April 1 and 2, 1977 in our Meetinghouse for the area Meetings. There were 21 full-time and 6 part-time attenders from our Meeting, and a total of about 93. According to the decision made last month, \$354.00 is to be sent to the Yearly Meeting as payment for our attenders. Dr. Win Arn was the leader of the seminar. Plans have been made to have follow-up session this week at which time further discussions and programs {are to be} developed which will aid church growth here. It was approved to purchase the 8-poster set and the 6-tape set on church growth for \$8.00 and \$23.00 respectively, to be used as guide lines in group meetings for church growth. Walter Mills suggested this money be charged to the Ministry & Membership budget. Helen Boomer commented that it was said several times in the seminar that a church can grow IF it wants to. Following is a list of attenders: Mary Belle Hinshaw, Keith Kendall, Judy Kendall, John Cook, Evelyn Cook, Lena Bales, Walter Mills, Pauline Mills, Cleo Harmon, Joe Zell, Helen Boomer, Martha Freeman, Maxine Kritsch, Ennis Gulley, Mary Gulley, Norman Peters, Harold Johnston, Mildred Johnston, Elaine Babcock, Harriett Engle, Viva Gilpin, Jerald Gilpin, Irene Chamness, Austin Cox, Letha Cox, Carol Babcock, and Clifford Tuttle.

Bob McHolland asked if anyone knew of someone in the church that would help with the custodian work until a new person can be found, or until George Blunt is again able to do the work. George has been in a coma and is in the Dayton V.A. Hospital in critical condition. There are 2 boys that have helped George, but they would need supervision. The Meeting approved sending George and his family a card of appreciation for his faithful work, and to continue his salary through April with a review of the situation at the May Monthly Meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed to meet again on May 1, 1977, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Asst. Presiding Clerk
Elizabeth Tuttle, Asst. Recording Clerk

May 1, 1977

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met May 1, 1977 with 25 members present. Following the opening minute, the report of the Recording Clerk was read and approved.

There was no Treasurer's report. The Treasurer had stated that a report would be in the church office by Tuesday, May 3, 1977, so it could be included in the Friendly Reminder.

The Statistical Secretary reported Sunday Morning Meeting for Worship attendance for April was 129, 223, 149, 159 - an average of 165. Ninety persons attended the Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast. The death of Philip Pingry on April 11, 1977 and the marriage of Rick Conn and Kathy Densmore on April 24, 1977 were recorded.

A letter from Ministry & Membership was read expressing their appreciation of Keith and Judy Kendall as Pastors of our Meeting during the past year and unanimous approval was given for them to continue for the coming year.

Keith Hinshaw, on behalf of the Stewardship & Finance Commission, recommended raising Keith Kendall's salary by \$500.00 for the coming year. Marvin Thornburg, Charles Cates, and Helen Boomer expressed their concerns. This was approved by the Meeting.

A letter was read from Anne Moorman Riddle asking for Junior Memberships for her daughters, Elizabeth Anne and Catherine Marie, and expressing the wish to have them dedicated on May 8, 1977 during the service of dedication for children.

A \$25.00 donation was received from Cleo, Gerald, and Neil Harmon in memory of George Blunt which could be used to start a fund to buy new pews. They also asked if the Meeting would consider having George's name placed in the Memorial Book in the annex, they paying for additional costs. This was approved and the wording is to read "George Blunt, Faithful Custodian, 1953-1977."

Austin Cox presented the idea of Winchester Region {Quarterly Meeting} hiring a youth coordinator at \$2,000 per year for part time work. The Monthly Meeting approved taking \$10.00 per month from the Youth Budget as our share of the cost of this project.

The Meeting was asked to collect coffee coupons for the U.S.F.W. {United Society of Friends Women} and Quaker Men's National Conference at Earlham College June 15-20, 1977. These can be given to Mary Belle Hinshaw.

A communication from Quaker Haven Camp asking for replacements of cooking supplies at the Retreat House was read. They are also asking for the picture of our church building to be hung in the Retreat House along with others from Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings. The address of Keith Hinshaw, our representative to Quaker Haven, was to be sent to them. May 21 and 28, 1977 will be clean up days for the camp ground.

The Meeting approved giving \$25.00 from the Mission Budget to the American Friends Service Committee.

A letter was read from Anne Moorman Riddle suggesting that the Meeting set up some guide lines for various groups who use the church facilities as a meeting place. This was thought to be a necessary and good idea and the matter was turned over to the Trustees for their consideration.

A letter was read from the General Telephone Co. stating the new rate on the Toll Free Service for the county which is being proposed for 1980. This was a survey letter and after some discussion the Meeting decided they were not in favor of this change as it would mean an additional \$15 to \$20 per month increase and our long distance calls to these areas are never very much.

A letter of appreciation is to be sent to Boy Scout Troop 54 who cleaned up the outside of our building on Saturday, April 30, 1977.

Keith Kendall presented a concern from the Missions Commission with regard to \$2,500 given by Winchester Friends in 1969 toward the building of a Meetinghouse at Kisii, East Africa. Harold Smuck states that nothing has been done with that money as the building was never built and suggests that the money be transferred to the building fund for the Meetinghouse at Mombassa. This suggestion was approved.

The Clerk reported that the Yearly Meeting Treasurer, John Jennens, has resigned. The Administrative Council is

recommending Charles McCracken as the new Yearly Meeting Treasurer. Representatives and Alternates to Yearly Meeting will meet at Friends Memorial in Muncie on June 23, 1977. It was reported that Yearly Meetings this year will begin on Saturday and end on Wednesday.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet June 5, 1977.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk
Elizabeth Tuttle, Asst. Recording Clerk

June 5, 1977

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met June 5, 1977 with an attendance of 29 persons.

In preparation for the opening minute, the Clerk read from the Fruit of the Vine, "None of us has yet been set aside by the Potter as a finished product." The opening minute was given and the report of the previous minutes read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given with a Budget Balance of \$1,177.88; Non-Budget Balance of \$326.21; Missions Fund Balance of \$416.00; Improvement Fund Balance of \$1,417.85; and Expansion Fund Balance of \$4,562.91. Parsonage loan balance remains \$4,958.64.

The Statistical Report gave the death of Paul Stegall on May 28, 1977 and the average attendance at {Sunday Morning} Meeting for Worship as 143 in May.

The Personnel Committee report was given by Mildred Johnston, chairman, and was approved. It appears at the close of these minutes. The suggestion was made to name the chairmen as soon as possible that {the names} might be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting office.

Stewardship & Finance chairman Keith Hinshaw reported on the forthcoming budget. The commission called for an increase of \$3,312.00 to a total of \$35,697.00 or an average of 10.2% increase. This was approved.

Mildred Johnston spoke to the concern that we contribute to the Gideon Fund but refrain from engaging a speaker. After

some discussion, it was approved as a suggestion that this might be included in the budget for the year 1978-1979.

The Ministry & Membership chairman made a recommendation we hire Judy Kendall as church secretary upon the resignation of Cleo Harmon. They suggested a sum of \$2.25 per hour with a probable 54 hour per month work load. This would amount to \$158 more than outlined by budget. The Stewardship & Finance chairman found this acceptable and the Meeting approved making the total package \$35,855.00.

The Auditing Committee report for the year 1975-1976 was read and approved.

Helen Boomer expressed her appreciation of our Treasurer, Sharon Babcock, for the outstanding way she has taken care of the books.

The Missionary Committee reported \$100 had been sent to the Ron Wood Scholarship for a senior high student {to go} to Quaker Haven Camp. {The Committee} also asked for \$100 to go to Etta Ngaira, who is a resident of Nairobi and is attending school here in the states at IU East. She also is employed by Central Offices in Richmond. This sum was approved.

The Trustees reported they are working on guidelines which will greatly help the Meeting in running smoothly and without conflict from various groups.

Due to the fact that our next Monthly Meeting falls on July 4th weekend, it was approved to postpone it until July 10, 1977.

A letter was received from Harold Smuck with appreciation for our release of the Kisii Funds to be diverted to the Mombassa Meetinghouse. He explained the policy that the funds thus sent had not accumulated interest in that behalf, but was credited to the general fund during this period. He hoped this was satisfactory to us. The Meeting approved of the way it had been handled.

Children dedicated on May 8, 1977 in our Meeting for Worship were Elizabeth Anne Riddle and Catherine Marie Riddle, daughters of Anne Riddle, who also became Junior Members at that time. Others were David Dane and Stephanie Janae Burton, children of Steve and Nita Burton; and Marisa

Mary Aislinn Manning, daughter of Miles and Andrea {Manning}.

A receipt was acknowledged from Gideon International for the \$75.00 offering on May 22, 1977. Also a receipt for \$10.00 to the Friends World Committee for Consultation to be used in behalf of the Conference of Friends in the Americas to be held in Wichita, Kansas June 25 to July 1, 1977.

It was announced that Frank Guyatt, Dublin Friends {Meeting}, would speak in our Meeting on July 10, 1977. Clarence Hildreth, Nazarene Pastor, will speak to us on July 3, 1977 during Keith's absence.

A Peace and Service communication was referred to Charles Cates for the Social Concerns Committee to consider.

Keith reported on the Dial-A-Devotion program with the new machine. He also questioned if the Meeting would be interested in placing information on a map sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce for a cost of \$20.00. This was not approved.

A letter from Kickapoo Friends is available in the office.

The question was made if the Meeting would like to commit themselves to hiring Linda Prichard Brindle, ESR {Earlham School of Religion} student who graduated this year, for 3 months this summer to help start a post-high school class. It met with the approval of the Meeting that she be invited to meet and talk with our Ministry & Membership Commission regarding this. Suggestion was made that perhaps she could be paid from the Home Mission Fund.

An expression of thanks for sympathy extended was received from the family of Cordelia Retter.

Mildred Johnston spoke in appreciation of the outgoing officers and committee members of the Meeting.

There being no further business presented, the Meeting adjourned with the closing minute to meet July 10, 1977, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Presiding Clerk
Cleo Harmon, Recording Clerk

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT 1977-1978

Presiding Clerk	Austin Cox
Assistant Presiding Clerk	Robert McHolland
Recording Clerk	Winifred Thompson
Assistant Recording Clerk	Maxine Kritsch
Treasurer	Charles Cates
Assistant Treasurer	Annie Fidler

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY & MEMBERSHIP (3 year terms)

Helen Boomer, Chairman

1975-1978: Ennis Gulley, Joe Zell, Burt Hiatt, Gene Fidler

1976-1979: Dan Fouse, Walter Mills, Gernell Owens, Mary Anderson

1977-1980: Helen Boomer, Martha Freeman, Mike Cover, Mary Belle Hinshaw

TRUSTEES (3 year terms)

Mildred Kolp, Chairman

1975-1978: Richard Hinshaw, Ben Kritsch, Rita Densmore, Leonard Bolinger

1976-1979: John Cook, Jane Zell, Clarence Kritsch, Nancy Brady

1977-1980: Mildred Kolp, William Comer, Rodger Green, John Coon

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE (3 year terms)

Norman Peters, Chairman

1975-1978: Mary Gulley, Tony Kritsch, Dick Kolp

1976-1979: Annie Fidler, Elaine Babcock, Carl Thompson

1977-1980: Norman Peters, William Monks, Carroll Densmore

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (3 year terms)

Bettye Monks, Chairman

1975-1978: Shelly Cox, Marsha Kritsch

1976-1979: Georgia Breaker, Marcella Bolinger

1977-1980: Bettye Monks, Evelyn Cook, Cynthia Junco

FUNERAL COMMITTEE (1 year terms)

Mary Anderson, Church chairperson

Golden Band Class - Mary Gulley

William Penn Class - Frances Stiverson

Welcome Class - Pat McLaughlin

Quaker Girls - Gernell Owens

YOUTH COMMITTEE (1 year terms)

Tony and Marsha Kritsch, Bruce and Sheryl Fidler, Burt and Betty Hiatt, Keith and Judy Kendall

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Rodger and Susie Green, Charles Cates, Pat McLaughlin, Ruth Ann Fouse

MISSIONS COMMITTEE (1 year terms)

Anna Lou Arnett, Marjorie Carter, Olive Cover, Karen Peters, Alberta Shockney

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Frances Thornburg, Chairman
Ruth Ann Fouse, Elizabeth Cates, Sharon Babcock, Rowena Hawley

USHERS

Clarence Kritsch, Chairman
Regulars: Joe Zell, Jerald Gilpin, Carroll Densmore, Robert McHolland, Ben Kritsch, Norman Peters, Harold Johnston
Substitutes: Robert Hartzell, William Monks, Burt Hiatt, Carl Thompson, Dale Brady, Aaron Cox

PERSONELL COMMITTEE

Mildred Johnston, Chairman
Nancy Brady, Georgia Breaker, Karen Peters, Austin Cox, Mary Gulley
Mary Belle Hinshaw, Meeting Clerk
Keith Kendall, Pastor
(Clerk & Pastor ex-officio)

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Keith and Sue Hinshaw, Don and Melba DeCamp, Alvina Peters, Shelly Cox, Ellene Kritsch, Harold and Mildred Johnston

STATISTICIANS

Ardith Coon, Alice Cox

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Letha Cox, Sue Hinshaw

July 10, 1977

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met July 10, 1977 with an attendance of 21 persons. The opening minute was

given followed by the reading of the previous {Meeting's} minutes which were approved.

The Statistical Report was given showing the death of Melva Harris on June 21, 1977. The average attendance at {Sunday Morning} Meeting for Worship for June was 161.

The Treasurer's report was given showing the following balances as of June 30, 1977: Budget Balance, \$3,587.38 {corrected to \$1,368.83, see August 7, 1977 minutes}; Non-Budget, \$188.45; Mission Fund, \$451.74; Improvement Fund, \$1,423.84; Expansion Fund, \$1,234.62; Bank Balance, \$5,576.81, and Parsonage Loan Balance, \$4,958.64. The Treasurer's report was approved. Robert McHolland mentioned that the parsonage loan balance is a little over \$5,000.00 now, as the \$160.00 interest was added on.

Some of the annual commission reports not read at last month's Meeting included the Quaker Girls. Bessie Gray, Secretary, gave a fine detailed report of the activities of their 22 active and 10 inactive members showing individual cash donations amounting to \$117.50 and 99 hours volunteer service. A detailed annual report from Christian Service U.S.F. {United Society of Friends} Women was given which detailed about \$750.00 spent on Christian Service. Anna Lou Arnett gave a detailed annual report as chairman for the Missions Commission showing a total of \$2,802.55 expended. The Treasurer's report in detail for the Women's Society including the receipts from the bazaar of \$3,576.44, and some of the larger items expended were for a new typewriter for the church office, \$427.95, new furniture for the basement, \$577.95, 100 new folding chairs, \$1,045.00, two new folding tables for the dining room, \$131.60, \$1,000.00 to parsonage remodeling, Indian Missions, \$290.00, etc. Total disbursements were \$5,024.36 which still leaves a balance in Women's Society treasury of \$1,992.25. Norman Peters reported for Ministry & Membership and members have been assisting each Sunday in the pulpit, a Church Growth Seminar was held, the bulletins have been changed, Judy Kendall is now the church secretary replacing Cleo Harmon, a faithful secretary for several years, and for Ministry & Membership the Presiding Clerk is Joe Zell, with Walter Mills as Recording Clerk. A report from Robert McHolland, chairman for the Trustees, showed the extensive work on the parsonage completed for which a total of \$35,000.00 was borrowed to do this and it has been reduced down to \$5,000.00. \$8,730.00 from the Ed Best

estate was applied to reduce the loan. New signs have been put up at all roads coming into Winchester. Other minor improvements have been made within the church and repairs have been made to the bell tower. It was noted that Dick Hinshaw donated all of his work on the bell tower as well as all of his labor on the lengthy work on the parsonage. Members in Monthly Meeting expressed their thanks to Dick for this generous donation of his time towards these projects.

It was noted that Yearly Meeting will be August 12-17, 1977 at Earlham campus and forms will be available in hopes a carload of our youth will be able to attend. It was approved that our representative to Yearly Meeting will be Austin Cox with Carroll Densmore as alternate. Austin stated that the Budget Committee's proposed budget for the coming year is \$167,993.00 and the adjusted membership is 10,170 which would figure \$16.52 per member for the coming year compared to \$15.70 this past year or an increase of around 80¢ per member.

Approval was given the adjusted budget for the coming year for our Meeting of \$36,380.00.

Yearly Meeting programs are on the table at the rear of our church.

Correspondence was read acknowledging receipt of a \$20.00 memorial gift to our Meeting from Madelyn Lorenz, Portage, Indiana in memory of Melva Harris. A letter of acknowledgment was sent by Judy Kendall stating this gift of money had been applied toward the purchase of the new Dial-A-Devotion machine.

There being no further business presented, the Meeting adjourned with the closing minute to meet August 7, 1977, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

August 7, 1977

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met August 7, 1977 with an attendance of 21. Austin Cox read one of the Queries regarding meeting for worship and business

following which he offered prayer. The opening minute was given followed by the reading of the July minutes. One correction in these minutes was made regarding the June 30, 1977 Budget Balance. This was listed as \$3,587.38 which actually was the June 30, 1976 Budget Balance, and this was corrected to \$1,368.83. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Ardith Coon, the Statistical Secretary, gave her report listing the average attendance for July as 123 and the marriage on August 5, 1977 of Amy Cox and Terry Retz. She also gave our Meeting's annual report listing 264 active members compared to 275 the previous year, and 43 Junior Members compared to 42 the previous year and a grand total for June 30, 1977 of 307 or a net loss of 10. Also the report showed the average attendance for worship at 135 and Monthly Meeting average attendance as 28, and there were 487 pounds of clothing donated with its estimated value at \$400.00. A detailed report from the afternoon circle of the United Society of Friends Women furnished by the Secretary, Eloise Keys, was read. Their average attendance at meetings was 24. Their Treasurer's report had been reported previously. A detailed report from the Christian Fellowship Committee by the chairmen, Mildred and Harold Johnston, was given. The Johnston's will also chair this committee for the year 1977-1978.

Our church Treasurer, Charles Cates, had a new approach in presenting his monthly report by using an easel at the front of the Meeting listing in bold figures showing our balances. He asked the Meeting their feeling on this type presentation over the individual sheets passed to each person as we have had for some time, and it was the feeling of the Meeting that this new way was a little easier for the average member to understand. It was decided to try this new method and possibly a quarterly detailed sheet will be prepared for each member to follow. The Treasurer stated he does not have a final Bank Balance to report, as the books for the year ended June 30, 1977 have not been audited, but probably will be shortly. The Treasurer's report for July 31, 1977 showed the following balances: Budget Balance, \$1,810.88; Non-Budget Balance, \$266.70; Missions Fund Balance, \$578.95; Improvement Fund Balance, \$2,242.78; and Expansion Fund Balance, \$1,357.75 {corrected to \$1,357.62, see September 4, 1977 minutes}. Also we will have a credit of \$131.60 for two tables that were purchased by the United Society of Friends Women from Rosa's Office

Supplies of Richmond, since the Women's Society sent a check for these and the church Treasurer also paid this. Our parsonage loan of \$5,022.55 was renewed and will be due December 17, 1977, and it was approved using the \$1,357.75 in the Expansion Fund towards this indebtedness.

A pamphlet was sketched from Pendle Hill Quaker Study Center listing their activities for anyone interested in a retreat. Also a detailed report was on hand from the Guatemala Earthquake Reconstruction Project for 1976-1977 headed up by the West Richmond First Friends and Clear Creek Meetings of Richmond, Indiana plus the support of many other Meetings and individuals.

A note of thanks was read from Kenneth Pickering thanking our members for their prayers and interest in his recovery from his recent illness.

Earlham College sent us a corrected receipt for our Meeting's gift to the Earlham School of Religion. They corrected the records to show our gift of \$50.00 rather than \$10.00.

A bulletin was read from Earlham School of Religion listing the 1976-1977 total of all funds (including endowment gifts) to be \$262,983.00 and it concluded by saying "a heartfelt thanks to each of you who helped make this possible."

It was reported that an inquiry had been made of our Meeting regarding information needed on Laura Hickman Summers who lived in White River township until around 1900. A letter was read from Luella White stating she had checked the vault there at Richmond First Friends, but found only the ones for Winchester Quarterly Meeting but not Winchester Monthly Meeting records. Keith Kendall and our Clerk will check around to see if these old Monthly Meeting records can be located and it was felt these should also be stored in the vault at Richmond First Friends.

As our representative to the upcoming Yearly Meeting, Austin Cox reported he had attended a meeting on June 25, 1977 for representatives planning to attend, and from information gathered there, Austin had made out detailed figures for the Indiana Yearly Meeting Budget for 1977-1978 of \$168,000.00 with an active Yearly Meeting membership of 10,170 with an assessment of \$16.52 per member. The

expenses are around \$50,000.00. The Endowment Fund will have to be concerned with about one half million endowment to Yearly Meeting, and the question arises as to how should the interest from the endowment be used which is a figure in excess of \$30,000.00. One of the regions suggested that the endowment that had not been earmarked by the donor as to its intended use be put in the general fund, but another thought was that if this is all put in the general fund, persons might give less. The feeling of our Meeting was that Austin hear further discussion at Yearly Meeting from both sides and use his judgment on this issue.

