

## **Minutes**

Illinois Yearly Meeting

136<sup>th</sup> Annual Sessions 2010

Sixth Month, 16-20, 2010

### **MINUTES OF THE FIRST SESSION, Wednesday, June 16, 2010**

#### Minute 1

Our 136<sup>th</sup> annual sessions opened with deep and grateful worship.

#### Minute 2

Our Presiding Clerk, David Finke, read a description from Galatians of the fruits of the Spirit and talked of Robert Barclay's first experience with Friends describing the secret power he felt in the silence.

#### Minute 3

Our clerk talked of the welcome we have all felt as we arrived on the campus and our welcome with God. He discussed Quaker etiquette at a meeting for business.

#### Minute 4

We welcomed visitors Micah Bales from Great Plains Yearly Meeting, Vanessa Julye from Friends General Conference and a member of Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting, and Emma Condori-Mamani from Bolivian Mission Holiness Evangelical Friends Church in Bolivia. Assistant Clerk Tom Paxson read a traveling minute for Micah Bales from Great Plains Yearly Meeting. We welcomed Friends who are with us for the first time: Dennis Darling from Springfield Worship Group and Barbara Stanford from St. Louis Monthly Meeting.

#### Minute 5

The Clerk's Committee members for these sessions are Dawn Amos, Margaret Katranides, Pam Kuhn, Elizabeth Mertic, and Tom Paxson.

#### Minute 6

The Committee of Care for these sessions will be clerked by David Shiner, and includes Margaret Katranides and Mark Mattaini. Friends with any concerns during the sessions may contact them.

#### Minute 7

For the first time, we will have internet access on the yearly meeting site during sessions this year!

#### Minute 8

The recording clerk read a description of Epistle Committee. The Nominating Committee will bring forward names to serve on this committee at tomorrow's session.

#### Minute 9

The recording clerk read a description of Exercises Committee. Barbara Stanford volunteered to serve. Another Friend will be named tomorrow.

#### Minute 10

Sue Styer reported for the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee gave a first reading to the list of nominations of the coming year. These are listed in the advance document.

#### Minute 11

The committee recommends the following be part of the Nominating Committee practice. "Clerks of ILYM standing committees should be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Nominating Committee has followed the practice of recommending the clerks of those committees and submitting these in writing to the body in annual session or, as needed, to the Continuing Committee. When there is an urgent need to replace a committee clerk, the Nominating Committee may ask the committee to discern one from among its members. The committee should then ask Nominating Committee to bring his/her name to the next session (Continuing Committee or annual sessions) for confirmation. Outgoing clerks or standing committee members may also make recommendations to Nominating Committee regarding a committee clerk, based on their sense of the current needs of the committee and their acquaintance with the gifts and commitment to serve of the committee's members. Nominating Committee should prayerfully consider all such recommendations from committee members and should bring forward these names only when Nominating Committee has achieved a sense of clearness." Friends approve.

#### Minute 12

The Nominating Committee recommends that Illinois Yearly Meeting create a position of liaison to the newly formed Chicago Friends School. The meeting asked that this matter be discerned further during sessions by an ad hoc committee consisting of Bruce Kanarak, Elizabeth Mertic, and Cathy Garra.

#### Minute 13

The Nominating Committee is aware of the need to name four delegates to the FWCC World Conference of Friends in Kenya in 2012. The committee recommends but does not regard it as mandatory that the delegates also serve as ILYM representatives to FWCC Section of the Americas. The committee asks that these nominees be brought to the Fall Continuing Committee for action, in order to submit the names to FWCC by December 31, 2010. Friends approve.

#### Minute 14

The Naming Committee, Elizabeth Mertic, Margaret Katranides, and David Finke, will be bringing forward names of people to serve the Nominating Committee.

#### Minute 15

Judy Jager, Clerk of Finance Committee, reported for the Finance Committee. The committee recommends that the following people: Richard Ashdown, Steward; Roger Laughlin, Co-Treasurer; Dawn Amos, Co-Treasurer; Grace Mesner, member; and Sharon Haworth, Administrative Coordinator be authorized to have access to our safety deposit box at First State Bank in McNabb, Illinois. The committee recommends that the following people: Richard Ashdown, Steward; Roger Laughlin, Co-Treasurer; and Dawn Amos, Co-Treasurer be authorized to exercise all powers listed in the resolutions with First State Bank, including signing checks on behalf of Illinois Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. Friends approve.

