

# WINCHESTER MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

**1955-1959**

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**From: WINCHESTER MONTHLY MEETING**  
**OF FRIENDS**

**MINUTES**

**JANUARY 1955**

**TO**

**DECEMBER 1976**

**OPENING MINUTE**

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 the Representatives to Quarterly Meeting to the proper one.  
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 YEAR

Representatives to Yearly Meeting appointed for approval before May Quarterly Meeting. Send 1 name for Representative and 1 for Alternate.  
Memorials should be sent by August to the Quarterly Meeting.  
Name one for Nominating Committee for the Quarterly Meeting by May for 3 year term to expire 1960, 1963, 1966, 1969.  
Yearly reports are expected from all standing committees, organized classes, and organizations.  
Chairman of the Nominating Committee is the one appointed by the Monthly Meeting.

The following have a Representative on the Nominating Committee:

- 1. Monthly Meeting - Chairman
- 2. Golden Band Class 1960, 1963, 1966, 1969
- 3. Quaker Girls 1960, 1963, 1966, 1969
- 4. Women's Society 1960, 1963, 1966, 1969
- 5. Quaker Men 1961, 1964, 1967, 1970
- 6. Junior Dept. of Sunday School 1961, 1964, 1967, 1970
- 7. Ministry & Counsel 1961, 1964, 1967, 1970
- 8. William Penn Class 1962, 1965, 1968, 1971
- 9. Friendly Circle Class 1962, 1965, 1968, 1971
- 10. Youth Group -  
    President or Representative 1962, 1965, 1968, 1971

Quarterly Meeting Dinners:  
November---Golden Band Class  
February---Quaker Girls Class  
August-----William Penn Class

January 2, 1955

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 1st month, 2nd day, 1955 with an attendance of 45.

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

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance for Morning Worship was 122 and for Evening 59.

From the Ministry & Counsel a concern for a series of meetings in our church was presented. The Meeting approved with the time to be set by Kenneth Pickering.

A letter of request for transfer of membership to Clear Creek Meeting from Kenneth Overman was read and approved. A transfer of membership from the Presbyterian Church to our church for Mrs. Nellie Baird was read and approved. Irene Thornburg and some one she chooses is the committee to call.

Inez Napier was a visitor and expressed her happiness in being here.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 2nd month, 6th day, 1955.

Delight Jones, Presiding Clerk  
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

February 6, 1955

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 2nd month, 6th day, 1955 with an attendance of 36.

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

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance for Morning Worship Service as 111 and for the Evening as 41.

From the Statistical chairman: The 50th wedding anniversary of Ed and Cecil Fidler was celebrated by them on January 25, 1955. The death of John Cox on January 30, 1955.

From the Ministry & Counsel: the membership transfer of Ivan and Darlene Slusher with their children, David and Deborah, was presented. The Meeting approved. Walter and Pauline Mills with someone else of their choice are to call.

The tentative date for the series of meetings is beginning on March 14, 1955.

Delegates appointed to the Quarterly Meeting were as follows: Bertha Heaston, Grace and Evelyn Cox, Kenneth Pickering, Vada Coon, Naomi Flatter, Marvin Thornburg, Walter Mills.

Kenneth Boomer, speaking for the Trustees, asked for permission of the Monthly Meeting to go ahead with the interior decoration of the Meeting House. Approval was voiced. He also asked that a committee to select the color be appointed. The committee appointed and approved was: Mildred Johnston, chairman, Bertha Heaston, Frances Thornburg, Delight Jones, and Mary Anderson. In working over the wall with new plastering, much work was caused and the janitor was told to present a bill which was approved.

It was brought to the attention of the Meeting that anything going on in the church not noted in the bulletin should be called to the attention of the janitor.

Kenneth Pickering asked that anyone knowing of any sickness should notify him.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 3rd month, 6th day, 1955.

Delight Jones, Presiding Clerk  
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

March 6, 1955

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 3rd month, 6th day, 1955 with an attendance of 37.

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

Walter Mills reported that he and Pauline, along with Robert and Eunice Cooper, made the call on the Ivan Slusher family.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance for Morning Worship as 103 and for Evening as 48.

Bertha Heaston reported that she and Irene Thornburg made the call on Nellie Baird.

The Ministry & Counsel recommended that Kenneth Pickering continue another year; also an increase in salary from \$75.00 to \$80.00 a week. The Meeting voiced approval. It also recommended sending a telegram to Washington expressing our opposition to proposed laws concerning the military affairs of our country. Charles Cates explained some of the proposals. It was approved and Charles Cates was asked to send the telegram or telegrams as he saw the need.