A copy of a letter dated June 2, 1977 at hand was received by our Meeting from Friends Memorial Church, Muncie, Indiana. The original letter was sent to Lymon B. Hall, Presiding Clerk of Indiana Yearly Meeting Administrative Council. Muncie Friends Memorial stated they had sent a similar copy of this letter to each Meeting of the Yearly Meeting so that their action could be understood. The letter stated "Since Friends Memorial has many members who give generously over and above budgeted amounts to various funds, and, as a Meeting, we support a growing outreach in the Muncie community, we realize that some of these programs would have to be curtailed if we give an ever-increasing amount as our quota to Indiana Yearly Meeting. The Monthly Meeting approved setting \$7,500.00 as our commitment to Indiana yearly Meeting for 1977-1978, regardless of the quota set. The Meeting approved paying the Friends United Meeting assessment for 1977-1978 on a full quota basis since this budget has been reduced over previous years."

Approval was given to accept the membership transfer of Shirley Jo Ertel from Lynn Friends Meeting to ours. Letha and Austin Cox will invite another couple from our Meeting, and they will make a call on this new member.

A letter in part was read from J. Binford Farlow dated July 20, 1977 and addressed to members of the Executive Committee of FUM {Friends United Meeting}. The letter was in regard to the recent tragic automobile accidental death of Joyce Heusel. Joyce was the wife of Lorton Heusel, General Secretary of FUM of Richmond, Indiana. The letter asked what we could do as individuals or as a Meeting to help out in this crisis in his life, since Lorton has been left with six adopted children of which only one is married. It was approved to share this concern with our

Missions Committee and have Anna Lou Arnett and Marjorie Carter bring this before them.

Since one of the 4-H clubs is sponsored by our church, and Mrs. Audrey Wren was so involved in 4-H, an offering plate will be put at the door next Sunday morning for those who may wish to contribute to a memorial at the 4-H ground in her memory. Mrs. Wren met with a tragic death a few days ago.

Keith Kendall mentioned that we have to borrow candle lighters/snuffers when we have weddings here in our church, and he stated the cost for new ones would be around \$36.00 for a pair, and the Meeting approved having Keith purchase these.

Keith also mentioned that a few months back some preliminary investigating was done regarding new pews for our church. Keith said that pledges of \$1,000.00 each have been received from two families towards this project. When pews are replaced, carpeting will also have to be replaced. There would be around 498 square yards of carpeting to purchase. Prices for pews were estimated from \$6,500.00 to \$8,000.10, and one quote on carpeting was \$5,045.00, or an estimated total cost for the two of around \$14,000.00. There was feeling expressed both for and against this project, but it was approved directing the Trustees to go ahead and give serious study of the possibilities for new pews and carpeting and bring back to Monthly Meeting the data.

Joe Zell brought to our attention that our guest book that is in the north vestibule has served its time, since it dates back to 1957 and is old and faded. It was approved to purchase a new guest book.

There being no further business presented, the Meeting adjourned with the closing minute to meet September 4, 1977, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

September 4, 1977

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met September 4, 1977 with an attendance of 24. Following a few moments of

silent meditation, prayer was offered by Austin Cox. The opening minute was read followed by the reading of the August {Meeting's} minutes which were approved as corrected showing the Expansion Fund Balance for July 31, 1977 as \$1,357.62 instead of \$1,357.75 as read.

The Statistical Report gave the marriage on August 27, 1977 of David Cox and Jane Snyder and the average attendance for August was 121 1/2. David Cox and Jane Snyder were married in traditional Friends manner off the shores of Lake Waubee in northern Indiana followed by a luncheon for all, and Winchester Friends were well represented at this wedding.

The Treasurer's report was given including \$132.26 in the General Fund for August net income. The August 31, 1977 report also shows the following balances: Mission Fund, \$528.95; Improvement Fund, \$2,312.42; Non-Budget, \$289.86; Dial-A-Devotion, \$69.60; Expansion Fund, \$132.87, and the bank loan is \$3,719.48. The bank balance for August 30, 1977 is \$6,878.53. The Treasurer's report was approved.

The Clerk asked if there was any report today from the Trustees as to their findings of information for new pews, but the chairman of the Trustees was not present. Keith Kendall mentioned that there have been estimates received from a few companies showing various styles, and this display is on display in the hall in the annex for us to observe and study. The Clerk welcomed thoughts from Monthly Meeting regarding this project for new pews and carpeting, and one thought was that we give a lot of time and consideration to such a project and be sure that all minds are at ease. Another thought expressed was that our Meeting is made up from and among a farming community and at present farm prices are in a slump, and it has been mentioned that the boiler to the furnace may need some attention, so that we could need to store up a little to carry us over these needs. Bob McHolland, who just went off the Trustees, mentioned that when new pews were considered a few months back, they had decided to delay the pew project until our parsonage remodeling debt was retired. The Trustees had not ruled out this project, but had in their minutes to table this until the parsonage debt was paid off. Another thought brought out was could we make a concentrated effort to retire our bank loan, since we are paying out interest, and it was the general feeling that this should be retired as soon as we can. The final thought was that we continue to be interested and get all

the information we can regarding new pews and carpeting keeping in mind our debt.

Ministry & Membership had met last Sunday and discussed a new idea in bulletins of which a sample was passed among us at Monthly Meeting giving a beautiful recent picture of our church in color. Included in this bulletin would be a history of the Society of Friends. The cost of these bulletins would be \$301.00 for a minimum order of 6,250 bulletins, or the cost for 12,500 would be only \$350.00 which would figure about 3¢ each compared to about 2¢ which our present bulletins cost. The 12,500 bulletins would cover about 80 Sundays or would last about three years, since the type of bulletin we are using now would be interspersed to create more variety. Monthly Meeting approved this new personalized bulletin.

A report was presented from the Missions Commission, by Anna Lou Arnett, chairperson, setting out a proposed set of goals for mission giving for the year 1977-1978 listing a total outreach through the Missions Fund of \$2,620.00 covering the following goals:

\$100.00 to be sent to the Joyce Heusel Memorial Education Fund; \$600.00 for Friends United Meeting Partner Project for 1977-1978 suggesting \$50.00 per month to be applied on the salary of Sharon Babcock (as we feel she is giving valuable service to the F.U.M. {Friends United Meeting} and we would like to support her in her chosen field of service; \$150.00 for the Randolph County Hospital Chaplain's Association, a donation of \$150.00 to be made now and if their program of hiring a part time chaplain materializes, that another \$150.00 be given at that time; \$120.00 towards support of Kim and Michelle Mills at Kickapoo, as their salary support level has suffered in recent months and this is a one time gift; \$25.00 for the Salvation Army towards their assisting with transients handled by local pastors, \$25.00 for the Cub Scout Pack #76 to assist in their work, to be given when they need it; \$100.00 to Susie Green to buy school clothes for needy children; and \$1,500.00 toward the Indiana Yearly Meeting Missions goal of \$11,000.00 for Kaimosi Hospital, Turkana Women's Dormitory, and Indian missionaries' salaries. We suggest giving \$125.00 per month when the local giving to the Missions Commission is enough to cover such sharing. The report stated further that "the Missions Commission feels that if we have a goal for giving to outreach projects both in the local community and around the world,

our members will be generous and joyous in their contributions." These goals of the Missions Commission were approved.

There will be a fall retreat at Quaker Haven October 14-16, 1977, and it is a follow-up of the one similar to the Quaker Hill Conference Center in February. The cost per person of the retreat will be approximately \$19.50. The retreat would be to further learn more about the make-up of the structure of Friends work, and all Meetings in the Winchester region are to send in two names of persons who would enjoy going on this short retreat. Indiana Yearly Meeting is paying one half the cost towards this. We will be needing to be thinking about this and let our Clerk know by September 25, 1977 of suggestions of interested persons from our Meeting.

A letter was received from Gary Wright, pastor of the Traverse City Friends, which is a Meeting which has grown considerably in the past year or so. He was mentioning the progress of their Meeting, and the gratefulness of Bart and Sara Shields, thanking the people of the Yearly Meeting for the \$2,485.00 they raised and gave to them to help them buy a used car to replace theirs that was demolished a few months back. Bart Shields is pastor at Long Lake which is near Traverse City.

Austin Cox reported he attended three sessions at the recent Yearly Meeting, and that the budget was a time consuming project. However, they did lower the budget from around \$168,000.00 to \$160,000.00 and this lowers the per capita from \$16.52 to \$16.00. The budget was lowered, as the money did not come in last year as hoped for.

At Yearly Meeting an artist's sketch was presented for a new Quaker Haven dining hall and office building. The dining hall would hold about 200 people. Approval was given at Yearly Meeting to start talking about this project and to ask for pledges from local Meetings towards this.

The next Regional Meeting will be on October 16, 1977, on Sunday evening at the New Garden Friends Meeting.

A folder has been received from Friends Community of North Easton, Massachusetts explaining plans for a Friends Community which would be a facility plan similar to Friends Fellowship. This new facility would have plans for 69

units, and if anyone is interested they may refer to their letter and detailed folder. One unique feature of this new facility is that it will be powered by solar energy.

For August, the Dial-A-Devotion total calls were 673, or an average of about 22 per day.

Jerry Pepple had asked if she could use our church on Monday evenings for her Brownie Scout troop of around 6 girls. She has been using the Presbyterian Church, but they are in a remodeling program at present. Approval was given.

Our Pastor, Keith Kendall, has furnished us with a detailed break down of his salary of \$10,750.00 as part of the Monthly Meeting minutes for July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978 which includes retirement fund, utilities, etc.

Our Treasurer reported it is time to order envelopes for our giving for the coming year, and the thought was presented do we need the section for Building Fund when we order new envelopes. It was hoped Stewardship & Finance could get organized and meet and make a recommendation on this.

Keith Kendall mentioned that Ministry & Membership had some discussion regarding a series of 10 Sunday evenings between now and Christmas of films on Successful Christian Living, and the cost would be about \$1.25 per night per couple. More information will be coming regarding this.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting is adjourned to meet October 2, 1977, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

October 2, 1977

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met October 2, 1977 with an attendance of 18. Austin Cox read two of the Queries, the purpose of which {is} to help promote faithfulness to Christ and an experience of self examination followed by a few moments of silent meditation and prayer. The minutes of the September Meeting were read and approved.

A recommendation was read from Ministry & Membership stating "Meeting on Ministry & Membership recommends that our Meeting support a community collecting of money for UNICEF if the other churches support," signed by Joe Zell, Presiding Clerk, Walter Mills, Recording Clerk. Our church has not been a part of this in the past few years, but views were expressed that it was a worthy project. It was the feeling of Monthly Meeting that we would support the UNICEF project, and that we get word back to the Christian Education Committee so that they can staff this if they feel lead to proceed with this.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved showing the following: September 30, 1977 Bank Balance, \$5,182.50; General Fund Balance, \$1,856.87; Missions {Fund} overdraft of \$11.05; Improvement Fund Balance, \$2,700.77; Non-Budget Balance, \$299.54; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$120.02; Expansion Fund Balance, \$336.37; and Bank Loan Balance, \$3,719.48.

We were reminded again of the fall retreat at Quaker Haven, October 14-16, 1977, which would grant an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with each other and those outside our Meeting.

The speaker for the October 16, 1977 Regional Meeting at New Garden Friends will be Nirmal Kaul, a Quaker from India, who is visiting here in the United States and he will be speaking on Friends work in India.

Keith Kendall mentioned that we have about 50 of the older wooden folding chairs with the curved backs that have been stored in the basement and have not been used for some time. There are about 40 in good repair and maybe 10 that {need repair}. He said he had been approached by some of our members {who} would be interested in buying these if we would be disposing of them. The thought was presented that since the property of the church is taken care of by the Trustees, that perhaps we should mention this to them. One thought was that since these chairs are comfortable and would probably be more appropriate to use in the parlor along with our present wooden chairs, that it might be a thought to keep these and if we have an excess of chairs to dispose of some of the older all metal chairs. It was approved that this be referred to the Trustees to make a recommendation to Monthly Meeting.

Keith Kendall mentioned that the local Presbyterian Church is in the midst of an extensive remodeling program including the installation of a new heating system. In case they do not get back into their church before cold weather sets in, he wondered about making them an offer of the use of our meeting{house} if Monthly Meeting would approve. Their worship hour is 10:30, and we would be in our Sunday School hour at that time. It was mentioned that our Meeting is free to use their parking lot. Monthly Meeting approved offering the use of our meeting{house} to them, and a letter extending the invitation will be sent.

Regarding new offering envelopes, Keith said he had seen a different type envelope which had just one pocket, but on the outside the giver could check how the amount of the check was to be used, such as Missions, etc. It was discussed, and this sounded like an improvement over our present envelopes. Since these need to be ordered before November in order to get the discount, it was the will of Monthly Meeting to leave the decision to our church Treasurer, Charles Cates, to order the type he feels best suits our needs.

Mildred Johnston reported for Christian Fellowship that the fall wiener roast for all members of our Meeting was well attended at the home of Clarence and Maxine Kritsch with an attendance of 89. The Welcome Class was in charge of the wiener roast. The next family night will be in charge of the William Penn Class and will be the November 20, 1977, Sunday noon carry-in at our church. The William Penn Class will do the turkeys, dressing, rolls and drink. These family night affairs are included in our Statistical Report and we have doubled last year's attendance.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting is adjourned to meet November 6, 1977, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

November 6, 1977

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met November 6, 1977 with an attendance of 22. The Meeting was opened with

prayer being offered by Helen Boomer. The opening minute was given and the October minutes were read and approved.

In the absence of the chairman of the Trustees, Richard Hinshaw, John Cook reported that the Trustees had discussed further the project for new pews and carpeting and where the money would come from. He stated that there is one expense that may be coming up which is the boiler. This present boiler probably can be repaired, but should we be forced to buy a new boiler, that would be an expense of around \$6,000.00. This is the only known major expense that is known at present that may need attention. He reported that our Meeting had been remembered in the Will of Orville and Nellie Pickett in the amount of \$15,026.75, and that to date we have had \$3,000.00 in pledges toward pews, and around March or April we should receive around \$4,000.00 from the Ed Best estate. Curved seats would cost from around \$16,000.00 to \$17,000.00. The question was asked whether any restrictions were placed on the use of the Pickett money as to its intended use, but no restrictions were mentioned. Since the Trustees can see where money will be coming in that can be used towards pews, as far as they are concerned they are willing to proceed towards getting new pews and carpeting. The suggestion was made to put the Pickett money into the Improvement Fund and retire the indebtedness on the parsonage and then reinvest the balance from the Pickett money in a savings account until such time as the new pews might be ready which will probably be several months away, and to have the Trustees proceed with the project for pews and carpeting. This was approved. Mention was made that when we do replace the carpeting it should be moth proofed before it is laid, as too much of our wear on the present carpeting is due to it being moth eaten.

The Statistical Report gave the death on October 26, 1977 of Henry Vaupel and the average attendance for October was 150. Dial-A-Devotion calls for October were 506 calls or an average of 16 per day.

The Treasurer's report was given showing the following October 31, 1977 balances: Net Budget income, \$551.55; Missions Fund Balance, \$187.95; Improvement Fund Balance, \$208.24; Expansion Fund Balance, \$138.25; Bank Balance, \$20,943.80; Budget Cash Balance, \$2,408.42; Non-Budget Balance, \$232.25; and Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$141.94. The Treasurer also mentioned that some time ago a \$50.00

donation had been received towards a project of preserving the Rose Window with possibly a storm window like our other large stained glass windows have, and he said we also have a \$20.00 memorial gift to George Blunt, our Janitor who passed away a few months back, and we will need to decide the use of that \$20.00 also. Monthly Meeting approved turning over to the Trustees the project of investigating the cost of preservation of the Rose Window and possibly using besides the \$50.00 received specifically for this, also the \$20.00 memorial for George Blunt.

Monthly Meeting read a communication dated October 20, 1977 from Electa Washler of Winchester stating as follows: "I would like to request my name removed from the membership of the Friends Church. I have been baptized and entered the St. Joseph Catholic Church." Ministry & Membership checked records of our Meeting and {although} she had attended our Meeting in the past, she was not a member at least recently.

The chain of prayer dates are next March 2, 1978 noon to March 3, 1978.

Christian Education had had a Halloween party for around 24 children. Last Sunday morning Nancy Brady showed a film to the children on UNICEF and gave out little boxes to our children to take home with them, and at the same time Jane Zell's girls' Junior Scout Troop #375 were guests and also wanted to take boxes and have a little drive of their own. Those girls brought back to our Meeting \$54.00 which they had collected for UNICEF.

The Youth have been very active and are preparing for the bazaar. They have been having an attendance of around 12 each Sunday evening.

Our Meeting was represented well at the Regional Meeting at New Garden and heard Nirmal Kaul speak regarding India. It seemed there were mixed feelings in the group as to his goals or philosophy.

A letter was received from Byron Teague, pastor at White's Institute, thanking our Meeting for the collection of birthday money from our members each month which is forwarded to White's to use to buy birthday gifts for the students there. We recently forwarded \$32.27 to them, and

the letter stated that the students really appreciate a gift from the chapel on their birthday.

A letter from Horace Smith, Executive Secretary of Associated Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs, was received updating us on what is happening in the various centers: Wyandotte, Seneca, Council House, Hominy (Osage), and Kickapoo Friends Center all in Oklahoma. They are hoping we will continue to support the work at the various centers.

Keith Kendall mentioned that November is CROP {Christian Rural Overseas Program} month. Last year the goal for our county was \$10,000.00 and the county raised \$9,000.00, and he asked if there were any thoughts on how we would want to share in this project this year. Monthly Meeting approved announcing this project in the bulletin and pulpit, and perhaps specify the Sunday of November 20, 1977 as a specified day to recognize this project.

A letter was received from Lorton Heisel for F.U.M. {Friends United Meeting} suggesting the Meetings have a thank offering around Thanksgiving for Friends United Meeting as their funds are running low this year {because of a lack of} support by local Meetings. It was decided to run an insert in the Friendly Reminder so that those who wish can give {additional support} beyond that {which is} given by our local Meeting.

Charles Cates called to our attention that Whitesel's Cleaners here in Winchester, which is operated by Harold and Helen Whitesel, recently cleaned our choir robes at no cost to our Meeting. This was appreciated by the Meeting, and it was suggested a note of thanks be sent to them.

Our church Secretary, Judy Kendall, desires to have Social Security tax taken from her salary, and this will amount to around \$7.00 per month which will need to be equaled by our Meeting. This was approved.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting is adjourned to meet December 4, 1977, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

December 4, 1977

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met December 4, 1977 with an attendance of 25. Prayer was offered by Austin Cox. The opening minute was given followed by the reading of the minutes of the November Meeting which were approved. Charles Cates mentioned that in the November Meeting we decided to use the \$20.00 that had been given in memory of George Blunt, our Janitor for many years, towards restoration of the Rose Window in our church. Marvin Thornburg spoke that the intended use for this \$20.00 had been to have a plaque placed probably in the downstairs hallway in memory of George {given} his 26 years of service to our Meeting. This will be pursued when a little more background information is obtained.

Our church Treasurer stated after talking with Monthly Meeting Clerk and our minister that it was thought best to continue with our Expansion Fund for building up a fund for new pews and carpeting rather than run this through the Improvement Fund. This was approved. It was reported that on Sunday, November 20, 1977, during our all church Thanksgiving dinner, an offering plate was set up for those who wished to donate towards C.R.O.P. {Christian Rural Overseas Program} and \$93.50 was received.

Ministry & Membership presented a recommendation that Monthly Meeting send our Pastor and his spouse to the mid-winter annual Pastor's Retreat and underwrite this expense which would be \$38.00 per person. This retreat is held at Winona Lake, Indiana and is from February 20-22, 1978. This was approved.

Meeting on Ministry & Membership recommended the following for membership on Confession of Faith: Steven Keith and Nita Jeanne Burton and for Junior Membership, David Dane and Stephanie Janae Burton. Monthly Meeting approved this family becoming members, and Marsh and Tony Kritsch and Ellen and Dale Craig will be a welcoming committee to call on these new members. Keith Kendall asked if we had any suggestions on how to recognize these new members, and this has been done in the past in various ways. It was decided to leave this to Ministry & Membership and our Pastor to work out a plan and {to choose a} Sunday for recognition of these new members.

Regarding our Youth Committee, we heard from two of our youth in the Worship Hour today, Patrick McLaughlin and Rick Simmons, reporting on their recent trip to the United Nations Seminar in New York City. Our Treasurer reported that recently \$190.00 has been designated to the Youth in \$150.00 for the seminar and \$40.00 for an outing the Youth and sponsors made to Richmond to see the movie, "Oh God," and for pizza and bowling as well. It was reported that Tony and Marsha Kritsch and Bruce and Sheryl Fidler, who are Youth sponsors, have done a fine job in keeping the interest of the Youth by planning activities. It was mentioned that later in this year the Youth will be sponsoring one of our family nights.