#### Minute 16

Peter Lasersohn reported for the Faith and Practice Committee. The Faith and Practice Committee is working on the part of the *Faith and Practice* book which describes our structure and organization. The Faith and Practice Committee recommends that the meeting adopt the subsection dealing with monthly meeting structure and organization. The subsection will be adopted for a 5-year provisional period prior to inclusion in our *Faith and Practice* book. The committee read one part of the section (through the description of the library) to the meeting. Friends approve this section.

Minute 17

The Faith and Practice Committee has printed a new set of booklets containing those sections of the *Faith and Practice* book which have been approved so far; these are available for Friends to take.

Minute 18

Dawn Amos reported on the name change of her home meeting from “Southern Illinois Society of Friends” to “Southern Illinois Quaker Meeting”. Friends accept this change.

Minute 19

We closed with announcements and a time of worship in silence.

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND SESSION, June 17, 2010**

Minute 20

To open our session, David Finke read from a poem by John Greenleaf Whittier.

Minute 21

We welcomed visitors and Amy Lohmolder from Lake Forest Meeting who is with us for the first time. Our reading clerk, Monica Tetzlaff, read a letter of introduction for Valerie Groszmann, visitor from Friends General Conference and a member of Kalamazoo Friends Meeting of Lake Erie Yearly Meeting.

Minute 22

Our reading clerk, Monica Tetzlaff, read excerpts from epistles from the Netherlands Yearly Meeting, Japan Yearly Meeting, and Ireland Yearly Meeting.

Minute 23

Mira Tanna reported for the Nominating Committee. The committee brought forward the following names for the Epistle Committee: Monica Tetzlaff, Wil Brandt, Steve Tamari, and Zoe Rei. Friends approve.

Minute 24

The Exercises Committee will be Barbara Stanford and Jinny Laughlin. Friends approve.

Minute 25

Beth Schobernd reported for the Ad Hoc Committee for the Mills Property. The Committee serves as a forum among and between The Environmental Concerns Committee, the Finance Committee, the Maintenance and Planning Committee, the Site Envisioning and Development Committee, the Illinois Yearly Meeting Stewards, and Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, gathering and sharing information as an aid to increasing transparency as we more fully integrate the Mills property into the yearly meeting. A full report is included in the minute book.

Minute 26

The committee recommends that the house on the west side of the property be known as the “Clear Creek House of Illinois Yearly Meeting” to honor the generations of stewardship provided by the local meeting. The property is owned by the yearly meeting and we expect it to have many uses for both the yearly meeting and the monthly meeting. Friends approve.

#### Minute 27

The committee recommended at the Continuing Committee meeting in March, 2010, that the Ministry and Advancement Committee research the kinds of programs, workshops and retreats that Friends would like to have during the year at our yearly meeting site.

#### Minute 28

The committee recommends that it be continued for one additional year. Friends approve. The revised charge will be as follows. "The Ad Hoc Committee for the Mills Property will focus on finalizing preparations for readying the Clear Creek House for day use by yearly meeting committees and groups and ultimately for overnight use, while we continue to serve as a forum for sharing information among our representative committees and Clear Creek Monthly Meeting." Friends approve. The committee will continue to consist of representatives from the committees and groups named above. Friends approve.

#### Minute 29

Co-clerks Neil Mesner and Maurine Pyle presented the Maintenance and Planning Committee report. During the 2009 summer session of ILYM, the yearly meeting united to purchase a six-acre property with a farmhouse and outbuildings adjacent to the yearly meeting site. The Stewards and the Maintenance and Planning Committee were charged with repairing the farmhouse and cleaning up the six-acre property. To help guide our work, the committee facilitated a visioning workshop in January, 2010. The brainstorms from that process are listed on the website.