Applications for membership and committees to call are the following: Garnet Botkin - committee to call: Estella Moore; Ora Smith - committee to call: Kenneth and Helen Boomer; Opal Mosier - committee to call: Estella Moore; Rosemary Lee - committee to call: Marlin and Delight Jones; Jennie Lee - committee to call: Marlin and Delight Jones. A transfer to Scipio Monthly Meeting Poplar Ridge, New York was granted to Cynthia Kamp.

The death of Cordelia McCamish on February 4, 1955 and the death of Alma Ringley on February 26, 1955 were reported.

A letter from R. Furnas Trueblood concerning the Junior Camp which is to be June 22-26, 1955 was read. It stated the information concerning this camp which of necessity limits the number {of campers}. The number {from} our Quarterly Meeting will be ten. Mark Shugart is chairman of the committee for the selection. Our Christian Education committee will present names to him for selection.

A letter from James F. Walker, Executive Secretary of the Friends World Committee, concerning the work and informing us that there is an office in Wilmington, Ohio under the leadership of Ralph A. Rose; also that as a Monthly Meeting we have not included financial aid to this work in our budget. It was suggested that consideration of this work might be included in our budget for next year.

Bertha Heaston gave a detailed report of the Quarterly Meeting.

A note of appreciation from the Cordelia McCamish family was read.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 4th month, 3rd day, 1955.

Delight Jones, Presiding Clerk  
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

April 3, 1955

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 4th month, 3rd day, 1955 with an attendance of 48.

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

Kenneth and Helen Boomer reported the call on Ora Smith was made, but the other committees to call asked for more time.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance at Morning Worship as 113 and Evening as 52. The average attendance for the ten nights of the revival services was 50.

Statistical Report: the wedding of Austin Cox and Rosalyn Dwiggin on March 6, 1955; the death of Ardella Gray on March 14, 1955 and the death of Bessie Williams on March 23, 1955.

The Ministry & Counsel presented and the Monthly Meeting approved of the following for membership: Grant and Louise Stewart and children, Gary L. and Gene A. - committee to call: Gordon and Eloise Keys, Walter and Pauline Mills; Rosalyn D. Cox, {committee to call:} Charles and Elizabeth Cates; Wallace and Edna Fields - {committee to call:} John and Ardith Coon.

A letter from J.R. McCracken was read of the Quaker Haven Foundation Board expressing the appreciation for the financial aid that has been given in the past, and the need for continued contributions for the needed improvements and upkeep work such as painting and rewiring. This item of need is to be handed to the Finance Committee for study and action. Approved.

Charles Cates brought to the attention of the Meeting the National Reserve Plan of Military Training stating that his information was that personal letters were more effective than telegrams so he had not felt it wise to send the telegrams. All letters need to be sent to the Armed Forces committee at present.

All the church repair and redecorating has not been finished as yet, so the contributions need to be continued as reported by Kenneth Boomer.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 5th month, 1st day, 1955.

Delight Jones, Presiding Clerk  
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

May 1, 1955

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 5th month, 1st day, 1955 with an attendance of 45.

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

The calling committees reported as following: Walter and Pauline Mills on Grant and Louise Stewart and family; Marlin and Delight Jones on Jennie and Rosemary Lee; Estella Moore on Opal Mosier.

The wedding of Kathleen Keever to Jesse Waggoner on April 3, 1955 was reported. Reported were the deaths of the following: Bessie Stine on April 7, 1955; Rosa Painter on April 19, 1955; and Ora Study on April 28, 1955.

From the Ministry & Counsel was the transfer from the Methodist Church of Melba Martzell and minor sons, Jerry and Shane, to our membership. The Meeting voiced approval. The committee to call is Max and Janet Copeland with someone else.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Gordon Keys thanked the people for the financial support they had given the Finance Committee.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance at Morning Worship as 140 and Evening as 45. At the morning Easter Cantata there were 181 and on the Thursday Evening Service before {Easter there were} 225.

The State of Society report was read and approved.

The two delegates to the Yearly Meeting for the Quarterly Meeting were Estella Moore and Edna Hinshaw. Approved.

Sammy Hinshaw was approved for chairman of the Nominating Committee for the Monthly Meeting for the coming year.

Delegates of the Quarterly Meeting are as follows: Edna Hinshaw, Bertha Heaston, Walter Mills, Sammy Hinshaw, Helen Thornhill, Orville and Nellie Pickett, Esther Overman, Lena Bales, Mabel Mills, Estella Moore, Kenneth and Ruthanna Pickering.