Dale Craig was present and gave a fine report on his Scout Cub Pack which meets here regularly in our church. He has 35 boys in his pack and they have been quite involved including day camp, several outings, being in the Mardi Gras parade, currently collecting and cleaning used toys to be given to Susie Green for her to use all year where needed in her projects with the needy, and on December 17, 1977 they will be collecting canned goods in connection with Community Action to be distributed to needy families. He said it is important to have good leadership to have a successful troop, and he was praising the leadership assisting him {by} Pat McLaughlin, Shelly Cox, Charles Cates, Cleo Harmon, and Allen Comer, all from our Meeting.

There was no report from Christian Education, but our Clerk mentioned that our new Sunday School quarterlies are out and our Pastor has been involved in writing for it.

The Statistical Report gave an average attendance for November of 131 and Dial-A-Devotion reported 525 calls or an average of 17 per day.

The Treasurer, in giving the November report, stated receipts have been down a little due to a little less attendance. The report was as follows: Bank Balance, \$3,822.55; Improvement Fund Balance, \$2,634.00; General Fund Balance, \$856.94, Missions Fund Balance, \$140.45; Non-Budget Balance, \$78.10; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$108.06; and Expansion Fund Balance, \$5.00. The Treasurer stated he deposited in the Savings Account from the Expansion Fund \$14,615.40 which includes the balance left from the Nellie C. Pickett estate gift after retiring the \$2,795.10 loan

debt on the parsonage and included in this \$14,615.40 are contributions to the new pews and carpeting.

There was no additional report from the Trustees regarding the pews project, but Keith Kendall said that next Sunday some of the Trustees are planning a tour of churches in the area which have new pews. Also they may try in the near future to look at the pews recently installed by the Endicott Company at the Rushville, Indiana Main Street Christian Church, and their church is similar in shape to ours. Keith has also prepared two more drawings showing one with radial or curved pews like our present ones and another of how it would look with a center aisle arrangement. This gives us four plans for viewing. Mildred Johnston mentioned that she realizes she may be a little late in saying this, but she feels a sadness in disposing of the present pews. She mentioned should the project for the new pews overstep what we feel we should spend, could we get an estimate from professional help to refinish the present pews and possibly re-glue and re-laminate the backs and get new pads for the present pews. It was finally concluded that there is a lot of interest in the present pews and what to do, and this raises the question to the Trustees that we want to consider all opinions and then try to make the best decision.

Today was the first Sunday the new bulletins have been used with the latest picture of our church. Helen Boomer commented that she feels this is the best picture she has seen of our church.

Keith asked if anyone knew just when our church tax exempt number certificate is dated, and someone said they thought the present one is framed and hanging in the basement by the telephone and this is to be renewed each year by our church Treasurer.

A few months back interest was expressed in having our Memorial book brought up to date with names. The printing already used in this book was quite expensive and the type of print is similar to Old English. Keith Kendall has similar letters from a pad which cost just \$2.50 for the entire pad, and these letters could be transferred. No definite decision was made today.

A letter has been received from Lowell Mills on behalf of Friends United Meeting which is a departure from the usual

report in that the present overall giving from Yearly Meetings is approximately \$11,000.00 above that of last year. Accompanying this letter was a breakdown of the Friends United Meeting's 10 month income from January 11, 1977 to November 10, 1977 for the various Yearly Meetings and other sources. Also mention was made of a Consolidated Fall 1977 Edition of American Friends Service Committee's Quaker Service Bulletin whose nearest office is near Dayton. The bulletin tells of work the American Friends Service Committee is involved with and topics on the various work camps. A thank you was received from Lowell Mills thanking our Meeting for the recent \$100.00 we sent to the Joyce Heusel Memorial Education Fund.

Some months ago we received information regarding a proposed Friends Community at North Easton, Massachusetts. We have correspondence stating ground breaking is planned for this project in the spring of 1978 and they welcome the opportunity to show any visiting Friends the site and an explanation of the goals of the community.

Charles Cates thought it would be nice to record in our Meeting that we had had Eric Wyatt, a Friends pastor to Jamaica, and his wife in our Meeting for Worship today and that he brought a fine message. We are also happy to have Eric in our Monthly Meeting today.

Since our next Monthly Meeting would fall on New Year's Day, it was decided to set our next Meeting on January 8, 1978, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

January 8, 1978

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened January 8, 1978 with 20 members present. After a few moments of silent meditation, prayer was offered by Walter Mills. Following the opening minute, the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

There was no confirmation that the welcoming committee composed of Marsha and Tony Kritsch and Ellen and Dale Craig had made a call to the Steve Burton home. It was suggested that a nice letter be sent to the family telling

them of the approval of their request for church membership.

There was further discussion in regard to obtaining a plaque in memory of George Blunt, who so faithfully served as our church custodian for twenty-six years. A plaque was borrowed from the Sports Center in order that we might have something tangible to discuss. This plaque sells for \$14.95 and engraving would cost six cents per letter. No definite action was taken on purchasing a plaque. Marvin Thornburg still hopes to get more information about George from George's daughter, Mary Alice. Anyone is welcome to turn in their ideas about this memorial plaque to the office or give them to Keith.

The Statistical Report gave the death of Vernon Robinson on December 31, 1977. The average attendance for December was 143. There were 903 Dial-A-Devotion calls, thus making an average of 29 calls per day. This almost doubles the calls made a year ago December. And this is the highest average since last January and February.

The Treasurer's report was given showing the following December 31, 1977 balances: Budget Cash, \$2,378.51; Non-Budget Balance, \$90.74; Missions Fund Balance, \$82.70; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$107.93; and Improvement Fund Balance, \$2,689.77. This leaves a bank balance of \$5,349.65 for December 31, 1977. Our Treasurer also reported receiving a check in the amount of \$1,500.00 given by John Batchelor in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Batchelor. A note of appreciation has been sent to the family. It was approved that this amount be put in the Expansion Fund labeled for pews and carpeting.

Richard Hinshaw, chairman of Trustees, reported that the Trustees had approved purchasing another lift pump for the annex to be used as a spare.

Again there was discussion about the advisability of purchasing new pews or to refurbish the old pews. It remains an open subject. Once more the planned trip to visit churches with similar architectural structure as ours and who have recently installed new pews was cancelled due to bad weather conditions. It is hoped this trip to Rushville, Indiana can be made January 15, 1978.

Keith {Kendall} showed us two charts that he is keeping. The graphs on the attendance chart show us how our church attendance goes up and down. Some persons expressed concern over this lack of consistency. The second chart shows income and expenses by the month of the General Fund.

The next Meeting of the Winchester Region will be February 19, 1978.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet February 5, 1978.

{signature of Austin Cox}
Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Mary Belle Hinshaw, Acting Recording Clerk
{signature of Mary Belle Hinshaw}

February 5, 1978

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened February 5, 1978 with an attendance of 15. Following a few moments of silent meditation, prayer was offered by our Clerk, Austin Cox. After the opening minute, the report of the Recording Clerk was read and approved.

Previously, consideration had been given to purchasing a plaque in memory of George Blunt, our former custodian. However, today expression was made questioning the wisdom of singling out one person to show special recognition. The group seemed to feel that the plaque was not exactly what they wanted to do. Instead of the plaque, it was suggested that a plate with the appropriate inscription be placed on the door to the janitorial closet. The Monthly Meeting responded favorably to this idea. Since Marvin Thornburg was not in attendance and he had wanted the plaque it seemed that he should know of the Monthly Meeting's decision. Keith Kendall was asked to talk with Marvin about this matter. Walter Mills consented to make this visit with Keith.

Since many memorials have not yet been placed in our Memorial Book, consideration was given to the type of lettering that would be most appropriate to use in updating this book. Keith had prepared a page using rub on transfers in Old English Script and this made an attractive page. If something nearer the original style of print

cannot be found, approval was given for the use of the Old English Script. In addition to the person's name for whom the memorial was given, it was approved to also put the year that the memorial was made.

Joe Zell, chairman of the Commission on Ministry & Membership, told us of the Chain of Prayer planned for our Meeting from noon on March 2nd until noon on March 3rd, 1978. This is the time period we are filling in the Friends United Meeting Chain of Prayer. The commission proposed that a pad or sheets of paper be prepared so that persons can sign up for a specific time slot during the worship service February 19, 1978. After this the members of the commission could make calls to members or attenders not present, thus hopefully to get the twenty-four hour period filled. Then too, it was recommended that a film strip on prayer be shown on Thursday night, March 2nd. Both the means of getting participants for the Chain of Prayer and the film strip were approved.

A letter from Emma Parker was read requesting the transfer of her membership to the First Friends Meeting of Greensboro, North Carolina. This request was approved

A letter from Marjorie J. (Arnett) Powell was read requesting that her membership be transferred to the Milwaukee Friends Meeting. If the boys, Ronald Ray and Chad William were Associate Members, she wanted their names also transferred. However, their names were not found in the membership record. Approval was given for this membership transfer. The letter was very much appreciated. She told us Milwaukee Friends currently meet in the downtown Y.W.C.A. It is an unprogrammed Meeting and is a member of Friends General Conference. The Meeting has an arrangement with a lady in her 90's to pay her a fixed sum monthly. Upon her death the Meeting will take possession of her acreage along the Milwaukee River. This is the last site of this type and size in the city. The intent of the Meeting is to combine a land preserve with a meetinghouse site.

A certificate of transfer was received for Ellen Underwood Craig from the Fairmount Meeting. Also applications for membership were received from Dale Albert and John Charles Craig. Approval of the transfer of Ellen and the request for Active Membership for Dale was given. Since John Charles is just ten, it was thought best that his

membership be approved as an Associate. The Monthly Meeting is pleased to have this family as members.

A check in the amount of \$25.00 was sent to the Meeting as a memorial to Ruby Bosworth. This was from friends and neighbors of Ruby's sister, Dorothy Rareden. This thoughtfulness is appreciated. A check in the amount of \$10.00 was received as a memorial to Vernon Robinson from Julius and Mary Christman. They requested that this be placed in the Dial-A-Devotion Fund.

The Treasurer's report was given and approved. The Bank Balance for January 31, 1978 was \$3,683.90. The itemized balances are as follows: Budget Cash Balance, \$593.23; Non-Budget Balance, \$106.09; Missions Fund Balance, \$35.95; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$134.76; and Improvement Fund Balance, \$2,813.87. The balance in the Randolph County Bank Savings {Account} on January 31, 1978 was \$17,141.28.

Three deaths were recorded in the Statistical Report. They were Esther Overman on January 31, 1978, and Ruby Bosworth and Robert Via on February 1, 1978. There were 836 Dial-A-Devotion calls thus making an average of 27 calls per day. Using only the four Sundays that Worship Services were held, the average attendance was 97 for the month.

The Missions Commission has ordered more large print Bibles. This type of Bible is helpful to many.

An annual report book prepared by the Presbyterian Church was passed around for all to examine. The thinking being that perhaps we might be interested in a similar book for yearly reports.

A letter was received from Earlham College informing us that once again they will be making the Wilkinson awards available to qualified students entering Earlham in September, 1978. It was decided that this information should be put in the Friendly Reminder.

Mention was made of Arthur O. Roberts' book "Tomorrow Is Growing Old." This book consists of stories of the Quakers in Alaska. It sells for \$15.00. The letter from Harold Ankeny suggests that a copy be purchased for the church library. No action was taken on this.

The newsletter and other information from the Friends World Committee for Consultation are to be placed on the table at the rear of the sanctuary.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting adjourned to meet March 5, 1978, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Mary Belle Hinshaw, Acting Recording Clerk

March 5, 1978

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met March 5, 1978 with an attendance of 23. We were lead in devotions by Rosa Mary Zell including "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep" taken from the Christian Herald.

The opening minute was given followed by the reading of the February minutes which were approved. A follow-up on something in memory of our former custodian, George Blunt, was discussed, and it was approved to have a small plate downstairs possibly on a door giving his name and to also have something in our memorial book in recognition of George.

The Treasurer's report was given showing the following balances as of February 28, 1978: Bank Balance, \$1,118.83; Budget Cash Balance, \$1,854.31 {in the red}, Non-Budget Balance, \$109.72; Missions Fund Balance, \$57.95; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$14.21 {in the red}; Improvement Fund Balance, \$2,810.18; and Expansion Fund Balance, \$17,264.53.

The Statistical Report gave the death on February 19, 1978 of Cecil Fidler. The average attendance for February was 122. It was also noted that on February 26, 1978 we had the dedication of Amanda Lyn Harris, the baby daughter of Jay and Mary Harris, who attend but are not members of our Meeting. The average {number of} calls per day for Dial-A-Devotion for February was 26.

Ministry & Membership approved the transfer of Lester, Joy, Lesa and Kenneth Norman to Winchester Congregational Christian Church. Ministry & Membership approved on Confession of Faith the acceptance into membership of Rowena Hawley and Patricia Barnes. Patricia is the sister-in-law of Sondra (Worley) Barnes. Ministry & Membership

approved the transfer of Wendell and Mabel Cox from Bear Creek Friends to our Meeting. Bear Creek Friends have been sent notification that Wendell and Mabel wish to transfer to our Meeting, and even though we have not had the reply back from Bear Creek, Winchester Monthly Meeting approved the Cox's transferring membership so that they can be recognized with other new members on Easter Sunday. Ministry & Membership also wishes to express their appreciation to Cleo Harmon and Keith and Judy Kendall for all of their work in getting together our church directory which we all received recently.

There were no Trustees in Monthly Meeting today, but it was reported that they had met recently with the two pew companies, Sauders of Archbold, Ohio, and Endicotts of Winona Lake, Indiana, whose representatives have given us information and quotes. Keith Kendall stated that he was in the vicinity of Rushville, Indiana and stopped in at the Main Street Christian Church there, as their church is practically the exact layout as ours except it is a little larger. They did buy pews within the past four or five years, and theirs is laid out with four sections with a center aisle. Their pews have cloth covered backs with cushioned seats. Keith also said that the two representatives of Sauders and Endicotts recommended that we use a jute type carpeting with no padding. Keith said at the Rushville church they have a wrinkle in their carpeting which has a pad under it, and they will have to have the carpet company come back and re-stretch it. Mildred Johnston asked the question: "Where are we on this project officially in Monthly Meeting regarding new pews and carpeting?" Our Clerk of Monthly Meeting said, "It is still in the investigative stage and we are still looking and open to suggestions and that no action has been taken as yet." Mildred stated that she would like the Trustees to have Lester Horner look at our present pews and get his opinion on a bid to repair and refinish ours. Lester has recently been repairing and refinishing the pews for the local Presbyterian Church, and theirs are the curved and veneered type. Mildred said the Presbyterian Church already had pads on their seats, and they are having Moody in Ridgeville to recover the pads. Monthly Meeting approved having the Trustees investigate this angle.

Monthly Meeting expressed their appreciation of the fine job our Youth did today in being in complete charge of our Worship Service and felt a note of thanks to Sheryl and Bruce Fidler and Marsha and Tony Kritsch, Youth Leaders, would be in order. The Recording Clerk will send such a letter from Monthly Meeting.

Christian Fellowship mentioned that next Sunday night will be family night with Alan Kolp joining us showing slides of the Middle East and Talking about "Archeology and the Bible." The Golden Band Class will be in charge.

Missions: There was no report from this commission. Keith Kendall said he will be attending the Executive Committee on Wider Ministries Commission and also the F.U.M. {Friends United Meeting} General Board. He was asking for guidance on the question of continued support for Nirmal Kaul. A Friends Center in Aggra, India is being considered with Nirmal Kaul in charge. Keith said there are mixed feelings in the various Meetings regarding whether to retain Nirmal, and some in our Meeting today had mixed feelings, but told Keith to use his best judgment.

Music Committee: Due to so much bad weather since Christmas causing so many practices to be cancelled, there will not be a cantata for Easter this year, but the choir will give a few anthems for Easter instead.

Stewardship & Finance: The chairman was not present, but Charles Cates passed around the new type of offering envelope. He was concerned that it might save the waste of these envelopes if an insert was placed by the Stewardship & Finance in the Friendly Reminder asking our members to check if they wish to continue with one envelope per week or if some would rather have just one per month provided.

Our church Treasurer reported that contributions as Memorials have been received to be placed in our Expansion Fund as follows:

In memory of
Henry Vaupel:

Burdette and Ruth Cox	\$10.00
Esther Huffman	15.00
Eric and Rosanne Ottoson	25.00
Kenneth and Alma Rozinska	5.00
	<u>55.00</u>

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting is adjourned to meet April 2, 1978, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

April 2, 1978

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met April 2, 1978 with 40 in attendance. All stood and were lead in prayer by Joe Zell. The opening minute was given followed by the reading of the March minutes which were read and approved.

A gold plaque was on hand with the inscription "In memory and appreciation of George E. Blunt, 1910-1977, Faithful Church Custodian for 26 years." Since Marvin Thornburg had given \$20.00 to be used towards this plaque and the actual cost was only \$4.36, Marvin was asked his wishes as to this overpayment. He said to use it in any appropriate need for the church.

The average {number of} calls per day for Dial-A-Devotion for March was 28.

Personnel Committee: Austin Cox has been a member of the Personnel Committee, but he requested to be relieved because of Monthly Meeting Clerk duties. The Monthly Meeting Clerk and Minister are ex officio members of the Personnel Committee. Prior to Monthly Meeting today, Ministry & Membership had a Called Meeting and named Bruce Fidler as a replacement for Austin. Bruce will be contacted by Ministry & Membership. Mildred Johnston has been a member of this committee, but respectfully requests not to serve on this committee this year. Since it is time for this committee to be convening to get committees completed for the coming year and a chairman is needed, Mary Belle Hinshaw consented to be chairman replacing Mildred. Mildred said she would convene and call the first meeting of the Personnel Committee. Should some of the present members on this committee have already served their three years and do not want to serve, it was left the Ministry & Membership could come up with names for replacement. Monthly Meeting approved Mary Belle Hinshaw coming onto the committee replacing Mildred Johnston. At present on this committee are also Nancy Brady, Mary

Gulley, Karen Peters, Georgia Breaker and hopefully Bruce Fidler.

The Treasurer's report was given showing the following March 31, 1978 balances: Bank Balance, \$11,142.26; Budget Cash \$1,619.13 (in the red); Missions Fund Balance, \$28.00; Improvement Fund Balance, \$2,723.07; Non-Budget Balance, \$9,994.50; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$15.82; and Expansion Fund Savings Account at Randolph County Bank, \$18,206.00. It was noted that \$500.00 had been received from the estate of Vernon Robinson. The Treasurer mentioned at present included in the Non-Budget account are two memorials - namely \$22.00 for Achsa Bailey and \$78.00 for Cecil Fidler, and wanted to know what Monthly Meeting wished done with these funds. Motion was made and approved that this \$100.00 total be put in the already existing Rose Window fund.

Ministry & Membership presented a concern about use of the Earlham School of Religion Ministerial Training Program which was explained in our March 24, 1978 Friendly Reminder. This would be giving an Earlham School of Religion student pre-pastoral experience in an on-the-job type of training with remuneration from us in the form of a scholarship fund at \$250.00 per month or \$1,500.00 for the six months period the student would be used. Various thoughts were expressed from "Is there a need in our church for this?" to that it might be a way to get new ideas and be helpful. Some felt it would be valuable experience for a student going into the ministry to work directly in this capacity. One member expressed the thought that he would like to see it as a budgeted item. After considerable discussion, the Clerk asked "As a Meeting do you approve underwriting the \$1,500.00 Earlham School of Religion student for the six months. The Clerk stated it was perhaps a strong enough approval to give it a try. The duties would start September 15, 1978.

Carol Babcock and Max Thornburg had written to Ministry & Membership of their intentions of marriage in our Meetinghouse on June 24, 1978 and would be using a marriage certificate in their wedding. The note stated that Max is not a member of this church and that the presumption was that a committee would be appointed to wait on them. A committee of Tom and Jane Zell and Dale and Ellen Craig was appointed to make this call with counsel and blessings on their upcoming marriage.

An acknowledgment was received from Greensboro, North Carolina Monthly Meeting of Friends regarding Emma Parker's transfer from our Meeting to the Greensboro Meeting. Likewise we received from the local Congregational Christian Church correspondence showing the acceptance into their church of Lester Norman, Jr., and Joy M. Norman, Lesa D. Norman and Kenneth L. Norman. The Norman's recently transferred from our Meeting.