#### Minute 30

The M&P committee and Stewards, along with Clear Creek Friends and the Environmental Concerns Committee, did a tremendous amount of work over the past year, both restoring the house and cleaning up the property. All of these many accomplishments are listed in the M&P report elsewhere in minute book. The total cost of renovation of the property as of June, 2010, was \$79,199. Additional costs of \$6,008 include insurance, utilities, and mowing. The total costs for the year were \$85,207. This was taken from the Property Improvement Fund.

#### Minute 31

M&P identified some directions the meeting could take in making the house more accessible and other repairs. These suggestions will be further discerned by the Maintenance and Planning Committee as well as the Capital Assets Management Plan (CAMP) this week and reported to the meeting during Saturday sessions.

#### Minute 32

A Furnishing Committee, appointed by M&P, will discern decisions regarding the selection of furniture. The Furnishing Committee, Beth Schobernd, Sandy Bales, and Nancy Finke, along with Clear Creek Friends, would like input and ideas. They are meeting during sessions.

#### Minute 33

Roy Treadway reported for the Environmental Concerns Committee. The committee completed many projects in the past year. A full report of the committee is available elsewhere in the minute book.

#### Minute 34

The Environmental Concerns Committee is planning such things as a place of contemplation and placement of memorial trees. The committee has completed the document, "Landscaping Guidelines for the Mills Property." They have also completed mapping our campus, including all of the trees.

#### Minute 35

Friends are encouraged to walk around our campus and take time to make a closer connection to nature. We have the prairie just coming into bloom and alive with redwing blackbirds. Listen for the great horned owls which are living in our barn. They sound like this, “hoo hoo hoo”, or the babies, “zeep zeep zeep”.

#### Minute 36

Our reading clerk read the report from the stewards. The Stewards reported on the final costs for the new property which the meeting purchased at sessions last summer. The purchase price for the new property in June, 2009, came to \$140,527.50 plus additional closing costs of \$7,762.12, making a total of \$148,289.62. Included in the closing costs are the attorney costs, advance money paid by Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, and taxes from the previous year (by agreement). A complete report is elsewhere in the minute book.

#### Minute 37

ILYM received a Property Tax Exemption on the six-acre farmstead based on an appeal with the State of Illinois. The meeting continues to pay property tax on the campground and on the one-acre parcel between the original property and the farmstead. This tax is less than \$100/year. The yearly meeting thanks the Stewards for all their work including, along with some members of the Finance Committee, going through the appeal process to secure our property tax exemption.

#### Minute 38

The Stewards have arranged for mowing of the property. Some of this work is being done in exchange for storage space in one of our sheds.

#### Minute 39

The Stewards hired a consultant to complete a Capital Assets Management Plan. This will be seasoned further by the Maintenance and Planning Committee (including the Stewards.)

#### Minute 40

The Stewards have updated our insurance policy to include the entire campus.

#### Minute 41

Chip Rorem reported for the Site Envisioning and Development Committee. The committee recommends that it be split into two committees, a Site Envisioning Committee and a Development Committee. Friends approve. A full description is in the SED report elsewhere in the minute book. The summary charges are given in the next two minutes.

#### Minute 42

The Development Committee will be taking the opportunity to listen to the visions of the yearly meeting based in the spirituality of our membership and will include the work embraced by all of the testimonies. The committee considers funding for this work. The model followed is one of love. Out of love, we give to the next generation. In love, we must listen to the givers. This process is slow. Some of us will die before we give. Others will give sooner. The time of giving is (and should be) chosen by the giver. Listening is a large part of development.

The details of the charge need to be developed by the committee. It will include documenting how and when Friends intend to give. With discretion, the committee will share relevant information with the Site Envisioning Committee and other committees that may need funding. The committee may be called to assist in raising funds for an upcoming project where funds are required quickly. The committee might seek professional or formal training relating to soliciting donations. This has been

done in the past through the assistance of Henry Freeman. As new Friends are involved the committee may be led to empower them with this type of information. Friends approve.