Trustees: A report was read from the Trustees that at a Called Meeting on March 12, 1978 they unanimously approved and recommended to Monthly Meeting that we buy new pews rather than repair and refinish the present pews. Richard Hinshaw, chairman of the Trustees, spoke further regarding their decision. He said it had been brought up that perhaps our present pews could be repaired and refinished as the local Presbyterian Church did. However, he said that their worst pews were better than our best pews. He said a representative from one of the pew companies had examined our benches and he felt that they could not be repaired satisfactorily, and that this was the opinion of Ralph Fisher as well as his own. He said the backs are a three piece construction with a core inside and there is nothing to fasten to in trying to repair them. Lester Horner did come over and looked at our pews, as it was he who did the work on the Presbyterian's pews. He said he could not make the cracks go away and it was a question of the glue holding, but his cost would be \$130.00 per bench compared to the \$75.00 per bench he charged the Presbyterians. At the rate of \$130.00 per bench, we would have a little over \$3,000.00 in refinishing the present pews. A lot of discussion followed with the thought that some felt we should continue with the curved benches which we now have, but these would cost around \$5,000.00 more than mitered pews. The Rushville Church which is constructed practically like our Meeting has mitered pews. A thought was presented that could all wood constructed benches be considered rather than upholstered seats and backs like the samples before us today at Monthly Meeting, even though we realize that wood benches would cost considerably more, this is a project that needs thought. It was questioned that upholstered furniture in one's home would need recovered maybe every ten years due to soil, etc., and this would be costly. The type material shown on the one bench is like is used on theater and airplane seats and should be very sturdy and wear well. One of the

Trustees spoke that the one pew company suggested that we buy a few extra yards of the matching material covering the pews, and have it to use in case one became damaged. In answer to the suggestion of considering the all wood bench type, the Trustees found that there are only about one or two companies of this type in the United States and the price would be very high. Since there is a feeling both in favor and against buying new pews, one thought was presented that it is a concern that we have a certain sentimental value for the present pews, but perhaps after a period of time these pews have outlived their usefulness and value. Dick Hinshaw said he was trying to arrive at what the majority of the Meeting wants. The Clerk finally asked if Monthly Meeting approved the Trustee's planning to purchase new pews for our Meeting. It was approved.

One member wished a record of special appreciation be listed in our records for all the past work done and hours and hours of time spent on our Meetinghouse by John Cook and Dick Hinshaw.

Statistical Report: Death on March 18, 1978 of Achsa Bailey; the average attendance for March was 162 and the Monthly Meeting attendance today was 40.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

May 7, 1978

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met May 7, 1978 with an attendance of 29. The opening minute was read then all stood and were led in prayer by Charles Cates. The minutes of the April Meeting were read and approved as corrected giving the name Ellen Craig instead of Eileen Craig as read.

The Trustees reported the new pews and covering for same has been selected, and the company has measured for the seating arrangement of same, and the total cost will be from \$250.00 to \$300.00 less since there will be one less pew than originally estimated. The 25% down payment has also been forwarded, and the total cost will be around \$8,200.00.

The Auditing Committee composed of Letha M. Cox, Gladys Davisson, Evelyn W. Fields, and Sue Hinshaw has completed

their audit of the Treasurer's books for 1976-1977 and has presented {its} detailed report herewith. The audit was delayed due to a change during the year of our church Treasurer, and some on the Auditing Committee were tied up with various obligations and they have expressed their regret for the delay.

The Treasurer's report was given showing the following balances as of April 30, 1978: Bank Balance, \$8,759.37; General Fund Cash Budget, \$1,601.31 (in the red); Missions Fund, \$109.60; Improvement Fund Balance, \$2,314.60; Non-Budget Balance, \$10,043.63; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$25.85; and Expansion Fund Balance, \$12.00. The Treasurer asked how the \$15.38 left from the money given for the George Blunt memorial plaque should be used, and Monthly Meeting approved placing this in the Rose Window fund. The question was asked, "Do we have any figure of the cost for the project of preserving the Rose Window," but the Trustees have not had such a figure as yet.

Dial-A-Devotion for April showed 715 calls which averages 24 daily, and this has been a nice increase and it was thought that this increase may be from the Dial-A-Devotion telephone number appearing on the front cover for the recently published telephone books.

Personnel Committee: Mary Belle Hinshaw gave the report of the slate of officers recommended for the coming church year. The two new members for the Personnel Committee for 1978-1981 are Rosa Mary Zell and Keith Hinshaw. {See end of this month's minutes.} Ministry & Membership recommended that Mary Belle Hinshaw fill the unexpired two year term of Mildred Johnston, and Monthly Meeting approved this as well as the detailed report. Mention was made of the receipt from Bear Creek Friends Church of the certificate of transfer of Wendell and Mabel Cox to our Meeting.

Ministry & Membership: The Commission on Ministry & Membership recommends the following salary and allowance for the Pastor for the year 1978-1979 in conjunction with the Stewardship & Finance Committee:

Pastor's Salary	\$6,730.00
Expense Allowance	1,400.00
Travel Allowance	2,500.00
Health and Hospitalization Insurance	770.00
Parsonage Utilities	1,600.00

and Pastor Pension Fund: 5% of above

The Meeting would pay parsonage utilities up to an amount of \$1,600.00, and pay 1/2 or 5% of pastor pension fund. Joe Zell, Presiding Clerk, and Walter Mills, Recording Clerk. The Meeting approved.

A letter of sincere thanks was received from the First United Presbyterian Church thanking us for the use of our Meetinghouse during the period of time their church was undergoing renovation, and their renovation extended so much longer than originally anticipated. Also on hand in our Meeting today is a cross with the inscription "In grateful appreciation to the Friends for the use of their building October 1977-April 1978, Presbyterian Church Family." This cross was presented to us during their recent Sunday afternoon re-dedication which was attended by several from our Meeting. Keith asked for suggestions as to where this cross should be placed, and it was approved to let Keith decide.

Ministry & Membership: About a year ago when Cleo Harmon resigned, Ministry & Membership asked Judy Kendall to be the church Secretary, but nothing was mentioned about vacation and this committee was wondering if she shouldn't have some time off with pay. Judy was hired at \$2.25 per hour considering a 54 hour per month work load or \$121.50 per month and \$1,458.00 for the year. Keith said that Nancy Bolinger, who will be a high school senior next year, has volunteered to help out during vacation time. Monthly Meeting approved that Judy Kendall have two weeks vacation with pay and that whoever helps out while she is away be reimbursed. Also Monthly Meeting went on record as wanting to retain a church Secretary for the coming year and approved asking Judy Kendall to continue.

Stewardship & Finance: Carl Thompson reported that the offering envelopes will be continued on a weekly basis, as their committee approved.

An unsigned letter addressed to Monthly Meeting stated, "A member of our Meeting wants to purchase, have painted and give to the Meeting a used bus - free of cost to the Meeting. It would then be up to the Meeting to maintain the vehicle, if the Meeting chooses to accept the gift. This bus is very similar to the one the Presbyterians have

- a GMC chassis, but with a Carpenter body, approximately 75 passengers (but usually only about 50 adults). It is about a 1964 model. It has seats that have been recovered once. It probably has had a new motor sometime. This bus was last used by the Teen Ambassadors, and seems to be in generally good condition. The front tires are very good, the back ones only fair. Approximate cost of insurance for a year would be \$100.00. The Presbyterians have budgeted each year \$500.00 for insurance and maintenance on their bus, but so far have not spent more than about \$350.00. Gas and oil are covered by the people riding on trips. They have used theirs 12 times in less than 2 years just as an idea of possible usage. It is not proposed that we have a "bus ministry," but only have the bus for use for trips by church groups within our Meeting. We would need at least 3 licensed drivers, and hopefully more to have a reservoir of possible drivers at any one time when needed. Would the Meeting be interested in accepting this gift?" Also enclosed are two snap shots of the bus. This was discussed considerably, and one thought presented was that if the Presbyterians have used their bus 12 times in less than two years, that this had not been needed very often. Also it was questioned whether it would be a responsibility to get three or more drivers who would have to have a chauffeurs license. Keith Kendall mentioned that our youth took four trips last year and took 20 to 25 people in three or four cars. Also the question was asked where to park this vehicle. It was felt this needs more thought, and the Meeting approved postponing this decision at least one month and to put an article in the Friendly Reminder.

Regarding the Earlham School of Religion Ministerial Training Program, Keith mentioned that we now have applications from two Earlham School of Religion students. One is John DeHority, from upper New York State and son of a Presbyterian minister, and the other is Scott Watts, who is also an Earlham student and he does part-time maintenance work at Friends Fellowship Community. Keith suggested he might meet with them and if they seem agreeable, he could have them meet with Ministry & Membership. This was approved.

The Gideons will be at our Meeting the third Sunday in May, and it was approved to do as last year and have them speak a couple of minutes but not have the morning message from them, and the morning offering would go to the Gideons.

David Hunter, who is the Principal of Friends College in Kaimosi, Kenya, was welcomed both for his participation in our Morning Worship of his sharing of his leadership and training in Kenya and as being one of us today in our Monthly Meeting. He replied that being in Monthly Meeting was a new experience for him which he had enjoyed and learned from observing and listening how our business meeting is conducted.

The average attendance for worship for April was 145, and the wedding on April 15, 1978 of Debbie Jarrett and Bill Simmons was held in our Meetinghouse.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends is adjourned to meet June 4, 1978, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

Personnel Committee as recommended by Meeting on Ministry & Membership:

Karen Peters	1976-1979
Bruce Fidler	1976-1979
Georgia Breaker	1977-1980
Mary Belle Hinshaw	1977-1980
Rosa Mary Zell	1978-1981
Keith Hinshaw	1978-1981

signed Joe Zell, Presiding Clerk
Walter Mills, Recording Clerk

June 4, 1978

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met June 4, 1978 with an attendance of 28. Following the reading of the opening minute, prayer was offered by Elaine Babcock. The minutes of the May Meeting were read and approved as corrected showing Scott Watts and John DeHority from the Earlham School of Religion rather than Earlham College as read. Also the salary of Judy Kendall, church Secretary, was read as having been figured at \$121.00 per month. The Recording Clerk had this listed in the minutes correctly at \$121.50, but read it \$121.00.

Old business: It was reported that the call had been made on Carol Babcock and Max Thornburg who will be married June 24, 1978. Also it was approved by the Meeting to have the Clerk of our Meeting, Austin Cox, read the certificate at the wedding.

Ministry & Membership reports that they recommend that John W. DeHORITY be the person to serve our Meeting for a 6 months term from the Earlham School of Religion. This is for the Ministerial Training Program starting this fall. John was here two weeks ago today in our Worship Service. Both John and Scott Watts seemed well qualified, but Scott has a job opportunity at Williamsburg Friends that may keep him longer.

Old business: Last month the unsigned letter was read in which the offer was made to purchase (at no cost to us) a used bus. Again today the pictures of this bus were passed among us. This was tabled from last month so that we could have more time to think about this offer. One member spoke that she was familiar with this particular bus and that it was in pretty good shape. Again a place to store the bus was mentioned, and it was brought out that if our youth had made only around four trips this past year that they might charter a bus for needed trips as the William Penn Class does when they attend the ball game at Cincinnati. Dick Hinshaw, as chairman of the Trustees, said in talking with several of the Trustees regarding acquiring a bus, the majority were not in favor. One member said at a church where she had attended such a bus was owned by that church and was quite handy, but something we have never had is perhaps something we will not miss. It was finally the feeling of the Meeting that it is a nice offer and we hate to turn it down, but there are other factors involved which make it difficult to accept at present. Perhaps in the future should we feel the need for some kind of bus that perhaps a smaller type might be considered. It was suggested a thank you note be prepared by the Recording Clerk in appreciation of this kind offer.

The Pastoral Agreement of Indiana Yearly Meeting giving a break down of the salary for H. Keith Kendall for 1978-1979 signed by Austin Cox, Monthly Meeting Clerk, Joe W. Zell, Ministry & Membership Clerk, and H. Keith Kendall, Pastor, was on hand including a break down of the Pastor's salary. Also the Clerk read to us under Other Benefits and

Opportunities, as we seldom have this presented and it refreshes us on this part of the Pastor's contract as follows:

1. Vacation for four weeks with pay with Monthly Meeting arranging for pulpit supply in the Pastor's absence. Some sabbatical time should be considered after 7 years.

2. One day per week to be free from regular church responsibilities.

3. Attendance at Yearly Meeting functions should be expected such as Yearly Meeting sessions, Pastor's Short Course, Pastor's Retreats, Regional Meetings, Regional Minister's gatherings; etc. Also attendance at Friends United Meeting triennial sessions is expected. These are not to be counted as part of vacation time, even if they include a Sunday.

Pulpit Supply: An honorarium given for pulpit supply should be at least \$25.00 per service with travel costs paid at 15¢ per mile. Also, the noon meal should be provided by members of paid for by the Meeting at a cost of \$2.50 or more each for speaker and spouse.

A Certificate of Transfer was received certifying the transfer of Browning Berry and Leona Berry from Lynn Monthly Meeting of Friends to our Meeting. We are glad to have them in our Meeting and approve this transfer of the Berry's to our Meeting.

A thank you note was read from the Band and Band-Aids Committee for the use of our kitchen and facilities to serve the recent Pancake and Sausage Breakfast which was attended by approximately 500 people. The note said several comments were expressed of how nice it was here at the Friends Church for this function and a check for \$25.00 was sent to us. The money earned at this breakfast will help support the local high school band's trip to the Orange Bowl. Comment was made by Judy Kendall of how spotless this group left our kitchen.

A thank you note was read from Aaron Cox, one of our high school seniors, thanking our Meeting for the Bible he received recently during Sunday Worship Hour, and a thank you note was also read from Jill Thompson thanking the Meeting for her book, "A Testament of Devotion," which she received at the same time as a college graduate.

Two bulletins from A.F.S.C. {American Friends Service Committee} were mentioned and will be placed on the table at the rear of our Meeting in case anyone wishes to read them.

The Regional Meeting will be at Muncie Memorial Friends on June 18, 1978 at 7:00 P.M. with the message by Chuck Townsend, and singing by the Revelations of the Dayspring Meeting. There will possibly also be two trumpeters from the Muncie Meeting providing a duet. The offering will go to Quaker Haven for the new kitchen and dining room which are being built.

A letter was mentioned as having been received from Friends Council on Education of Philadelphia asking if we might be interested in giving money to Friends related institutions, and it was felt this is perhaps a good cause, but no action was taken.

Another letter which the Clerk said he failed to get read at last month's Meeting was from Herbert V. Nicholson, an 86 year old from Pasadena, California who has worked with Friends for several years. He had asked for as many signatures as could be obtained and returned before May 23, 1978 to send to Congress as they would be voting whether to manufacture bombs. However, this was read and filed as the date for returning signatures is past.

A letter was mentioned addressed "To Friends Everywhere" from Friends Committee for Gay Concerns telling of their meeting February 18-19, 1978 at the Race Street Meetinghouse in Philadelphia telling of their discussion groups, etc. A part of their letter read, "We wish to unite with and express our special thanks to those Yearly Meetings and many Monthly Meetings who have minuted their unwillingness to countenance continued legal discrimination against people because of their sexual orientation. We look forward to the day when all Friends, and indeed the whole world, can unite with this concern. And so, out of the midst of this time of richness and growth at our annual conference, we send you, all our friends everywhere, evidence of our love, our faith, and our hope." Charles Cates mentioned that at Yearly Meeting there will be one or two workshops regarding a concern to be more informed of their rights and understanding, as they feel they have been discriminated against.

The Missions Commission annual report from Anna Lou Arnett was on hand, but it will be held to read at the July Meeting. A summary of the Christian Education Committee's work for 1977-1978 was read giving the various phases of their participation in church work throughout the year.

Richard Hinshaw spoke for the Trustees that some time ago Marvin Thornburg had expressed an interest in our Meeting being able to buy the little house at the corner of East Washington Street and South East Street or just across the street from our Meeting. Marvin felt this location would provide needed parking for our members, and he wondered if the Trustees could approach the owner of that property to see if they might be interested in selling it. It was learned the owner was Charles Cooper, and the Trustees discussed this and agreed to pursue this. It was learned an asking price of \$18,500.00 was mentioned, but the Trustees thought of offering \$15,000.00. However, the realtor, Frank Morgan, said it would be useless to make this low an offer but that the owner might consider a price of \$17,000.00. This figure was discussed among the Trustees and they agreed to make the \$17,000.00 offer and the realtor said another party was interested also in this property. A check for \$1,000.00 from our Meeting was issued to make this binding, and the papers are to be brought up to date by June 10, 1978 for this transaction. The Trustees said they are aware that this is not the usual way of handling such a transaction by going ahead before it was presented at Monthly Meeting, but it was a little different situation in that time was an element. Also concern was expressed that this is the only piece of property near our Meeting that seems is left that we might buy for eventual parking. Keith Kendall had made a drawing of this area where this house stands, and it is almost identical in size, etc. to the Presbyterian's lot adjoining it, and roughly it should park from 12 to 16 cars. Robert McHolland spoke that he lived on the opposite corner from this little house for several years and that it had been more or less an environmental problem at times with renters moving in and out and some renters had not been of the highest type. Also Dick Hinshaw said he realized that we may ask where the money for this is coming from, but he felt if needed our Meeting might borrow some for a while until we can get caught up. Monthly Meeting approved the purchase of this real estate, and the improvement of it for a parking lot to be taken up at a later date.

Trustees: Since the new pews and new carpeting are due to be here around July 15, 1978, Richard Hinshaw asked what we wished to do with the old pews. He said one church has shown some interest in them as well as some of our own members have expressed a desire to be able to purchase them. He also said there was the possibility they could be stored above the annex, but the majority of the Trustees feel that an auction would perhaps be the best method of the disposition of them. One member expressed the thought that a couple of them might be reserved and placed in the attic of our annex for use at a later time should we complete that area for a recreation center. It was mentioned that should an auction take place that it should be well advertised, and that possibly a good source of advertising would be in the Tri-State Trader which has a wide circulation. Also it was decided that each bench should have an identification number and a notice be put in the Friendly Reminder that if anyone is interested in purchasing one that they stop in the office and leave their name and the particular number of the bench they'd like. Then it was decided after this procedure the Trustees could decide how much interest was shown and then make the decision in their committee of the best method of disposition.

Treasurer's report for May 31, 1978: Bank Balance, \$9,168.80; General Fund, \$1,417.26 (in the red); Missions Fund Balance, \$358.55; Improvement Fund Balance, \$2,208.90; Non-Budget Fund Balance, \$10,095.72; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$68.09; Expansion Fund Balance, none; Savings Account Balance, \$17,488.00. The Treasurer said the amount in the Rose Window fund at present is \$334.38. The Treasurer's report was approved. The Treasurer asked how the Meeting wished to handle the \$100.00 that had been donated a few months back by Marvin Thornburg towards a fund for renting a car for the Pastor, and this plan did not materialize. This was discussed and in the absence of Marvin it was approved putting this money into the Budget Cash General Fund, since out of that fund comes travel allowance for the Pastor.

Dial-A-Devotion for May averaged 31.5 calls per day.

It was brought to the Meeting's attention that Anne Riddle is probably going to give up having play school in our church basement, as she is going to seek full {time} employment. She might consider continuing with a play

school, but on a morning and afternoon arrangement, as she needs more income than the present plan of a half day at 3 days a week affords. However, she would not ask our Meeting for the use of our space for more time than she presently has. The question was asked should we offer this to someone in our church who might be interested. Judy Kendall said an inquiry of use of our facilities had been made by the Randolph County Mentally Retarded Day Care, but it was the feeling of the Meeting that we would have no control over our need of our space if such a group used it. Often plans need to be changed when we need this space such as for the Bazaar, etc. It was finally approved to have an insert in the Friendly Reminder telling our members of this change, and then have Christian Education explore the issue.