Minute 43

The Site Envisioning Committee is charged with gathering the dreams and goals of the Yearly Meeting and its committees. This charge pertains to the entire campus (new and old buildings and outdoor spaces.) The committee might hold periodic Visioning Retreats or workshops with the other committees (M&A, ECC, PRC, & M&P,) to develop and consolidate the collective vision. The committee is required to consolidate and reconcile these dreams and goals into an overall plan. This work will become the basis for a presentation to the Meeting at large, to be made during the annual sessions. This presentation will include plans, budgets, and timelines. The committee will take the guidance of the Yearly Meeting and refine the vision as directed. Some of the work of this committee may require the hiring of outside consultants. The committee plans to make a report at the 2011 annual sessions. Friends approve.

Minute 44

The Site Envisioning Committee or the Development Committee may bring recommendations for hiring consultants for action by the yearly meeting's Continuing Committee. Friends approve.

Minute 45

Peter Lasersohn reported for the Faith and Practice Committee. The committee recommends that the meeting adopt the subsection dealing with monthly meeting structure and organization. The subsection will be adopted for a 5-year provisional period prior to inclusion in our *Faith and Practice* book. The committee read another part of the section (from the Religious Education Committee description through the queries for State of Society report) to the meeting. Friends approve this section with the exception of one query to be reviewed by the committee.

Minute 46

The session closed with announcements and worship.

**MINUTES OF THE THIRD SESSION, Friday, June 18, 2010**

Minute 47

We opened with worship. David Finke talked of a passage from Isaac Pennington's *Some Directions to the Panting Soul*.

Minute 48

After asking if our hearts and minds are ready for our meeting for business, our Presiding Clerk, David Finke, welcomed all. Monica Tetzlaff read a letter of introduction for Vanessa Julye, a staff representative of Friends General Conference.

Minute 49

The presiding clerk read a passage quoted in ILYM Faith and Practice from George Fox's admonition, "So Friends are not to meet like a company of people about town or parish business..."

Minute 50

Monica Tetzlaff read epistles from Germany Yearly Meeting, Monteverde Monthly Meeting, and Central and Southern Africa Yearly Meeting.

Minute 51

Mariellen Gilpin reported for the Ministry and Advancement Committee. A number of new initiatives have taken shape in Ministry and Advancement Committee during the last year, including facilitating a

web presence for every meeting; providing advice and information on death and dying; and dreaming of year-round retreats and workshops, hopefully on a regional basis, to make it easier for more Friends to become involved and to grow in the Spirit. A detailed report is in the Minute book.

#### Minute 52

M&A held a web workshop last year and continues to support meetings in creating websites as an important signpost for our meetings. Contact Mariellen Gilpin for more information.

#### Minute 53

M&A is working on providing materials and advice that help Friends deal with death as an integral part of our spiritual lives, and practice loving community in the face of a death. The basic premise is that every death is a spiritual experience. As a community, we hope to help make possible spiritual growth through choosing to be fully present in all stages of the death, dying, grief, and transitions process. Some materials are available, including a Memorial Meeting Preparation Checklist.

#### Minute 54

At the visioning workshop facilitated by the Maintenance and Planning Committee in January, 2010, the desire came forward to have more programs (retreats, workshops, etc.) during the year. M&A has been asked by Continuing Committee to discern this possibility. M&A is already planning regional workshops on various topics. The committee is gathering information in response to three questions: 1) What practical arrangements do I need to come to an ILYM retreat? 2) What would help me decide to come to a retreat within 125 miles of my home? 3) If cost would be a limiting factor, what would be my upper limit to attend a retreat? The committee is continuing to collect responses for a workshop at sessions this year. The committee is also looking for creative ways to have retreats and workshops that will include Friends who have little discretionary income and hope that monthly meetings will also reach out to these Friends.

#### Minute 55

The Ministry and Advancement Committee expresses our deep appreciation for the loving work, over many decades, of four Friends who are now leaving the committee: David Shiner, Janet Means Underhill, Margaret Katranides, and Nancy Duncan.