Since the chairman of Stewardship & Finance was not present to read the new budget for 1978-1979, Keith Kendall was asked to review a few of the items. Each person attending today was furnished a copy of this proposed budget of \$40,830.00 which is \$118.00 less than Stewardship & Finance's original budget figure. The difference is due to the new method of basing the Pastor's Retirement (church's 5%) on his salary of \$6,198.00, Professional Allowance of \$1,932.00, and Travel Allowance of \$2,500.00 rather than on the total which method the IRS asked be changed. The 1978-1979 budget is 12.2% over last year's. The proposed budget was approved.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends is adjourned to meet July 2, 1978, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Winifred Thompson, Recording Clerk

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT
1978-1979

Presiding Clerk	Austin Cox
Assistant Presiding Clerk	Robert McHolland
Recording Clerk	Cynthia Junco
Assistant Recording Clerk	Winifred Thompson (1 year)
Treasurer	Charles Cates
Assistant Treasurer	Donnabelle Gaylor

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY & MEMBERSHIP (3 year terms)

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Chairman

1976-1979: Dan Fouse, Walter Mills, Gernell Owens, Mary Anderson

1977-1980: Helen Boomer, Martha Freeman, Mike Cover, Mary Belle Hinshaw

1978-1981: Allen Comer, Dale Brady, Raymond Babcock, Caroline Vaupel

TRUSTEES (3 year terms)

John Cook, Chairman

1976-1979: John Cook, Jane Zell, Clarence Kritsch, Nancy Brady

1977-1980: Mildred Kolp, William Comer, Rodger Green, John Coon

1978-1981: Bruce Fidler, Gertrude Cox, Eugene Fidler, Wendell Cox

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE (3 year terms)

Annie Fidler, Chairman

1976-1979: Annie Fidler, Elaine Babcock, Carl Thompson

1977-1980: Norman Peters, William Monks, Carroll Densmore

1978-1981: Evelyn Fields, Earl Worley, Robert Cox

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (3 year terms)

1976-1979: Shelly Cox, Georgia Breaker, Marcella Bolinger

1977-1980: Bettye Monks, Evelyn Cook, Cynthia Junco

1978-1981: Ellen Craig, Melba DeCamp, Shirley Ertel

FUNERAL COMMITTEE (1 year terms)

Mary Anderson, Chairperson

Golden Band Class - Hazel Clevenger

William Penn Class - Annie Fidler

Welcome Class - Pat McLaughlin

Quaker Girls - Gernell Owens

YOUTH (1 year terms)

Tony and Marsha Kritsch, Bruce and Sheryl Fidler, Burt and Betty Hiatt

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Rodger and Susie Green, Charles Cates, Pat McLaughlin, Anne Riddle

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Alvina Peters, Don and Melba DeCamp, Bud and Irene
Bosworth, Ed and Christine Hanke, Ben and Ellene Kritsch,
Keith and Sue Hinshaw

STATISTICIANS

Rosa Mary Zell (August 1978), Alice Cox

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Letha Cox, Sue Hinshaw

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Rita Densmore, Chairman
Anna Lou Arnett, Marjorie Carter, Olive Cover, Karen
Peters, Mary Gulley

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Rowena Hawley, Chairman
Frances Thornburg, Ruth Ann Fouse, Elizabeth Cates, Audrea
Comer, Kathleen Hartzell, Pat McLaughlin

USHERS

Clarence Kritsch, Norman Peters, Co-Chairmen
Jerald Gilpin, Robert McHolland, Ben Kritsch, Steve Burton,
Joe Zell, Robert Barnes
Substitutes:
Robert Hartzell, William Monks, Burt Hiatt, Carl Thompson,
Dale Brady, Mike Densmore

YEARLY AND REGIONAL MEETING REPRESENTATIVE

Caroline Vaupel
Alternate: Ellen Craig

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Georgia Breaker, Chairman
1976-1979: Karen Peters, Bruce Fidler
1977-1980: Georgia Breaker, Mary Belle Hinshaw
1978-1981: Rosa Mary Zell, Keith Hinshaw
(Clerk and Pastor ex officio)
Austin Cox, Clerk
Keith Kendall, Pastor

Approved by Monthly Meeting, May 7, 1978

July 2, 1978

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met July 2, 1978 with an attendance of 23. Scripture from Psalms was read by Viva Gilpin. The opening minute was given followed by the reading of the June minutes which were approved.

Old Business: Concern was expressed as to whether new members had been called upon and committees were appointed as follows: Browning Berry family by Helen Boomer, Dale and Ellen Craig; Wendell and Mabel Cox by Walter and Pauline Mills; Rowena Hawley and Patricia Barnes by Winifred Thompson and Mildred Johnston.

A letter was read from Buena Vista Congregational Church commending Rose Willis Reed to our care as a member in good standing and full fellowship of their church. Austin and Letha Cox will call on Rose.

Year end reports were read from the Quaker Girls, Christian Fellowship Committee, United Society of Friends Women, and the Missions Committee. The Quaker Girls and Christian Fellowship Committee were commended for their many worthwhile activities.

We were reminded of the church picnic on July 16, 1978 which will be hosted by the Youth Group. We should give extra effort to support this picnic because last year the attendance was very poor and the youth were discouraged.

Adam Flatter expressed his wife's appreciation of the church picture given to her.

Ministry & Membership: For the coming year, Mary Belle Hinshaw will be Presiding Clerk and Helen Boomer will be Recording Clerk. Walter Mills of Ministry & Membership recommended that we conduct worship service in the basement during the two Sundays when the carpet is laid and the pews installed. This was approved. The Presbyterian Church offered their facilities, but their services are at the same time as ours so for convenience we will use our basement. Appreciation was expressed for their gesture.

Christian Education: This committee has not met as yet to discuss whether anyone desires to continue with Play School, so this was tabled until next month.

Trustees: John Cook, chairman for the coming year, reported that the property (103 S. East Street) across from

our church on the corner has been purchased. He also stated that the tenants will be moved out by July 31, 1978. He further stated that the house has been paid for by borrowing \$8,000.00 from the Randolph County Bank for 6 months at 8% interest, \$8,000.00 was used from the Non-Budget account and \$1,000.00 from the Improvement Fund. The total paid for the house was \$17,000.00. John reported that there is a person interested in buying the structure and moving it to another location to restore and live in it. It was felt that it may be a good way to dispose of the house if it doesn't crumble in the moving process.

Statistical Report: Deaths: Ivan Clear on June 6, 1978 and Virgie Smith on June 16, 1978. Marriages: Carol Babcock and Max Thornburg on June 24, 1978. It was noted that this wedding was especially unique because the marriage certificate was read by our Presiding Clerk, Austin Cox, and everyone attending the wedding signed it during the ceremony. This was very impressive.

Treasurer's Report: For June 30, 1978. General Budget Balance, \$1,134.43 (in the red); Missions Fund Balance, \$281.10; Improvement Fund Balance, \$1,186.39; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$94.12; Non-Budget Balance, \$2,027.47; Expansion Fund Balance, \$0.00; Bank Savings Account Balance, \$18,610.09; and Checking Account Balance, \$2,454.65. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Missions Committee met with Rita Densmore as the new chairman.

Stewardship & Finance will have Annie Fidler and Bill Monks as co-chairmen and Elaine Babcock as secretary.

Caroline Vaupel, our representative to the Administrative Council, reported that she and Ellen Craig, alternate, attended the June 24, 1978 meeting at Muncie. The main topic of discussion was the proposed budget of \$174,500.00 figured on a membership of a little over 10,000 and figures to be around \$17.30 per person which is up roughly \$1.00 per member. She reported that Gay Concerns was also discussed and since two letters from this group were addressed to Yearly Meeting, this will have to be brought up at Yearly Meeting. The Outreach Program at Dayton was also mentioned in which it was suggested that should each Meeting give \$50.00, the project would be successful.

Missions Committee yearly report was read from Anna Lou Arnett which gave a detailed break down of expenses. This committee has a monthly commitment for the year of \$175.00 per month which included \$125.00 regular missions and \$50.00 for the F.U.M. {Friends United Meeting} partner project which helped towards Sharon Babcock's salary. Sharon thanked the Meeting for supporting her. The Missions Committee was commended for a good year of being alive and working.

Austin Cox mentioned that he attended the June 18, 1978 Regional Meeting which was held at Muncie Friends Memorial, and he said the offering of around \$107.00 was being sent to the Quaker Haven dining hall project. He also reported that many Meetings were complaining that there is not enough representation by Meetings. The recommendation was approved that anyone from any Meeting can attend if they wish and that the Administrative Council should publish the agenda for each meeting. Decisions made by this council are subject to approval by Indiana Yearly Meeting.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting is adjourned to meet August 6, 1978, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Cynthia Junco, Recording Clerk

August 6, 1978

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met August 6, 1978 with an attendance of 18. Following the reading of the opening minute, the July minutes were read and approved.

The call on Browning and Leona Berry was made by Helen Boomer and Dale and Ellen Craig. Also the calls on Patricia Barnes and Rowena Hawley were made by Mildred Johnston and Winifred Thompson.

Old Business: Since the Christian Education Committee has not met since our last meeting, there was no report as to whether there is any interest in continuing Play School in our church basement.

New Business: The detailed Auditing Committee report signed by Letha Cox and Sue Hinshaw was read showing the Treasurer's books in order from June 30, 1977 to June 30,

1978. Our Treasurer, Charles Cates, added that due to the upcoming increased budget, we will need more income to offset the added expenses. The Auditing Committee report was approved.

Trustees: John Cook, chairman of the Trustees, reported regarding the tearing down of the house just purchased on the corner across east from the church. There is an estimate from Noble Sheppard bidding \$2,250.00 to remove the house and an additional \$1,485.00 for stone to fill the basement, or a total of his bid of \$3,735.00. Jim Grove also submitted a bid of \$2,350.00 to remove the house and \$1,586.00 for stone totaling \$3,936.00; however his bid would be \$600.00 less providing he would not be hauling the dirt away but would shove it in the basement for fill. After discussion on both estimates, it was approved to leave the final decision as to the letting of the job to the Trustees.

It was mentioned that some thought had been presented the Trustees of the need for a new piano in the sanctuary. About three or four years ago there was concern that there was a crack in the sound board, but it was said not to affect the playing and that possibly oversized pins could be put in to replace the present size that hold the strings. Since the Trustees feel the tearing down of the house for the parking lot is our first obligation now, it was suggested that we do nothing just now on a piano but have a few months to be thinking about this suggested need. We can study the advisability of repairing this piano or buying a new one.

The Trustees were asked what is known on the Rose Window project, and they stated a letter had been written to the company and a reply is awaited. The Trustees were commended by Monthly Meeting for the efficiency of getting the transition in the sanctuary from the old carpeting and pews to the new in the two week period, and the Trustees said they had a lot of good help.

Personnel Committee: "To the Winchester Monthly Meeting we wish to submit the name of Rosa Mary Zell to serve as Statistical Secretary for the unexpired term of Ardith Coon." Signed, Georgia Breaker, Chairman of the Personnel Committee. Approved.

Statistical Report: {The wedding of Aaron Zell and Kim Peters was on July 29, 1978.} The average attendance for July {was} 126.

Treasurer's Report for period ending July 31, 1978: Bank Balance, \$3,803.11; Budget Cash Balance, \$14.52; Missions Fund Balance, \$528.35; Improvement Fund Balance, \$1,127.37; Non-Budget Balance, \$2,032.72; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$125.15; Expansion Fund Balance, \$0.00; Savings Account Balance, \$4,787.45; Petty Cash Balance, \$19.79; and the balance due on the loan is \$6,955.05. This report was approved.

The recent sale by public auction of the old carpeting and pews {netted} \$427.50.

Memorial: Richard Robinson recently contributed \$300.00 in memory of his father, Vern Robinson, towards the new pews and carpeting.

A communication was received from the Bailey family asking for drop of membership from our records and the following names are dropped: Carol Bailey, Kathy Bailey, Mark Bailey, and Owen Bailey.

A letter was received addressed to Monthly Meeting Presiding Clerks, Pastors, and Representatives to the 158th Annual Session of Indiana Yearly Meeting, and the letter is signed - On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Administrative Council of Indiana Yearly Meeting, Signed Russell A. Goff, Presiding Clerk. The letter stated a number of letters had been received from local and regional Meetings raising objection to the workshop planned for Tuesday afternoon at Yearly Meeting session by Christian Social Concerns on the topic "Friends Seek Clearness on the Issue of Homosexuality." It stated further the workshop would address the question of homosexuality from three areas: (1) Biblical and theological, (2) Physical and psychological, and (3) Legal. Also the workshop is not on gay rights, nor is it open for floor discussion other than members of Indiana Yearly Meeting, and it is not open to the press. Charles Cates mentioned for Peace and Social Concerns said there has been a lot of misleading thoughts and ideas presented. He said we do have Friends of this persuasion in Indiana Yearly Meeting. He said the workshop is to present information and understanding, and the Peace and Social Concerns approves the meeting from that approach

and viewpoint. Monthly Meeting expressed their thanks to Charles for keeping our Meeting informed, and it was hoped at our next Monthly Meeting there would be further reporting.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends is adjourned to meet September 3, 1978, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Robert McHolland, Asst. Presiding Clerk
Winifred Thompson, Asst. Recording Clerk

September 3, 1978

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met September 3, 1978 with an attendance of 25. Opening prayer was given by Adam Flatter. The opening minute was read followed by the reading of the August minutes which were approved.

Old Business: It was reported that the sanctuary piano can be repaired and we will not need to buy a new piano, at least for a while. The piano tuner will take care of replacing the old pins with larger new ones.

The Christian Education Committee reports no interest in a pre-school at our church for the coming year.

New Business: Concern was expressed that the church has no precedent to follow in laying down the duties and responsibilities of standing committees. This responsibility has always been on an individual basis rather than on a specified committee. Judy and Keith Kendall reviewed and made some changes and additions, but others in the Meeting felt that each group should review them. It was suggested having the chairman of each committee, the Pastor, and the Clerk serve as a committee of review. Each chairman should then take the report to their respective committees for approval. This plan was approved.

American Friends Service Committee will meet September 8-10, 1978.

Judy Kendall reported that a letter was sent to the Kenneth Pickering's about their reception.

John DeHority will be starting to assist Keith soon and the subject of his pay to the Earlham School of Religion was discussed. It was felt that the money should come from the Ed Best Fund. It was suggested that the money should be paid a term at a time, \$750.00 to Earlham School of Religion for his scholarship.

Rally Day was brought up as possibly a combined Rally Day, Homecoming, and Dedication Sunday. October 22, 1978 was the date suggested. The Homecoming would be a chance to have former pastors return and take part in the dedication of the new carpeting and pews. There would be three commissions involved in the all-day activity which would include a carry-in luncheon. It was approved to have Keith approach the other committees.

Judy expressed concern that the mailing list be brought up to date and that maybe the Sunday School classes could help to update the address list.

Trustees: John Cook, chairman, read the lengthy Trustee yearly report noting various activities and projects they have acted upon. John also reports that the bid for the tearing down of the building across the street was given to Noble Sheppard for \$3,735.00.

Missions Commission: Rita Densmore read the upcoming yearly budget showing \$5,200.00 as their goal. She also reported that the Mission Conference is coming along very well. It is scheduled for September 22-24, 1978.

Statistical Report: Rosa Mary Zell read the year end report prepared by Ardith Coon. Statistical Report for the month of August: Average attendance: 138; loss of 4 by transfer; Dial-A-Devotion total calls: 823, average {per day}: 26.6.

Stewardship & Finance Committee: Elaine Babcock gave the report.

Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 1978: Bank Balance, \$4,425.68; Non-Budget Balance, \$2,061.74; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$143.23; Missions Fund Balance, \$725.60; Improvement Fund Balance, \$1,280.57; Expansion Fund Balance, \$222.75; Savings Account Balance, \$4,930.45; balance due on the loan is \$6,955.05; and the Budget Cash Balance is \$16.79. The report was approved.

Indiana Yearly Meeting Report: The Meeting was attended by representatives Caroline Vaupel and Ellen Craig {and they reported} that the Workshop on Gay Concerns was held on the previous Tuesday and it was interesting. Everyone had a chance to take part in the discussion.

The assessment stands at \$17.50.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends is adjourned to meet October 1, 1978, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Asst. Presiding
Clerk

Cynthia Junco, Recording Clerk

October 1, 1978

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met October 1, 1978 with an attendance of 32. To open the Meeting, Austin Cox read a portion of an article written by Keith Kendall which appeared in the September issue of Quaker Life. The opening minute was given followed by the reading of the September minutes which were approved.

Rally Day/Homecoming plans were discussed. Past pastors were contacted and Charles Thomas said he would be able to come, but Kenneth Pickering is ill and will not be here. Charles Thomas will be the Morning Worship speaker, but no afternoon speaker has been chosen. It was suggested that Alan Kolp be contacted. Other possible speakers might be Elton Trueblood or Tom Mullen. Ministry & Membership will contact the speaker. The following commissions are in charge of the day's activities: Ministry & Membership: Morning Worship; Christian Fellowship: afternoon service; Christian Education: Sunday School.

Day Nursery School was suggested to be held in the lounge area of the basement three mornings a week. Shelly Cox and Dianne Stilwell will be teaching. A rental amount of \$25.00 per month was agreed upon with the possibility of review if the time the basement is used is more than three days per week.

Treasurer's Report: Bank Balance September 30, 1978, \$3,835.42; Budget Cash Balance, \$475.83; Missions Fund

Balance, \$431.77; Improvement Fund Balance, \$1,237.43; Non-Budget Balance, \$1,358.26; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$135.88; Expansion Fund Balance, \$221.25; Savings Account Balance, \$5,324.20; and Randolph County Bank Loan, \$6,955.05. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Trustees reported that they had met with the Presbyterian Church Board concerning the parking lot. The two lots have been surveyed and both groups agreed that cement abutments be placed on the line between the properties. The lot should allow 14-16 cars to park there. Approval was also given for the purchase of two door mats to protect the carpet. The Meeting approved both purchases of the mats and the abutments.

A White's Institute Open House invitation was received. The date will be October 22, 1978 which is also Rally/Homecoming Day. Marvin Thornburg volunteered to go if someone will go with him. This is open to volunteers since the date conflicts.

October 10-11, 1978 is the Pastors' Wives Retreat at Quaker Hill, but Judy Kendall said she will be unable to attend.

Western Yearly Meeting wants the names of young people who might be in the Indianapolis area because of school or work, so that they might be contacted. The Meeting thought of Jill Thompson and Aaron Zell. The secretary will mail them a list.

There is a Quaker Hill Conference which is a workshop for church secretaries on Tuesday, October 31, 1978 for one day. It was approved to let Judy attend and then report to the Meeting.

The Bazaar will be Friday, November 10, 1978 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. serving noon and evening meals. Letters have been sent out about committees. Meat donations are needed. The ladies report that the bazaar plans are progressing just fine. They ask for everyone's cooperation to make it a success.

Missions Commission: Rita Densmore expressed her thoughts about the new step that we are undertaking in Faith-Promise-Giving. She stated that some promises are already being fulfilled.

Music Committee: Frances Thornburg reports that the choir is starting to work on the Christmas Cantata and that John DeHority will direct the choir. The choir is also glad to have the curtains back up in front of them.

Indiana Yearly Meeting will meet for its fall regional meeting at Arba.

Keith Kendall reported that he and John DeHority made the nursing home visits and Keith was impressed with John. He hopes that everyone in the church will become better acquainted with John by inviting him to come into our homes especially on Sundays.

Correspondence: Esther Hunt Hiatt is applying for membership in our church. She has no other membership in any other church. She lives in Muncie, but has attended our church in the past with her husband who is now deceased. The Meeting approved her application for membership in our church. Austin Cox will call on Mrs. Hiatt and give her a certificate of membership. A letter will be sent along with a Faith and Practice manual to welcome her into the church.

The American Friends Service Committee Conference is in November for those interested.

Statistical Report: Average attendance: 147+. Death: Eva Hippenheimer on September 28, 1978. Dial-A-Devotion: 597 calls, 19.9 average per day.

There are new advertising pens available for Dial-A-Devotion.

New Business: Burt Hiatt has offered to make a walnut cross for the church.

Dale Craig, on behalf of the Boy Scouts, asked to use the old library in the balcony and occupy the upstairs as a Boy Scout area. The records stored up there should be looked into to see which ones should be saved. The plaque on the door of the old library will be put on the present library door. The Meeting approved this action.

Concern for the replacement of locks and knobs on storage rooms for the nursery was brought up.

The Campfire Girls have asked to use the church facilities for a slumber party in November. There was concern over this idea.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends is adjourned to meet November 5, 1978, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Cynthia Junco, Recording Clerk

November 5, 1978

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met November 5, 1978 with an attendance of 28. To open the Meeting, Frances Thornburg read an article from the "Advocate" dealing with the consideration of Thanksgiving. The opening minute was given followed by the reading of the October minutes which were approved.

Old Business: Austin Cox reported that he visited with Esther Hunt Hiatt who displayed a very positive attitude about the church and was very pleased with the certificate of membership which was presented to her.

Keith Kendall reported that when the day school was started at our church several of the children transferred from the Presbyterian Church and the minister from the Presbyterian Church was concerned that our church had encouraged this. Keith stated that he explained that our church was not aware of this and had not encouraged the transfers. Keith also reports that the Day School personnel have been very cooperative and flexible.

The parking lot cement abutments and carpet protection mats have been installed.

Rally Day/Homecoming was a success although the attendance was not as good as last year. Charles Thomas, morning speaker, enjoyed returning and visiting with old friends. Alan Kolp was the afternoon speaker. The comment was made that the luncheon which consisted of salads and sandwiches was enough to eat.

Judy Kendall reported on the Secretaries' Workshop held on October 31, 1978. There were 21 in attendance and it was interesting. The secretaries agreed that it would be nice

for pastors to have training in office procedure. A letter was read thanking the Meeting for letting her attend the meeting.

Meat donations have been made and the Bazaar is ready.

John DeHority reports that the choir listened to a record of the new cantata and thought it was very nice. He would like to encourage anyone and everyone to participate if they can.

The walnut cross which Burt Hiatt has offered to make was discussed. It was suggested that it could be displayed above the south door of the sanctuary. Years ago there was a painted cross in that location and it was very impressive; therefore it would be a logical location for this cross. It was approved to have Burt measure and describe it.

The old library in the balcony has been cleaned out for the boy scouts to use and the plaque is being put on the present library {door}.

The Campfire Girls have requested the use of the church for a slumber party. The Meeting approved to turn down the request. A letter will be sent to Dianne Stilwell from the Monthly Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: October 31, 1978 Bank Balance, \$4,120.71; General Fund Balance, \$1,225.90; Missions Fund Balance, \$438.34; Improvement Fund Balance, \$1,086.31; Non-Budget Balance, \$1,373.77; Randolph County Bank Loan Balance, \$6,955.05; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$28.62; Expansion Fund Balance, \$7.23 (in the red); and Expansion Savings {Account?} Balance, \$2,689.59. The Treasurer's report was approved. Charles Cates reports that it takes about \$3,400.00 per month for the budget. He also called our attention to a chart which he prepared comparing last year's weekly offering by envelope to this year's.

Trustees: Mr. Simmons, the Janitor, has resigned but will stay on until we find a replacement. It is felt that it would be best to find someone who will be willing to clean on Saturdays and check during the week. Greg Daggett may be interested. Contact John Cook if anyone has a suggestion.

Statistics: The average attendance {for October} was 139+.
New member on October 1, 1978: Esther Hunt Hiatt. Deaths:
Irene Thornburg on November 3, 1978. Dial-A-Devotion:
total calls: 576, average per day: 18.

Ministry & Membership: Kenneth Boomer{, Jr.} requests
transfer of membership to Southport Presbyterian Church.
The certificate of transfer will be returned as approved.

It was noted that there were some visitors in church today:
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis
Spaulding.

A thank you letter was received from the Earlham School of
Religion for supporting John DeHority's teaching
experience.

Commission Duties: Chairpersons of each committee will
meet with Austin and Keith on December 4, 1978 in the
basement at 7:00 p.m. for discussion of the revisions.

New Business: The American Friends Service Committee
recently came out in an article supporting the Palestinian
Liberation Organization and there has been a lot of
criticism because of it.

The church received and 8 x 10 picture of the church which
is being used by the Endicott Pew Company for
advertisement. The picture was no charge to us. If anyone
is interested in reprints, they are \$8.50 each.

Turkey Lawnshiner (Gail Warren) has approached our church
for help occasionally. He has done favors for the church
in the past and never accepted payment. He sometimes needs
groceries, but could also use clean-up help.

The John Wesley White County Wide Crusade will be in March
of 1979. Each church is to have a cabinet to work on the
project. Cheryl Fidler will probably be our Youth
Chairman. Keith is asking permission to get involved in
the Crusade sponsored by the Billy Graham organization. We
need volunteers to be Women's Leader and another to
coordinate activities through our church. The plan to take
part in the crusade was approved.

Correspondence: AFSC {American Friends Service Committee}
Quaker Service Bulletin was received.

Indiana Yearly Meeting on Social Concerns is offering to send people to speak on selected topics if we would want them to come.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting is adjourned to meet December 3, 1978, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Cynthia Junco, Recording Clerk

December 3, 1978

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met December 3, 1978 with an attendance of 26. Austin Cox refreshed our memories with some Faith and Practice Queries concerning rules of health, avoidance of non-Christian places, and abstinence. Marvin Thornburg made the comment that parents should guide their children and put less emphasis on material things.

The minutes from the last Meeting were read by the Recording Clerk and approved.

Old Business: Bazaar: Rosa Mary Zell reported that there was a meeting about the Bazaar with 47 in attendance. The profit this year was \$4,630.00 which is an increase over last year. It was decided to hold another Bazaar next year. Everyone agreed that the fellowship of the Bazaar helped to make it a success.

There is no further information about the cross that Burt Hiatt is making. It was decided to have the Clerk speak to Mr. Hiatt and have him report.

The problem of replacing the janitor is still open. Keith Kendall and the Trustees will meet to put down duties.

There was more discussion about the AFSC {American Friends Service Committee} news item concerning the PLO {Palestinian Liberation Organization} problem. It tries to see the right on both sides, but cannot condone killing.

Nothing has been done so far concerning Gail Warren. It was commented that he can eat at the senior citizen meals

and a bus can pick him up. It was asked that a volunteer call and remind him.

There are several from our church involved in the White Crusade. They will be recruiting more help later. The Crusade office will be in the Oliver Building and will be open five days a week.

Statistical Report: The average attendance {for November was} 151. The marriage of Lavern Gilpin to Linda Buchman was on November 23, 1978. Death of Frances Stiverson: November 28, 1978. Loss of Membership by transfer: Kenneth Boomer{, Jr.}.

Ministry & Membership: No report.

Trustees: The following recommendations were made and approved:

1. To have a brass vase made to put in front of the pulpit for \$67.50 and one brass candlestick for under the portrait of Christ for \$30.00 and a pole lamp for the parlor for \$99.00.
2. Insurance is due in December and the insurance man recommended that the insurance be increased for liability, theft, glass windows, etc. Insurance has been added for the boiler. The premium would be \$2,443.00.

Stewardship & Finance: No report.

Treasurer's Report: November 30, 1978 Bank Balance, \$4,852.91; General Fund Balance, \$1,345.80; Non-Budget Balance, \$1,391.77; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$89.40; Missions Fund Balance, \$611.56; Improvement Fund Balance, \$1,284.36; Expansion Fund Savings Account Randolph County Bank, \$2,689.59; and Randolph County Bank Loan, \$6,955.05. Report approved.

A check has been received from the estate of Don Harbor in the amount of \$3,744.34. This will be discussed with the Trustees about paying of the loan and the estate money and its use. We are now paying 8% interest on the loan. Don Harbor was the brother of Gene Fidler's mother and a friend of Tom Moorman. His parents attended this church and Gene Fidler stated that there are no strings attached to the money.

A report should be sent to the People's Loan & Trust about the Ed Best Fund. If we add several accounts together, we come up with \$6,500.00 operating money. We can pay \$5,000.00 on the bank loan and the Trustees will renew for the balance remaining. This action was approved.

\$82.50 was collected from the Thanksgiving dinner and given to CROP {Christian Rural Overseas Program}.

Committee chairpersons are to meet at 7:00 p.m. this evening.

New Business: A calendar of church activities has been suggested for inclusion in the Friendly Reminder each month. It was decided to try the calendar for a few months and see if everyone likes it.

There is no office help yet to be in the office while Judy and Keith are on vacation from December 26, 1978-January 3, 1979 and John DeHority from December 17-31, 1978.

The Christmas Cantata will be given in Morning Worship on December 17, 1978 and the children will participate on December 24th and receive treats then, too.

The Fabulous Friends Sunday School Class will go caroling on December 17, 1978.

Judy and Keith report that they have sent "Quaker Life" magazine to new members, the public library, and the hospital waiting room and we still have one subscription left in reserve.

Correspondence:

Abolition House - An invitation to meet with Friends in prison at Summit, Kentucky on December 2, 1978.

Pendle Hill - An invitation and an appeal for support for this Quaker Center for Study and Contemplation, in Pennsylvania. This is an opportunity to take courses not for credit, but study in a very simple and quiet atmosphere.

Jeannette Hadley - Christmas for Kenyan students would like to have some support from the Missions Commission. She will be at Richmond. Approved to let Missions Commission handle this.

Indiana Yearly Meeting in Muncie - Agenda of upcoming meetings, minutes of October meeting, and information about

the Quaker Leader Book Club, which was tabled until next month.

Friends World Committee for Consultation - Appeal for money, but \$50.00 was just sent. Church appears in a directory. Queries from 2 girls working on a thesis given to Social Concerns to read.

Partnership for Productivity - Appeal for a contribution to this program of learning to manage resources.

John DeHority was in charge of Worship Service today and is to be commended for doing a nice job. He was well prepared and did especially well considering that his professor was here.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends is adjourned to meet January 7, 1979, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Cynthia Junco, Recording Clerk

January 7, 1979

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met January 7, 1979 with an attendance of 15. The devotion was given by Rita Densmore. She read from John 10:10 and a corresponding article entitled "Bloom Where You Are Planted," by Lynn R. Buzzard, published by Good News Publishers.

The opening minute was read and the minutes from the last Meeting were read and approved.

Trustees: John Cook reports that the janitor's job has not been filled yet. There was an ad put in the Winchester paper, but had no response. There have been two interviews, a man and a woman, but we want to be sure to get someone we can count on and to do a good job, so {we} are not in a hurry to choose. There is some question as to whether a woman could do all the maintenance work required.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund Balance, \$3,130.15; Missions Fund Balance, \$2,205.74; Improvement Fund Balance, \$1,182.61; Non-Budget Balance, \$2,823.63; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$169.84; Expansion Fund Balance, \$323.80 (in the red) temp.; Expansion Fund Savings, \$1,364.21; Checking Account Balance, \$9,163.17. The loan was paid off so we

are starting the new year out of debt. The report was approved.

Statistical Report: Dial-A-Devotion: total calls: 603; average per day 19 1/2. The average attendance for December was 141. The birth of a daughter, Angela Marie, to Tony and Marsha Kritsch on January 6, 1979 {was recorded}.

Correspondence: Received a nice thank you note from Elicah Khaemba from Kenya, Africa, KOCF { } for our contribution to the Christmas seminar given at Richmond.

A letter and an itinerary of their travels were received from Shirley and Eddie Cline. They are working on behalf of the Missionary Conference Christian Service International.

John DeHority expressed his thank you for the Christmas check that he received from our Meeting. He is very grateful to the Meeting.

Our Meeting wishes to congratulate the Winchester Community High School Band for the fine performance at the Orange Bowl and for their first place victory in the National Band Contest in Miami, Florida. This is quite an accomplishment for our small town and school.

We are looking forward to a good year ahead.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends is adjourned to meet February 4, 1979, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Walter Mills, Asst. Presiding Clerk
Cynthia Junco, Recording Clerk

February 4, 1979

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met February 4, 1979 with an attendance of 18. Devotions were given by Helen Boomer which were prepared by Lena Bales. The devotion dealt with St. Paul and his wisdom through God.

The opening minute was read and the minutes from the last Meeting were read and, after a correction was made in wording, approved.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund Balance, \$304.31; Missions Fund Balance, \$2,230.59; Improvement Fund Balance, \$986.71; Non-Budget Balance, \$2,090.26; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$150.47, Expansion Fund Balance, \$217.80 (in the red) {? \$5,519.54}, Expansion Fund Savings, \$1,364.21. Report was approved.

Trustees: Keith {Kendall} reports that Tim and Tonya have been doing the janitor work while the interviews for the new janitor are progressing.

Statistical Report: The average attendance for the month of January was 93. The deaths of Olive Davisson on January 29, 1979 and Roger C. Coats on February 4, 1979 were recorded. Dial-A-Devotion {total} calls: 893 (this is a big jump over past months; the reason could be the radio program announcements on Sundays this month).

Correspondence: Dianne Stilwell, on behalf of the Campfire Girls, has requested the use of the kitchen and lounge area in the basement for a bake sale and rummage sale every Saturday in March. It was the feeling of the Meeting that there surely is a better place to have these activities, but that the Meeting wants to support her efforts because it is a worthy cause. The proceeds will be used to buy camping equipment. The Meeting asks that Judy advise Dianne of our feelings about this. Dianne has expressed that she will understand and Judy and Keith say she is sincere and very cooperative. Because of these recent requests, the question of guidelines for the use of the church was brought up. The Trustees have discussed them, but have not decided on the guidelines. The Monthly Meeting asks the Trustees to set up the guidelines and report back to the Meeting.

AFSC {American Friends Service Committee}: Dayton Regional Office sent a thank you note for our gift to them in December. Also enclosed was a pamphlet entitled "How Safe Are Your Rights?" which is concerned with police and our rights. It was suggested that we take advantage of the AFSC by inviting someone from AFSC to speak and inform our church of their work. The AFSC is looking for a new regional director at Dayton. If anyone knows of anyone who would be interested in this position, contact the AFSC. The AFSC is involved in many interesting projects and is a very worthwhile organization.

The Earlham School of Religion sent a certificate of appreciation in recognition of our support of John DeHority during 1978-1979.

Music Committee: There will be an Easter Cantata, but work has not begun yet. The committee is looking for a full-time choir director.

A receipt was received from the First Presbyterian Church of Southport of the transfer of membership of Kenneth A. Boomer, Jr.

Indiana Yearly Meeting Administrative Council minutes were received and are available to read in the office.

Ministry & Membership's report of Committee Responsibilities is not complete yet because all of the committees have not reported as yet.

There will be a Midwinter Retreat at Winona Lake for pastors and their wives; Judy cannot attend but Keith will attend part of the meetings.

The registration must be sent by February 10, 1979 and the Meeting will pay for the attendance.

Keith reports that John Bond's wife was killed in a head-on-collision. John Bond is the pastor at New Castle Friends Church.

It was suggested that some sort of memorial for Kenneth Pickering be given in appreciation for his service to our church as minister. This is a project for Ministry & Membership and will be brought forth as an official recommendation at a later date.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends is adjourned to meet March 4, 1979, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Cynthia Junco, Recording Clerk

March 4, 1979

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met March 4, 1979 with an attendance of 18. Devotions were given by Martha

Freeman from a booklet entitled "Please Give a Devotion." The opening minute was read followed by the reading of the February minutes. After a few corrections were made in the minutes, the minutes were approved.

Ministry & Membership: Mary Belle Hinshaw reported that no action has been taken because of inclement weather; however, she brought forth some suggestions for action. It was proposed to present something to John DeHority for his work in our Meeting. Keith {Kendall} suggested a church plate as a memento. It was also suggested to give John a monetary gift of at least \$100.00 because the money paid to the Earlham School of Religion was not used by John personally. It was suggested that personal messages be put in a card and given to John along with the money and plate which was donated by Helen Boomer. These things {are} to be presented in church service by the Presiding Clerk. The action was approved.

Committee duties should be turned in to Ministry & Membership as soon as possible.

It was also announced that the Pastor and his wife have expressed their desire to stay another year with our church. There were many favorable comments expressed to show approval. Many people said they appreciate their enthusiasm and have been given personal inspiration through their dedication. Many said that they are glad they want to stay. Ministry & Membership has already approved this action, but they felt that it should be brought up at Monthly Meeting to reaffirm confidence.

Trustees: The Trustees met on March 4, 1979 for a Called Meeting to discuss the following proposals and ask for approval from the Monthly Meeting:

A) Mrs. Reba Cook, Deerfield, was hired as janitor and will start this week. The salary for the janitor was raised from \$33.00 to \$50.00. This figure was more in line with what the other churches pay especially for the work required.

B) New wiring and florescent lights should be installed in the dining room and kitchen and carpeted room. The wiring at present is faulty and there are no covers on the light bulbs in case they should explode.

C) Purchase a snow blower for next winter. September was suggested as a good time to buy, but it might be a good time right now for a good price. It was felt that the janitor should be responsible for the sidewalks.

The proposals were all approved.

Statistical Report: The average attendance for February was 104. Dial-A-Devotion: total calls, 913; average per day, 32 1/2 (highest daily average since Keith has been here).

Treasurer's Report: General Fund Balance, \$425.76; Missions Fund Balance, \$2,219.84; Improvement Fund Balance, \$933.31; Non-Budget Balance, \$2,098.63; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$155.31; Expansion Fund Balance, \$60.20; Expansion Fund Savings, \$1,381.26; Bank Balance, \$5,868.05. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Judy {Kendall}, as secretary, apologized for an error in the Friendly Reminder on the Treasurer's report.

Stewardship & Finance: It was proposed and approved to put envelopes in the Friendly Reminder for the John Wesley White Crusade contributions. They are trying to raise their budget so that they won't have to take an offering at the Crusade. It was also agreed to collect during our Meeting or have the envelopes available at the back of the church or distribute them with the bulletin.

There was concern that the new raise in the janitor fee should go through the Stewardship & Finance Committee to give them more responsibility for expenditures, but this time it was needed immediately.

There was{n't any} correspondence.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends is adjourned to meet April 1, 1979, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Cynthia Junco, Recording Clerk

April 1, 1979

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met April 1, 1979 with an attendance of 19. Devotions were given by Letha Cox. Letha read from the Guideposts magazine concerning Easter and closed with a prayer by Peter Marshall. The opening minute was read followed by the reading of the March minutes, which were approved.

Old Business: During his last Sunday in worship with our Meeting, John DeHority was presented \$100.00, a church plate, and a card enclosed with messages by well-wishers to show our appreciation for the work and time he has spent in our Meeting. A letter was received from John thanking the Meeting for the gifts.

The John Wesley White Crusade was a topic of discussion. It seems to be the feeling that this was a very successful crusade, from several standpoints. First of all, the budget which was set up long before the crusade began was met before the crusade began (the crusade team commented that this was the first time that this had been done). Also there were 298 people who made their commitment to Christ. Probably the greatest part of the crusade was bringing all the churches together in fellowship and worship. \$1,656.00 was given from our church to the crusade and we received 6% of the decision cards. The Crusade Team said that this was an exceptionally friendly community and they really enjoyed the people. The envelopes for the crusade were put in the Friendly Reminder and sent out for contributions.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund Balance, \$178.30; Missions Fund Balance, \$2,443.62; Improvement Fund Balance, \$933.31; Non-Budget Balance, {\$1,256.03?}; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$109.03; Expansion Fund Balance, \$132.70; Expansion Fund Savings, \$1,381.26; and Bank Balance, \$16,331.99. Report approved.

Following the Treasurer's report, there was discussion concerning the Ed and Bashia Best Fund which totals nearly \$12,000.00. This money is not designated for anything in particular; it is non-budgeted. It was suggested that the money be invested for interest drawings, but the money has to be used each year according to the Will. {Notation in the right margin:} (See correction in May minutes.) Some people felt that the money coming from estates could

possibly be used for educational purposes with the approval of the Trustees.

Statistical Report: The average attendance for March was 140. The Dial-A-Devotion total number of calls was 736 with an average per day of 24.

Ministry & Membership: A letter was received stating the desire to get another qualified student minister from the Earlham School of Religion in the Fall. There was concern that the student work within a certain program in our church. It was approved to apply for another Student Pastor. The money for this project can be taken from the Ed and Bashia Best Fund. The amount of money will be left up to the Trustees.

It was suggested to give a memorial gift to Ruthanna Pickering in memory of Kenneth. A fund will be set up for people of the Meeting to contribute as they wish with a set deadline of one month. The Friendly Reminder will give the information for the fund. At the next Meeting, Charles {Cates} will give us the total.

Trustees: John Cook reported that he talked to Mike Cover about the lights in the basement and they will cost about \$1,000.00. The USFW {United Society of Friends Women} may be willing to contribute some money toward the lights. Also a discussion took place concerning the covering of the stained glass windows with storm windows, especially the Rose Window. Approval was given for two trees on church property to be topped-out. It was felt that it would be best to wait another year to black top the parking lot. "New hymnals" was a topic also discussed, but no action was taken. John, Judy, and Keith report that the janitor service is working out real well.

New Business: Judy requests two days off to attend a training seminar for Sunday School Teachers and Vacation Bible School Teachers on April 10 and April 12, 1979 in Richmond. This was approved.

The Winchester Community High School Band Aids are requesting the use of our church basement for their Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on May 28, 1979. This event was held in our church last year and the group did an excellent job of cleaning up. It was also felt that we need to support our young people and this would also be another way to

invite people into our church. The Meeting feels that there should be no charge for the use of the church for this project. The request was granted and approved.