#### Minute 56

Paul Buckley reported on his activities as Field Secretary for the year. A complete report is in the minute book. Strengthening our small, scattered communities (which includes all of us) and increasing outreach have been at the heart of the work of the Field Secretary. To that end, the Field Secretary has starting traveling with a collection of books to sell or give to monthly meetings and worship groups to help in the exploration of topics relevant to that group. The "traveling bookstore" is under the care of the Ministry and Advancement Committee. The Field Secretary reminded Friends of the importance of preparing in advance for new visitors to our meeting, especially people of color. If we wait until someone is standing in our doorway before preparing a place for them in our meeting, it is too late. The Field Secretary has also visited meetings and worship groups, made presentations on various topics, and held a one-day silent retreat open to Friends from any ILYM meeting.

#### Minute 57

Elizabeth Mertic reported for the ad hoc committee concerning the Nominating Committee's request that we have a liaison to the Chicago Friends School. The group recommends that the yearly meeting not appoint a liaison at this time but that we reconsider if the Chicago Friends School asks for one. Friends approve.

#### Minute 58

Co-Treasurer, Dawn Amos, gave the Treasurers' report. The activities of the yearly meeting are largely supported by contributions of monthly meetings. Our Property Improvement Fund is a restricted fund that is mostly supported by individuals.

#### Minute 59

Our yearly meeting fiscal year ends June 30. The final reports will be put into the minute book and brought to the Continuing Committee meeting in the fall.

#### Minute 60

Last year the yearly meeting approved an increase in the suggested donation from monthly meetings. Monthly meetings have begun to make these increases, but it takes more than a year before the yearly meeting receives this because of the difference in fiscal years in many cases.

#### Minute 61

The co-Treasurer described our Net Assets by Fund report. Reading down the columns, the unrestricted, not designated activities reflected our year as usual. Expenditures in our Property Improvement Fund exceeded income during this year.

#### Minute 62

Co-Treasurer Roger Laughlin gave the first reading of the budget for FY11.

#### Minute 63

Judy Jager reported for the Finance Committee. It is now possible to donate to the yearly meeting via the meeting website. The yearly meeting receives 97% of the donated amount. The committee has developed a master list of items in the ILYM safe deposit box. The committee plans an informal audit of the yearly meeting books for October, 2010. Finance Committee reminds Friends that when committee expenses exceed the budgeted amount by 10% or \$5000, whichever is lower, the overage must be considered by the Review Committee before the expenditure is made.

#### Minute 64

The Finance Committee proposes adding the following queries to those the Review Committee considers when evaluating requests for expenses pertaining to the buildings and grounds: "If an unexpected opportunity or expense has become apparent related to the yearly meeting's real property (land, buildings, equipment), the committee may also consider the following additional queries. Is this work fulfilling a part of our vision toward the future of our site or is it maintenance (repair or replacement) to our existing buildings and grounds? If this expense is part of the new vision, does it fit within the restrictions and expectations of the donors to the Property Improvement Fund?" Friends approve.

#### Minute 65

The Finance Committee recommends that the Maintenance and Planning Committee be asked to identify a prioritized list of projects, with anticipated costs, the total of which would need review if exceeded; and that the Continuing Committee be empowered to authorize projects which Maintenance and Planning does not identify before the end of our current annual sessions. Friends approve.

#### Minute 66

Peter Lasersohn reported for the Faith and Practice Committee (F&P). The committee revised Query 10 from the set of queries in the state of society section read yesterday. The new query will be, "What is the witness of the meeting? Is this witness apparent to the general public?" Friends approve.



#### Minute 67

The F&P committee recommends that the meeting adopt the subsection dealing with monthly meeting structure and organization. The subsection will be adopted for a 5-year provisional period prior to inclusion in our *Faith and Practice* book. The committee read another part of the section (from Responsibilities of the monthly meetings under its care through the end of the section) to the meeting. Friends approve with the exception of two concerns to be held over.

#### Minute 68

The Presiding Clerk brought forward information about activities and concerns about our Quaker Volunteer Service, Training, and Witness Committee (QVSTWC). The assistant clerk presided during this discussion.