No correspondence.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends is adjourned to meet May 6, 1979, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Cynthia Junco, Recording Clerk

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT 1979-1980

Presiding Clerk	Austin Cox
Assistant Presiding Clerk	Robert McHolland
Recording Clerk	Cynthia Junco
Assistant Recording Clerk	Winifred Thompson
Treasurer	Charles Cates
Assistant Treasurer	Donnabelle Gaylor

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY & MEMBERSHIP (3 year terms)

1977-1980: Helen Boomer, Martha Freeman, Mike Cover, Mary Belle Hinshaw

1978-1981: Carl Thompson (to serve unexpired term of Dale Brady), Allen Comer, Raymond Babcock, Caroline Vaupel

1979-1982: Joe Zell, Lena Bales, Keith Hinshaw, Georgia Breaker

TRUSTEES (3 year terms)

Eugene Fidler, Chairman

1977-1980: Mildred Kolp, William Comer, Rodger Green, John Coon

1978-1981: Bruce Fidler, Gertrude Cox, Eugene Fidler, Wendell Cox

1979-1982: Burt Hiatt, Steve Burton, Tom Zell, Elaine Babcock

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (3 year terms)

Shirley Ertel, Chairman

1977-1980: Bettye Monks, Evelyn Cook, Cynthia Junco

1978-1981: Ellen Craig, Melba DeCamp, Shirley Ertel

1979-1982: Nita Burton, Ellene Kritsch, Jane Zell

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE (3 year terms)

1977-1980: Norman Peters, William Monks, Carroll Densmore
1978-1981: Evelyn Fields, Earl Worley, Robert Cox
1979-1982: Sue Hinshaw, Browning Berry, Letha Cox

FUNERAL COMMITTEE (1 year terms)

Mary Anderson, Chairperson
Golden Band Class - Hazel Clevenger
William Penn Class - Annie Fidler
Welcome Class - Pat McLaughlin
Quaker Girls - Gernell Owens

YOUTH (1 year terms)

{no names are listed}

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Charles Cates, Clarence and Maxine Kritsch

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Alvina Peters, Don and Melba DeCamp, Bud and Irene
Bosworth, Ed and Christine Hanke, Keith and Sue Hinshaw

STATISTICIANS

Rosa Mary Zell, Alice Cox

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Annie Fidler, Evelyn Fields

MISSIONS COMMISSION (3 year terms)

Rita Densmore, Chairman
1977-1980: Anna Lou Arnett, Marjorie Carter
1978-1981: Karen Peters, Rita Densmore
1979-1982: Sharon Babcock, Andrea Manning

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Rowena Hawley, Chairman
Frances Thornburg, Ruth Ann Fouse, Winifred Thompson,
Rowena Hawley, Pat McLaughlin, Audrea Comer, Kathleen
Hartzell

USHERS

Clarence Kritsch, Norman Peters, Co-Chairmen
Jerald Gilpin, Robert McHolland, Ben Kritsch, Richard
Bosworth, Joe Zell, Robert Barnes

Substitutes:

Steve Burton, Robert Hartzell, William Monks, Burt Hiatt,
Carl Thompson, Ray Arnett

YEARLY MEETING REPRESENTATIVE and REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Caroline Vaupel

Alternate: {blank}

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (3 year terms)

Georgia Breaker, Chairman

1977-1980: Georgia Breaker, Mary Belle Hinshaw

1978-1981: Rosa Mary Zell, Keith Hinshaw

1979-1982: Gernell Owens, Dale Craig

Austin Cox, Clerk (ex officio)

Keith Kendall, Pastor (ex officio)

Approved by Monthly Meeting, May 6, 1979

May 6, 1979

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met May 6, 1979 with an attendance of 20. Devotions were shared by Mildred Cole who read from the Upper Room {magazine} concerning prayer and its ability to bring us closer together. The opening minute was read followed by the reading of the April minutes which were approved following a few corrections, as follows: The Ed and Bashia Best money does not have to be used each year as in the situations of the hospital or schools. Also, any decisions made will be with the approval of the Trustees.

Ministry & Membership: No report.

Personnel Report: Georgia Breaker, chairman of the Personnel Committee, read the committee's Personnel Report with some unfilled positions. The suggestion was made that the Missions Commission work on a 3 year rotating plan like some of the other committees, two people each year for three years. This action was approved. The listing, although not complete, was also approved as read.

Christian Education Committee: Vacation Bible School will be held July 23-27, 1979 and preparations are being made.

Stewardship & Finance: Annie Fidler, Chairman, presented the new budget for 1979-1980. Each member was given a copy of the budget for review. The proposed budget is for a total of \$46,051.00, an increase of 12.8% over last year's

budget. This increase is due, in part, to the increase of the janitorial services and supplies, increase in the Treasurer's fee (which is much deserved), Music Committee allowance, and general cost of living increases. The proposed budget was approved.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund Balance, \$1,055.49; Missions Fund Balance, \$1,413.11 (including money for materials for work camp this summer); Improvement Fund Balance, \$776.52; Non-Budget Balance, \$1,291.41; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$170.86; Expansion Fund Balance, \$15.45; Expansion Fund Savings, \$11,573.13; and Bank Balance (April 30, 1979), \$4,695.84. Approved.

Old Business: Charles Cates reports that there is a little over \$300.00 in the Kenneth Pickering Memorial. There was some discussion in which many felt that this was not enough. A suggestion was made that the money be used to give a memorial to Quaker Haven in Kenneth's name. It was agreed to ask Ruthanna's permission to use the money as a memorial and it was approved to let this project continue for another month. {See the June 3, 1979 minutes for a correction to the preceding sentence.}

Statistics: The Dial-A-Devotion total number of calls was 853 with an average per day of 28. The average attendance for the month of April was 156. The birth of a daughter, Emily Nicole, to Max and Carol Thornburg on April 3, 1979 {was recorded}.

Missions: Anna Lou Arnett and Mary Belle Hinshaw are taking a trip to visit the Indians in Oklahoma this month.

John Wesley White Crusade: An audit of the Crusade will be made and published. Total receipts were for \$35,000+ and \$33,000 spent. The balance was sent to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Society. There was also \$4,232.00 collected in the offering. It must also be noted that Evelyn Fields did an excellent job as Treasurer of the Crusade.

FUM {Friends United Meeting} Newsletter: There was special emphasis on "stopping the draft before it starts." In California the suggestion was being made that any young man who is so inclined to do so, make a statement of his conscientious objection and put it on file, so that he will be prepared if the need arises and it wouldn't be a last

minute effort. The Newsletter is also available for subscription.

Some general comments and recommendations were made. Appreciation was expressed for the unselfish service of George Blunt to our church. He gave of his time and talents and asked for very little in return. We only regret that we didn't realize it at the time.

The suggestion was also made that since our budget has increased, we should also increase our giving. It was further suggested that a note to that effect be included in the Friendly Reminder. It is the feeling of this Meeting that budgeted items should come from our giving; it will take a lot of effort on everyone's part.

Several people have expressed a desire to purchase new hymn books. Some money has already been given for this purpose so the Meeting felt that this should be from individually given funds, not from budgeted money. Keith and Judy {Kendall} know of some interested people who might be willing to serve on a committee to choose hymnals and check on the money for them. {See the June 3, 1979 minutes for a correction to the preceding sentence.} This action was approved. It was also brought to the Meeting's attention that Patrick McLaughlin could use some scholarship help. He seems to be interested in music and would like to attend Earlham, but would need help on the tuition. It was suggested that the Trustees confer with Patrick and his parents. It was approved to turn the matter over to the Trustees.

Correspondence: A letter was received from Dianne Stilwell requesting the use of the church basement for the Raggedy Ann and Andy Nursery School for next year. Keith commented that both he and Dianne expressed concern for the furniture in the lounge area. Keith thought that one of the classrooms could be set up as an activity room, so the idea will be turned over to the Christian Education Committee to see about the purchase of some equipment that both Sunday School and the Nursery School could use. Next year there will also be a limit on the class size because this year there was an enrollment of 29 students, which is really a lot to handle. It was approved to have the school again and a letter of confirmation will be sent to Dianne Stilwell.

Evangelism Outreach Committee - a letter {was received} describing an exchange program between ministers of different churches. {This is} something to think about. Keith says if we are interested, he could make arrangements with ministers in our own area.

An invitation to attend a meeting at Friends Memorial Church on Saturday, May 19, 1979, was received concerning a joint effort at peace between the Brethren, Mennonite, and Friends churches.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends is adjourned to meet June 3, 1979, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Cynthia Junco, Recording Clerk

June 3, 1979

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met June 3, 1979 with an attendance of 24. Following the reading of the opening minute, we were led in devotions by Marvin Thornburg saying, in part, that the strength of a Meeting is each person's devotion to the Lord's work.

The minutes of the May 6, 1979 Meeting were read with two corrections being made. First, under the Kenneth Pickering memorial fund discussion, it was the feeling to ask Ruthanna Pickering if she had a need for the money first before considering sending a memorial to Kenneth to Quaker Haven. The other correction was under the discussion last month for new hymnals. Keith and Judy Kendall stated that they knew of some people in our Meeting who would contribute to a fund for hymnals rather than quote "Keith and Judy know of some interested people who might be willing to serve on a committee to choose hymnals and check on the money for them." With these two corrections, the May 6, 1979 minutes were approved as corrected.

Judy Kendall had a suggestion that it might be well to keep a copy of the new budget in this minute's book, since we often have the need to refer to this. This was approved.

Old Business: A copy of a letter was read which Monthly Meeting sent on May 6, 1979 to Dianne Stilwell and Shelly Cox, who are connected with the Raggedy Ann & Andy Nursery

School which is held in our church basement for about 9 months of the year. This was a letter confirming that they could use our facilities again this fall. The letter stated in part "although we do approve, several members of the church expressed concern about the furniture in the lounge area and would like to have other arrangements made to relieve this room as an activity room." A discussion was held on this nursery school. One question was "What does our church make on this arrangement?" The figure was presented that the school makes {for} those in charge over \$1,000.00 a month. It is understood each pupil pays \$4.00 per day, and they pay our Meeting \$25.00 a month for the use of the facilities. Concern was expressed of the additional use the new furniture is getting with around 29 pupils. Also it was mentioned that we had trouble last year with our janitors trying to work around these extra activities in our church. It was also mentioned that before Dianne Stilwell started her nursery school, our Meeting had the opportunity to sponsor the school ourselves, but we did not want to get into this undertaking. Another thought approached was, due to the fact that our Meeting receives a payment of \$25.00 a month for them using our facilities, and should a child get hurt on the premises, what about insurance and our liability. The statement was that they have their own insurance. Another thought was "are we in jeopardy, since we are a tax free organization, to rent out part of our building, but this was answered that "we would be O.K. since we are not a money making organization." One suggestion was that we might continue charging the \$25.00 per month plus some additional payment towards wear and tear on furniture. The final suggestion was that the Trustees discuss this rent arrangement taking into consideration everyone's comments today, and John Cook, chairman of the Trustees, was on hand at today's meeting.

Kenneth Pickering Memorial: There is now \$367.00 in this fund as individual contributions from members. It was the feeling that we should decide as a Meeting now the amount we wished to designate as a memorial to Kenneth and get this to Ruthanna, since this has been opened for discussion for some time. It was approved to make the total of the memorial \$500.00 using the \$367.00 already received and taking the remaining \$133.00 from the \$222.00 additional for 1978 that we received from the Ed Best Fund recently. It was felt there should be no "strings attached" as to the use of this money, but that it be sent to Ruthanna with a

letter which Judy Kendall and Winifred Thompson were asked to compose.

Hymnals: To date we have \$305.00 to be used for new hymnals, and various people have expressed the thought that they will want to help towards this fund. Austin Cox wondered how the feeling was since the Music Committee had done some work on this project a year or so ago having the Music Committee go ahead and check on possible books and report back to Monthly Meeting their findings or suggestions. This was approved.

Trustees: John Cook, chairman of the Trustees, reported he had received an estimate for storm windows for our stained glass windows from City Glass Specialty of Fort Wayne. The company which did our storm window for our large east window seems to be out of business now. The estimate for quarter inch plate glass for the Rose Window was \$2,400.00. This company had also measured all of our stained glass windows in both large rooms of our Meeting{house}, and the approximate cost for all windows including the Rose Window was around \$10,000.100. Should we want to still be able to open some of these windows as we do now, they estimated the additional cost per window to be \$250.00. Keith said that some members have expressed the thought that when windows are open that traffic bothers them from hearing, and to insulate properly and install air conditioning in these two large rooms would run from \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00. If you have an opinion either for having the windows fixed so that they will still be able to be opened should we have storm windows figured for all the stained glass windows, or if you have an interest in air conditioning please express your comments to the Trustees. It was further stated that perhaps we should go ahead now and have the storm window at least for the Rose Window if we do not feel we can do the whole job now. Trustees also reported the rewiring and new florescent lighting in both large rooms in the basement has been completed by Mike Cover, but he has not completed a small amount of additional lighting he is to finish in the church. Mike's original estimate was for \$1,000.00 to do the wiring, but the last time the Trustees talked with him his figure wasn't that high with the work he'd completed.

Statistics: The average attendance for May was 155. The marriage of Melanie Ann Hiatt and Timothy Troxell was on May 26, 1979.

Dial-A-Devotion: May 1979 showed a total of 660 calls which is a daily average of 21.

Ministry & Membership: The following is a list of names approved for membership: Bessie E. Gray, Ricky E. Conn, Angela Marie Kritsch, Robert Wade Garren William John Junco, Jack D. Ferguson, Christina L. Ferguson, Debrah Louann Ferguson, Jackie Duane Ferguson, and Thelma Huntwork. Also, the Pastoral Agreement for the new year beginning July 1, 1979 is on hand.

Treasurer's Report: May 31, 1979 Bank Balance, \$4,698.98; General Fund Balance, \$917.07; Missions Fund Balance, \$1,166.32; Improvement Fund Balance, \$688.94; Non-Budget Balance, \$1,679.59; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$216.69; Expansion Fund Balance, \$30.37; and Expansion Savings, \$3,672.15. The Treasurer's report was approved.

The Regional Meeting will be here at Winchester Friends next Sunday night, June 10, 1979 at 7:00 p.m. and we will be hosts with light refreshments being served. It is hoped for a good attendance from our members.

Five of our members, Austin and Letha Cox, Norman and Karen Peters, and Sharon Babcock will be going to a work session in Jamaica July 10-20, 1979. They can take along a few "goodies" such as Kool Aid, coffee, etc. and as a Meeting it was asked do we want to help and feel a part of their trip by helping by sending some of these items as they go. These gifts would be shared with the missionaries and local Christian workers. Since they will be fairly limited on luggage, we may have to make a limit on our gifts. This will be discussed further.

Scholarship Fund: It was mentioned last month that Patrick McLaughlin would like to attend Earlham and would need some help on tuition, and it was approved to turn this over to the Trustees. John Cook mentioned that our Meeting should soon be getting the \$25,000.00 from the Inez Howe estate which she designated for use for educational purposes. Perhaps this fund might be set up, and the interest used for such a scholarship. Guidelines for eligibility, etc. will need be set out, and it was decided in order to get this started that the chairmen of our various committees and commissions be called together to head this up and bring back their report to Monthly Meeting. Perhaps after

this first year of getting this all compiled, a smaller committee might be appointed. This was approved.

We are glad to have in our Monthly Meeting a guest, Jan Strain, an Earlham School of Religion student. Jan was interviewed this morning by Ministry & Membership {about} a possible Ministries Project with our Meeting.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends is adjourned to meet July 1, 1979, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Winifred Thompson, Asst. Recording Clerk

July 1, 1979

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met July 1, 1979 with an attendance of 20. Devotions were given by Dale Craig who read "One Solitary Life," by James Francis, a short factual biography from a book of poems. The opening minute was read followed by the reading of the June minutes which were approved.

Minutes addition: It is noted that Karen Thomas was also interviewed by Ministry & Membership for the ministries project with ESR {Earlham School of Religion}. Ministry & Membership has recommended to accept Karen Thomas as pastoral student from ESR for a term of six months.

There was also a comment to show disappointment in the amount given to Ruthanna Pickering. It was the feeling of some members that the \$500.00 was not enough.

Old Business: The Regional Meeting was held at our church on June 10, 1979. Mike Karnofel gave devotions, the Bell Choir from the Jericho Church presented special music, and the Fabulous Friends Sunday School class from our church served light refreshments. There was a short business meeting.

A bill from Mike Cover was received marked "Paid in Full" for the electrical work done in the church. This amounted to nearly \$1,000.00. Mike has unselfishly donated much time and material to benefit our church. A thank you note will be sent to thank Mike and Olive for their gift. This information will also appear in the Friendly Reminder.

Year end reports from committees are due.

Trustees: The year end report was given. The following three recommendations were presented:

(1) Winterizing the Rose Window, three windows in the library, three above the library, the five windows in the parlor, and the east window in the sanctuary. The top windows to be closed. The entire job is estimated at between \$10,000.00 and \$12,000.00. All windows and frames would need to be painted before winterization can begin; this is our responsibility. The money to do this work would come from the Ed Best Fund and Expansion Fund Savings. No payment to be made until the work is completed. Recommendation approved.

(2) Raggedy Ann & Andy Nursery School: There is a question as to whether the rent should be raised. Also, there has been discussion of damage to the furniture. It was suggested that a folding screen be built around the furniture to protect it. It was approved that the Trustees should use their own judgment in these matters.

(3) Recommendation that a Scholarship Committee be formed made up of the chairmen of all the church committees. This money will be taken from the Inez Howe Estate, which will amount to about \$28,000.00. A set of by-laws should be established. Recommendation approved.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund Balance, \$965.06; Missions Fund Balance, \$177.40; Improvement Fund Balance, \$609.26; Non-Budget Balance, \$1,316.38; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$220.17; Expansion Fund Balance, \$47.37; Bank Balance, \$3,335.64; and Expansion Fund Savings Balance, \$3,575.57. The report was approved.

The year end report was given showing net total expenses \$3,009.17; actually the expenses were \$1,820.83 under the budget. Appreciation was expressed for the fine job that Charles {Cates} has done and for all the time he has put in. The report was approved.

Statistical Report: The yearly report {was} given. The average attendance for worship was 135.6 {for the year}. The average attendance for June was 130+. 9 new members: Bessie Gray, Rick Conn, Thelma Huntwork, Jack Ferguson, Christian Ferguson, Deborah Louann Ferguson, Jackie Duane Ferguson; Junior members: Angela Marie Kritsch, Wade Junco. Visitation for new members as follows: Lena Bales

and Pauline Keener visiting Thelma Huntwork and Bessie Gray; Dale Craig visiting Rick Conn; Bob McHolland visiting Jack and Chris Ferguson and family; Jane Zell to see Wade Junco. It was felt Angela Kritsch was too young to understand.

Dial-A-Devotion for June: The total number of calls was 897 with a daily average of 30.

A request for transfer of membership has been received from Dale, Nancy, and Marie Brady to the Clear Creek Congregational Church. This was approved.

Application for membership has been received from Tamara Beu, who would like to transfer from the Eliam Baptist Church in Florida to our Meeting. This transfer was approved. Application for membership has also been received from Mary Smith and this was approved. Comments were made that we are very happy to have these people in our Meeting.

Ministry & Membership presented their yearly report.

Youth Committee: Jack and Chris Ferguson, Tim Kendall, Pam Cox, Keith and Judy Kendall.

Regional Representative: Caroline Vaupel; alternate, Eloise Keys.

Music Committee: The committee is working on choosing new hymnals. They have narrowed the choices down to 3. No decision has been made yet.

There was some discussion about the Howe Scholarship Fund. The amount available from interest on the principle will be about \$2,000.00, which will be allocated according to applications chosen by the committee. It was felt that this should not be limited to full time only, but could also include those attending vocational or part time, etc. The committee has met and a set of guidelines {was} established and presented to give the Meeting an idea {of the changes}.

Committee chairmen should be reported as soon as possible for the record.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting is adjourned to meet August 5, 1979, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Cynthia Junco, Recording Clerk

August 5, 1979

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met August 5, 1979 with an attendance of 15. Devotions were given by Joe Zell who read from Corinthians about love, from the Living Bible. He also read a humorous paperboy's version of love.

The July minutes were read and the following addition was made: Rick and Cathy Conn are also on the Youth Committee. The amount of the Howe Scholarship was clarified to be available from the interest on the principle and will amount to about \$2,000.00. After these corrections, the minutes were approved.

Old Business: Lena Bales and Pauline Keener made their visits upon new members. Cynthia Junco and Frances Thornburg will visit Tammy Beu and Helen Boomer will visit Mary Smith. It was brought to the attention of the Meeting that newly accepted members are anxious to know if they have been accepted. It was decided to have the Recording Clerk send notes to these people to ease their minds and explain that their certificates will follow.

The Music Committee represented by Rowena Hawley has made a decision concerning the hymn books. The hymn book that they are presenting will have a navy cover and have bolder type for ease of reading than the other choices. Each hymnal will cost \$4.70 with the imprint of Winchester Friends Meeting on the cover at the bottom. (\$4.50 without the imprinted name.) The hymnal was approved. Individuals who wish their own hymnal should put in their order with Rowena. The committee will order 200 for church use. Keith also noted the possibility of buying instrumental books to accompany hymns for variety.

Auditing Committee: The year end report submitted by Sue Hinshaw {was} very clear and concise. Total income: \$99,991.09; Balance, \$3,335.04.

Stewardship & Finance: Verbal report {was} given by Elaine Babcock.

Statistical Report: The average attendance for July was 143+. The death of Darrell Briner on July 26, 1979 and the marriage of Deborah Ferguson and Doug Anderson on July 28, 1979 were recorded. Dial-A-Devotion calls totaled 960; the daily average was 31. Appreciation was expressed for the talents of Darrell Briner and for the work that he has done. He painted the organ pipes many years ago.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund Balance, \$1,572.69; Missions Fund Balance, \$443.58; Improvement Fund Balance, \$654.74; Non-Budget Balance, \$1,399.04; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$212.26; Expansion Fund Balance, \$32.25; Expansion Fund Savings Balance, \$6,220.35; and Bank Balance, \$4,314.56. The report was approved.

Correspondence: A note of gratitude was received from Ruthanna Pickering for the memorial gift for Kenneth Pickering. She stated that she was very pleased and will be using the money in Kenneth's name to missionary in other countries.

Thank you notes were received from Pam Cox and Rick Conn for the Wilmington Camp registration fees paid by the church.

New Business: New picture church directory. The last picture directory was in 1974. Since then, the telephone number system has changed and families have changed. Judy is in the process of updating the last directory and this could be applied to the new. The Olan Mills Photography representative contacted Keith and would be willing to provide more information. Some questions to be investigated: How many pictures per page and how much is the cost to the church and to the individuals? It was suggested that this information be put in the Friendly Reminder to see about interest and have some input from members. If enough interest is shown, then a committee could be formed.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting is adjourned to meet September 2, 1979 or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Bob McHolland, Asst. Presiding Clerk
Cynthia Junco, Recording Clerk

September 2, 1979

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met September 2, 1979 with an attendance of 17. Devotions were read from the 121st Psalm from the Living Bible by Mary Belle Hinshaw. The opening minute was read followed by the reading of the August minutes, which were approved.

Old Business: The new picture church directory was brought up, but there has been no input by members about this matter so far. The matter of the directory will remain open until a later date.

The visitation has not been made on Tammy Beu and it is unknown whether Mary Smith was visited.

It is noted that Ruthanna Pickering used the memorial money from our church to go to a work camp in Belize and enjoyed {the experience} very much.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund Balance, \$1,922.12; Missions Fund Balance, \$655.77; Improvement Fund Balance, \$821.41; Non-Budget Fund Balance, \$1,808.69; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$69.79; Expansion Fund Balance, \$50.50; Expansion Savings Balance, \$6,220.35 (Best Fund, \$11,672.13; Inez Howe Scholarship Fund, \$2,144.19), Bank Balance, \$5,328.28.

Statistical Report: The average attendance for August was 136. Dial-A-Devotion total calls, 1,144; the average per day, 37. A note from Keith {Kendall} reports that this is by far the highest daily average for any month since he has been Pastor here.

Missions Commission: Rita Densmore gave the year end report stating how the commission has used the money, especially faith promised money, over the year. The figures and usage were impressive.

Friends Yearly Meeting Report: Caroline Vaupel, representative, attended the representatives' meeting. The theme was "Friends Witness in a Broken World." There was concern for the length of terms of the Administrative Trustees of Earlham, White's Institute, Quaker Haven, and Friends Fellowship. As it is now, Trustees may hold two 3-year terms and may be reappointed over and over. It was proposed that they serve three 3-year terms and no more.

The budget was discussed. The apportionment is \$19.50 per member. This does not include some Meetings who need additional help. It is also noted that Yearly Meeting representatives' names should be submitted to Yearly Meeting before May 1 each year, therefore they need to be chosen prior to that day.

Inez Howe Scholarship Fund: The scholarship by-laws and applications were read. The maximum amount per person is set at \$360.00. Scholarship money has been sent for Amy Cox Retz, Patrick McLaughlin, David Cox, Aaron Zell, Tim Kendall, and Keith Kendall.

Thank you notes were received from Aaron Zell and David Cox for the scholarship money they received.

A letter was received from the Friends Fellowship Community to invite our Meeting to attend an open house of its second independent housing unit. The showing will be held Saturday, September 8, and Sunday, September 9, 1979.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends is adjourned to meet October 7, 1979, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Mary Belle Hinshaw, Acting Presiding Clerk
Cynthia Junco, Recording Clerk

October 7, 1979

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met October 7, 1979 with an attendance of 16. Austin Cox opened the Meeting by a discussion of Quaker Life magazine. The cover of the September issue was done by a local person, Betsy Peacock, from the Jericho Friends Church.

The opening minute was read and the September minutes were read {and,} with a few corrections, the minutes were approved.

Quaker Girls class yearly report was read. It was very complete and showed that the class has done a lot this year.

Statistical Report: The average attendance for September was 138. The birth of a son, Tanner, to Tim and Melanie Troxel on August 26, 1979 and the birth of a son, Kenneth

Edward, to Dale and Ellen Craig on September 11, 1979 were recorded. The deaths of Edgar Fisher on September 12, 1979 and Delphia Bullock on September 24, 1979 were recorded. The Dial-A-Devotion total number of call was 641 with an average per day of 21. The comment was made that in previous years, {the number of} Dial-A-Devotion calls in August has always been high.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund Balance, \$817.72; Missions Fund Balance, \$737.47 (Faith Promises year end September 16, 1979 - \$752.00, year beginning September 24, 1979 - \$179.30); Improvement Fund Balance, \$944.59; Non-Budget Balance, \$175.16; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$106.62; Expansion Fund Balance, \$80.75; Expansion Fund Savings, \$6,286.95; Best Fund Balance, \$11,672.13; and Inez Howe Scholarship Fund Balance, \$2,144.19.

There was some discussion about expenditures. It was suggested and approved that the hymn book money be taken from the Ed Best Fund especially since Mr. Best had been very interested in music. The job of painting the trim around the windows has been finished by Meeks Painting and the bill needs to be paid. This money will be taken from the Ed Best Fund. The new west entrance to the paring lot has been done at a cost of \$396.50 which will come out of the Ed Best Fund and be transferred to the Expansion Fund to pay for it.

It should be noted that Karen Thomas, ESR (Earlham School of Religion) Student Pastor, is now working with Keith {Kendall} in several areas.

Music Committee: A request was read from Ruth Ann Fouse for four new choir robes. It was decided to recommend to the Trustees that unexpended Ed Best Fund money can be used for this purpose.

Youth Committee: A report was given on the Mardi Gras booths. The popcorn, hot cocoa and coffee booth did not do very well, but the fish bowl booth will show a nice profit.

New Business: A member has pledged \$50.00 toward Bibles to be placed into the pews to use for people to follow along during scripture reading. It would take about 75 Bibles. This project is something to think about.

Correspondence: A request was received from Judy Kendall to be able to attend the USFW {United Society of Friends Women} retreat on October 22-23, 1979. Judy will ask Nancy Bolinger to work for her and pay her herself. This was approved.

An invitation was received from White's Institute to attend Representatives Day on October 28, 1979, for lunch and fellowship. Letha and Austin Cox will be our representatives and attend this function.

A letter of resignation was received from Keith L. Hinshaw who, for personal reasons, cannot carry on as our local representative for Quaker Haven. This will be forwarded to the Personnel Committee. Also, Pam Cox is resigning as chairman of the "I Am His" group for 6th and 7th graders on Sunday evening.

A thank you note was received from Amy Cox Retz for the scholarship money that she received.

A letter was received from Alan Kolp encouraging monetary support for the Earlham School of Religion, but \$100.00 is already budgeted and a check for this amount will be sent by Charles {Cates} in reply.

Thank you notes were received from: the Edgar Fisher family, Daniel and Joyce Edmundson for their time spent during the Mission Conference, the Joyful Sound for the opportunity to sing during the conference and the money they received, and Wanda Coffin in appreciation for the conference.

The Yearly Meeting Newsletter is available in the office for anyone to read.

An Income and Expense statement was submitted by Dianne Stilwell for the Raggedy Ann & Andy Nursery School. The money paid to us for the use of our facilities should be listed as a donation.

Keith presented a Blood Donor Assurance Plan for our consideration. This would be a combined church effort. According to family size or individual, if we meet the requirements of donors, the whole church will be covered.

Karen Thomas voiced a concern about getting people to attend Monthly Meeting. Some suggestions to consider were: during visitation of new members, explain its importance, etc.; change the time to evening or right after church; or have a carry-in lunch to make it a little more social and appealing.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting is adjourned to meet November 4, 1979, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Cynthia Junco, Recording Clerk

November 4, 1979

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met November 4, 1979 with an attendance of 20. Devotions were given by Mildred Cole from the Upper Room {magazine}. The opening minute was read and the October minutes were read which were approved with a correction to the Treasurer's report.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund Balance, \$955.30; Missions Fund Balance, \$904.40; Improvement Fund Balance, \$255.92; Non-Budget Balance, \$128.67; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$112.45; Expansion Fund Balance, \$69.55 (in the red); Bank Balance, \$2,287.19; and Expansion Fund Savings, \$17,752.90 (Best Fund, \$9,439.07; Inez Howe Scholarship Fund, \$2,044.19).

Old Business: The Trustees did approve taking the money from the Ed Best Fund for the new choir robes, but they have not been ordered yet because of problems matching the color of our robes with the new ones.

Howe Scholarship: A letter was received from Ivan Jenkins, a student at Tuskegee Institute, from Jamaica who is encountering money problems and is looking for suggestions. The committee has already awarded him a \$100.00 scholarship.

White's Institute Representatives Day was attended by Letha and Austin Cox last Sunday. They reported that they met the administrators and attended the afternoon service. There are approximately 200 students and they stay an average of fourteen months. This is a large financial enterprise, which takes about two million dollars a year to

run. Austin felt that there is a good Christian atmosphere at White's and that it does a lot of good. The fellowship was very enjoyable and the visit very enlightening.

The question was raised last month about attendance at Monthly Meeting and how to improve it. Karen Thomas will put a questionnaire in the Sunday bulletin next Sunday for feedback from the congregation.

The workers installing the storm windows are to begin this week.

Correspondence: A thank you note was received from Tim Kendall for financial support from the Howe Scholarship.

A letter was received from the First United Presbyterian Church to thank our church for the use of the parking lot and tables during their bazaar.

Judy Kendall requests the week of November 19th for vacation. Nancy Bolinger will work in the office. This was approved.

Comments on the bazaar: Rosa Mary Zell says that the bazaar is just about ready. There were 47 people at the last committee meeting which exemplifies the great amount of interest in the bazaar.

Indiana Yearly Meeting: The Regional Meeting is to be held at our church on the second Sunday in March. This was approved.

Karen Thomas will fill the pulpit on November 25, 1979 during Keith's {Kendall} vacation.

Karen brought up the problem of finding greeters each Sunday to stand at the doors. Mary Anderson has been in charge of this and would like to be relieved of the responsibility. There were several suggestions as follows: 1) having the greeters each week choose the next Sunday's greeters, 2) have the ushers perform in this capacity with a little coaching, 3) have Sunday School classes take a month at a time as greeters, 4) not use greeters during the cold months of winter. The question then arose as to the value of greeters at all. Couldn't we each greet one another during church rather formally at the beginning? Keith suggested that it might help also with Sunday School

attendance if he and Karen would stay at the front of the church instead of going to the door to close the service, thereby causing people to mingle inside. It was decided to not have formal greeters and that Keith and Karen would try staying at the front of the church after the service.

The 1979-1980 church directory is ready to be assembled and Judy could use some help. The new directory is up to date and as correct as possible.

A letter was received from the American Friends Service Committee concerning aid to the Cambodians crossing the border to Thailand. The AFSC has committed \$100,000 toward food and supplies. CROP {Christian Rural Overseas Program} donations can be designated to go to the AFSC.

The pew Bibles which were discussed last month were considered by the Ministry & Membership. The value of this is questioned. Why couldn't everyone bring their own Bible? It would also take up room in the rack where an individual could put his own Bible when not in use.

A letter was received from Richard Newby from Muncie Friends Memorial concerning the problems of inflation and trying to cope with the problem. The letter will be given to Norman Peters for consideration of the Stewardship & Finance Committee.

The Chamber of Commerce is asking if we want to be a member for \$60.00 membership. This is a community effort, but Keith, as a member of the Ministerial Society, represents our church as a member, so this was not approved.

Karen Thomas voiced concern for her expenses for aids, projects, etc. Projects at the Nursing Home could be provided by the Mission Fund. No more supplies or money {than is} involved, the office fund could probably be used.

Statistical Report: The average attendance for October was 129. The birth of a son, Andrew Leon, to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Myers on October 16, 1979; the marriage of Neil Harmon and Robin Ray on November 2, 1979; and the deaths of Marvin Thornburg on October 8, 1979 and Ora Smith on October 9, 1979 were recorded. The Dial-A-Devotion total number of calls was 700 with an average of 22 per day.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting is adjourned to meet December 2, 1979, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Cynthia Junco, Recording Clerk

December 2, 1979

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met December 2, 1979 with an attendance of 19. Devotions were given by Austin Cox who read from the Faith & Practice Queries, the second query - Meetings for Worship and Business. The opening minute was read and the minutes for the November Meeting were read and approved.

Old Business: The choir robes were discussed. The Music Committee reports that our old robes cannot be matched in color with new ones, therefore the issue will be dropped for the present.

The Monthly Meeting questionnaire results were presented. Many people answered that the Meeting was held at a bad time, but many also wanted to meet during the Sunday School time. The feeling at Monthly Meeting was that it probably would not be advantageous to meet during Sunday School because of the problem of what to do with the children after Sunday School. It was suggested that an agenda of items to be discussed at Monthly Meeting be put in the bulletin to create interest in the Meeting. A possible "baby-sitting service" was also suggested. The idea of an evening Meeting was unfavorable. For the January Meeting, there will be an agenda insert with a preface statement by Karen {Thomas} and Austin {Cox}. The survey results will be stapled into the Monthly Meeting minutes.

The bazaar was reported as being very successful.

Karen {Thomas} and Keith {Kendall} reported back about the change in the greeting procedure. They felt that there is a lot more friendly mingling among members after church since Karen and Keith are not rushing to the door. The biggest disadvantage is that they miss some who leave right away, especially new visitors.

Karen says that she is comfortable with the knowledge that she has money available to her through the office fund

although she has not taken advantage of it yet for small expenses she may incur.

Statistical Report: The average attendance for November was 150. The death of Esther Hunt Hiatt on November 16, 1979 and the birth of a daughter, Katie Megan, to Miles and Andrea Manning on November 16, 1979 were recorded. The Dial-A-Devotion total number of calls was 700 with an average per day of 23.

Ministry & Membership: No report.

Trustees: Gene Fidler stated that he has been in search of the extra sump pump and has so far not had any luck. The storm windows will be completed soon.

Stewardship & Finance: Norman Peters reports that the income is down a little, but there are also higher expenses for winter so the budget is basically all right.

Christian Education Committee: The children will present a Christmas program on December 16, 1979. The rehearsal and party will be on the December 15, 1979.

Treasurer's Report: Bank Balance, \$3,742.44; General Fund Balance, \$780.13; Missions Fund Balance, \$779.80; Improvement Fund Balance, \$33.01; Non-Budget Balance, \$2,054.67; Dial-A-Devotion Balance, \$131.38; Expansion Fund Balance, \$36.55 (in the red); Expansion Fund Savings Balance, \$17,752.90 (Best Fund, \$9,439.07, Inez Howe Scholarship Fund, \$2,044.19 {minus} \$120.00 {which was} paid to Ball State for tuition-balance \$1,924.19.)

It was noted that {a church} refrigerator was {purchased}. A check was written {for it and} then returned by Bob McHolland {owner of the appliance store}.

The storm windows will be paid for from the Ed Best Fund as soon as the job is finished.

The USFW (Friend's Church Women's Society) gave \$2,000.00 to Quaker Haven and \$2,000.00 toward the Rose Window Fund for the storm windows.

Correspondence: FUM {Friends United Meeting} budget breakdown was distributed.

A note from Esther Hunt Hiatt, received just prior to her death, was read telling how she had lived in Winchester as a child and felt this is where her heart was - in our church. Comments were made by Austin {Cox} concerning his visit with her and how friendly and alert she was.

New Business: Dale Craig, Cub Scoutmaster through our church as sponsor, presented his intention to resign as Cubmaster and {that he} would like to be an adviser. He states that our church is a charter organization along with the Rotary Club and the charter is about to expire. It is his feeling that if we are to continue our charter, we should provide the leadership also. There is only one boy who attends this church who is also in cub scouts. The problem is that there is a lack of interest in our church for the program and in anyone being a Cubmaster. He suggests that a scouting coordinating committee is needed to help with the leadership. It was the decision of Monthly Meeting to let the charter expire and inform the scouting organization of this action. It was approved that if the Rotary or another group wants to continue with the charter, then they should continue to use our facilities.

Recently Keith gave a statement to the newspaper concerning the ringing of church bells at noon as a call to prayer for the hostages in Iran. All the churches in our country have been asked to ring their bells at noon. Keith's statement was very well phrased: he said that it is a chime for mankind, not against Iranians. We must also keep in mind that our country was not totally innocent of problems in Iran. It was the opinion of the Meeting that we must be very careful of our motives for the ringing and that everyone must understand that it is for a peaceful solution and only for the time being. It was approved to have Keith and Karen phrase the statement for the newspapers.

Keith would like to purchase some glass goblets in which to burn candles in the windows for the Christmas season. Cynthia Junco will check on these at Anchor Hocking and Dale Craig will check at Indiana Glass, Dunkirk. We need 16.

Keith also suggested that the outside Christmas tree be decorated by the youth this year. He will buy the lights. This was approved.

There being no further business, Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends is adjourned to meet January 6, 1980, or at the call of the Presiding Clerk.

Austin Cox, Presiding Clerk
Cynthia Junco, Recording Clerk

{The following is the questionnaire that was put into the bulletin for feedback from the congregation about attendance at Monthly Meetings and how to improve it. The numbers following the questions are the answers.}

Good morning! The concern about the lack of interest in "Monthly Meeting" has been discussed both in Ministry & Membership and in Monthly Meeting itself. I have agreed to do a short questionnaire and would appreciate your honesty in checking any boxes which reflect your feelings. If you wish to sign your name you are welcome to do so, however this is not essential. Thank you!

Karen Thomas,
Student Pastor

- 1) I attend Monthly Meeting because:
 - I feel it to be a privilege - 11 votes
 - I feel obligated to do so - 3 votes
 - I feel I should know the business of the church - 10 votes

- 2) I have not been coming to Monthly Meeting because:
 - I don't understand its function - 2 votes
 - I find it boring - 2 votes
 - It is held at an inconvenient time - 31 votes
 - I don't think it is vital to the life of the Meeting - {no responses}
 - I feel inadequate to participate in such a group - 12 votes
 - Other - (explain) - {no responses}

- 3) I might come to Monthly Meeting (or enjoy it more) if:
 - I better understood its purpose - 5 votes
 - It could somehow be more interesting or lively - 8 votes
 - It met at a different time such as: (circle one)
 - a. during Sunday School time - 19 votes
 - b. some evening (which) - Sunday - 1 vote,

Monday - 2 votes, Wednesday - 1 vote,
Friday - 1 vote, any evening - 1 vote
c. other suggestions - {no responses}
Other (explain) - 1) the length of the
meeting is too long; 2) it makes lunch too
late

- 4) I doubt that I would ever come to Monthly Meeting
no matter what changes were made or what additional
information I was given. - 4 votes

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For the News Gazette - 4 Dec. 1979

The Winchester Friends Church, at its monthly business meeting held last Sunday, decided to have its bell rung each noon for the next several days, as a means of helping the community to be aware of the hostage situation in Iran.

In approving this action, the congregation clarified its reasons by stating that the noon bell would be a "CALL TO PRAYER" reminder. "Persons are urged to pause for a time of prayer - first, a prayer of contrition," the church stated. "We need to always be penitent for our own sins and shortcomings. We should put our own house in order before we pray for others."

Secondly, the Friends Church wants to use the noon bell ringing as "a call to prayer for the Americans held hostage in Iran - for their personal safety and comfort. The families of the hostages should also be remembered in our prayers."

This noon call to prayer should include "the establishment and upholding of basic human rights in all parts of the world. Prayer for peaceful solutions to each of the world's many problems, including the present Iranian crisis, should be given," the Friends congregation asserts. "The way of Christ is the way of love - even suffering love at times."

Members in the Winchester Friends Church noted with appreciation the way President Carter has handled the present crisis so far - specifically the restraint he has shown, and his emphasis upon not retaliating against Iranians legally here in the United States, which would

only lower us to the level of the radicals who are holding the hostages should we have retaliated. In the noontime CALL TO PRAYER, the church asks the community "to pray for our government, and President Carter specifically, that God's Will might be discerned in crisis situation and that each government leader might have the courage and the conviction to follow that true Will of God."

Pastor Keith Kendall also stated that he would be giving thoughts on the present world crisis on the recorded messages available over the DIAL-A-DEVOTION during the next few days. You may dial 584-1161 anytime day or night for a two minute message from the Winchester Friends Church.

{This page has a photocopy of the photograph of the bell tower that appeared in the local newspaper, the News Gazette, on December 1, 1979. The caption below the photograph reads:}

Church bells will be ringing across the country each day at noon as a demonstration of American unity in the face of the current crisis in Iran, and at least some local churches will be participating in the demonstration. An American official now being held in Iran has suggested that the bell-ringing continue each day until the hostages are released. (Staff photo by William Jackson)

{This page has a photocopy of a newspaper article "Local Churches Participate - Bell-Ringing Is Symbol of American Unity." See the minutes book for the article.}

{This page has a photocopy of a newspaper article "Friends Church To Ring Bell At Noon." See the minutes book for the article.}