#### Minute 69

Quaker Volunteer Service, Training, & Witness ("QVSTWC") has been a standing committee since 1995, preceded by an ad hoc committee on relations with AFSC. Much has changed since 1995 with many of the committee's original goals met. Last year, QVSTWC reported on two hopeful new developments in Quaker service, regionally and nationally (pp. 37-39 of the 2009 Minute book.) A unit called "Quaker Volunteer Service" has now begun in Chicago with 57<sup>th</sup> Street Meeting underwriting it and providing spiritual care. It has an oversight committee comprised of Friends from a number of monthly meetings. Also, a new "Quaker Voluntary Service Network" has arisen following a consultation at Pendle Hill in February, 2009, attended by three of our members. And, we note ongoing workcamp activity among the Lakota people in a project under care of St. Louis Meeting. However, as reported in our previous years' minutes, the committee has had reduced activity and diminished numbers in recent years, although administering the Ken Ives Scholarship Fund. The remaining members, mostly unable to attend these sessions, have asked that they be released and that the committee be laid down.

#### Minute 70

In 2007, QVSTWC brought forward a series of queries to the yearly meeting. These were read again to the body. Friends gave witness to experience doing service projects. There is a sense that service opportunities should be made available for young adult Friends, for retired Friends, and even some in between these ages. We recognized many opportunities for service with outside organizations and opportunities for service around the yearly meeting grounds. Mark Mattaini, Chuck Hutchcraft, and Elizabeth Mertic were asked to form an ad hoc group and to bring a report to Continuing Committee on ILYM involvement in service opportunities. Friends approved releasing members of QVSTWC of their duties.

#### Minute 71

The Presiding Clerk closed with announcements and worship.

### **MINUTES OF THE FOURTH SESSION, Saturday, June 19, 2010**

#### Minute 72

We opened the day with our meeting for worship with the reading of memorial minutes and continued into our worship for business. Presiding Clerk David Finke shared words of guidance from Edward Burrough in 1662 to proceed in the wisdom of God.

#### Minute 73

We again welcomed visitors who were introduced earlier in the sessions.

#### Minute 74

Reading Clerk Monica Tetzlaff read selections from epistles from Great Plains Yearly Meeting, Australia Yearly Meeting, and New York Yearly Meeting.

#### Minute 75

The Recording Clerk, Pam Kuhn, read a correction to Minute 56. This has been incorporated in that minute.

#### Minute 76

Chuck Hutchcraft reported for the Peace Resources Committee. The committee's purpose has evolved to explore how to work for peace beyond simply opposing war, and how to speak this truth to power grounded in the Light. A full report is included in the Minute book. Highlights include the Peace Testimony Workshop, including a do-it-yourself version for meetings which is now being used and new workshops being developed to explore the dynamics of peacemaking, bringing back the blog where Friends can contribute to the question of "how do you see peace", and an effort to stop state-sponsored torture. Working for peace must become a way of being. It is further the sense of the committee that to effect this way of being it is important not only necessitates being firmly rooted in the Light, it also requires the skilled knowledge and use of peacemaking tools, some of which already exist and some of which have yet to be developed. It is incumbent upon Quakers, one of the historical peace churches, to take on this job.

#### Minute 77

PRC recommends ILYM adopt the following minute: "As Friends we hold dearly to the tenet that there is that of God in everyone. Holding every life in the Light, we abhor the use of torture or abuse of prisoners, whether by our own or any other government. Torture degrades everyone involved – policymaker, perpetrator and victim. To understand the causes, nature, and scope of this cruel and inhuman practice by our government and to ensure that this cruel and inhuman practice will never again be carried out in our name, we join the call for an impartial, nonpartisan, and independent commission of inquiry. To find restoration, we must know truth." Friends approved with two Friends standing aside.

#### Minute 78

Friends feel a call to actively engage with the Peace Resources Committee to further seek active ways that our yearly meeting can work to eliminate the use of torture.

#### Minute 79

Co-Treasurers Dawn Amos and Roger Laughlin reported on the budget. Next spring the Finance Committee will review changes in the donations to others. The Treasurers asked for approval of the budget. Friends approve.

#### Minute 80

Co-clerk Neil Mesner and Steward Tim Narkiewicz reported for the Maintenance and Planning Committee. The committee will be concentrating on two things next year: stabilizing the piers under the meeting room for an estimated \$800 and repairing a roof for an estimated \$3000. Other items mentioned in the Maintenance and Planning report will be seasoned further.

#### Minute 81

The committee is seasoning the Capital Assets Management Plan report that was prepared by a consultant. The committee will meet with him again and then create a plan for property. M&P will be holding weekly conference calls to prepare for this meeting. M&P hopes to bring a complete report to Continuing Committee. M&P may bring other improvements to Continuing Committee for approval.

[See Minute 65] This is an ongoing process. It will help us plan our goals and how we will meet them.

#### Minute 82

The yearly meeting, which owns the property, and Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, which cares for the property during the year, work together in the loving oversight of our building and grounds. The Maintenance and Planning Committee, Site Envisioning, Environmental Concerns, Finance Committee, and the ad hoc Committee on the Mills property are all part of the yearly meeting work on the property. In this year of planning, capital improvements to the Clear Creek House of Illinois Yearly Meeting and other areas of the campus will be considered and acted on after reports are brought to the yearly meeting for action.

#### Minute 83

Roy Treadway gave a second report for the Environmental Concerns Committee. The committee has been exploring procedures and materials to cover or “green” the Meetinghouse kitchen roof with plants. The committee will experiment on a 48-square-foot area with a \$250 mini-grant from Quaker Earthcare Witness, matched with \$250 from Illinois Yearly Meeting. Last summer, ECC collected 230 postcards for the Countdown to the Copenhagen Conference on Climate Change. The committee has been mapping trees, writing a recycling coordinator description, and reviewing the use of a compost bin at sessions, and will be working on some of the FWCC concerns on global change initiatives. Our property is an oasis for wildlife and the committee urges that this is be part of our planning process.

#### Minute 84

Environmental Concerns Committee is planning to plant a memorial tree in memory of Robert Wixom. The committee will be erecting a purple martin house from Paul Schobernd’s collection of things.

#### Minute 85

Sarah Pavlovic presented the final report of the Nominating Committee with officers, committees, and individuals with specific responsibilities listed for the coming year. Friends approve. These will be listed in the minute book. Some positions not yet filled will be brought to Continuing Committee for action.

#### Minute 86

Peter Lasersohn reported for the Faith and Practice Committee. The committee presented two changes to the section on monthly meeting organization and structure read yesterday. Friends approve.

#### Minute 87

The committee asks Friends to read carefully the section on Worship Groups, Recognized Meetings, and Preparative Meetings and send comments to the committee. The section is posted on the website.

#### Minute 88

A Friend expressed concern about the reception of the report from the Peace Resources Committee. Out of worship came forward the value of Quaker process that happened during the PRC report and the committee’s increased commitment to communication. Peace witness is how we are known in the world and how we must proceed in love for the work of all of our committees. As Paul spoke to early congregations, we are one body. We value the parts of body and are grateful for the body as a whole.

#### Minute 89

We closed with worship.

## **MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SESSION, Sunday, June 20, 2010**

### Minute 90

We heard outgoing epistles from the Fireflies (3-5 year olds), 6-8 year olds, 9-14 year olds, High School Friends, and Adult Young Friends. (These are elsewhere in the minute book.)

### Minute 91

The Epistle Committee read the epistle for the yearly meeting. Friends approve. This is elsewhere in the Minute Book.

### Minute 92

The Exercises Committee read the exercises for the yearly meeting. Friends accept them. These are elsewhere in the Minute Book.

### Minute 93

David Shiner reported on Friends World Committee for Consultation. A report is elsewhere in the minute book. FWCC will hold a World Conference in 2012 in Kenya. The theme is "Being Salt and Light: Friends living the Kingdom of God in a broken world". ILYM is invited to send four delegates.

ILYM's Ministry and Advancement Committee is supporting regional gatherings held by FWCC Section of the Americas centered around the theme of Salt and Light in October in preparation for the World Gathering. [See Minute 13]

### Minute 94

Naming Committee will report and bring names for action to the Continuing Committee.

### Minute 95

We ended the 136<sup>th</sup> annual sessions with worship.