Charles Cates and Esther Overman were named and approved to act on the Nominating Committee for the Quarterly Meeting.

Kenneth Pickering brought to the attention of the Monthly Meeting the lack of response for both children and teachers for the Daily Vacation Bible School.

Charles Cates called attention to a Service Committee Meeting in Anderson.

The cost of the Easter breakfast was taken care of by donations and the Christian Endeavor paying some \$2.00.

Marvin Thornburg mentioned again the Old Folks Home at what seems to be the logical place, White's Institute.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 6th month, 5th day, 1955.

Gordon Keys, Asst. Presiding Clerk  
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

June 5, 1955

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 6th month, 5th day, 1955 with an attendance of 40.

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

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average Morning {Worship Service} attendance as 141 and the Evening as 52.

The statistical chairman reported the death of John Stine on May 7, 1955 and the birth of Pamela Hartzell (daughter of Kathleen Carver Hartzell).

The committees reported calls made: Estella Moore on Garnet Botkin. John and Ardith Coon on Wallace and Edna Fields. Max and Janet Copeland on Melba Martzell.

From the Ministry & Counsel was a Memorial of deceased members. Monthly Meeting approved.

It was approved that the request of Kenneth Pickering for vacation in July (three Sundays) be granted. Ministry & Counsel had approved.

Ruthanna Pickering reported favorably on Daily Vacation Bible School.

Walter Mills reported on the Quarterly Meeting. The meetings are progressing well. Mark Shugart gave an outstanding message for the Morning Worship {Service}. An unusually congenial and fine meeting, Esther Overman reported. Roy Huffman mentioned particularly the number of young men asking to become ministers.

Mary Clevenger's request for membership as approved by the Ministry & Counsel was approved by the Monthly Meeting. The committee to call is Pauline Keener and Estella Moore.

Kenneth Boomer reported on the church improvement. Everything is paid but painting trim on church, parsonage and garage, and painting parsonage and garage with some minor repairs. It was felt that the balance in the fund would take care of these items.

Nominating Committee. Monthly Meeting - Samuel Hinshaw, chairman. Golden Band Class - Irene Thornburg. William Penn Class - Mildred Johnston. Friendly Circle - Alice Warnes. Quaker Girls - Helen Thornhill. Quaker Men - Verl Anderson. Women's Society - Estella Moore. Ministry & Counsel - Mabel Mills. Junior Department Sunday School - Helen Boomer.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 7th month, 3rd day, 1955.

Delight Jones, Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Asst. Recording Clerk

July 3, 1955

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 7th month, 3rd day, 1955 with an attendance of 38.

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

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance as 121 and the evening as 96.

The Statistical Committee reported the death of Zora Cox on June 4, 1955; the marriage of Helen Colvin and Paul Freeman on June 19, 1955; and the marriage of Jane Adams and David Jones on June 25, 1955.

The committee to call on Mary Clevenger will report later.

The Nominating Committee report was read and approved.

Edna Hinshaw expressed a concern for light plugs in the basement especially for the benefit of sewing ladies. The matter was referred to the Trustees. The Meeting expressed approval that this matter be taken care of.

Vada Coon expressed concern for new chairs for Philip Kabel's William Penn Class. The matter was referred to the Trustees. The Meeting expressed approval that this should be taken care of.

The Meeting wished Kenneth Pickering and family a safe journey and pleasant vacation.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 8th month, 7th day, 1955.

Delight Jones, Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Asst. Recording Clerk

August 7, 1955

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 8th month, 7th day, 1955 with an attendance of 43.

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

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance as 79.

From the Statistical Committee: the death of Ida Bailey on July 11, 1955; the marriage of Joyce Overman to Edward Bowman on July 25, 1955; the marriage of Beverly Harrison and John Cover on July 31, 1955 were reported.

Reports were read from the following: Trustees; Finance Committee with proposed budget for 1955-1956 which was approved; Music; Stewardship; Christian Education; Missionary; Statistical; and Peace and Service committees; Women's Society; the Friendly Circle and Golden Band classes.

Quarterly Meeting delegates appointed were as follows: Alice Summers, Nellie Baird, Florence Haworth, Lena Bales, Walter Mills, Ruthanna Pickering, and Grace Warren.

Attention was called to the Fairborn Project which needs \$2,000.00. The Meeting approved of helping at the rate of \$1.00 per member referring the project to the Finance Committee.

Cards of expression of appreciation for remembrance on the death of Luther L. Hinshaw and Ida M. Bailey were read.

Payment for installing the bulletin board was brought up, but it was decided it could be paid outside the Monthly Meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 9th month, 4th day, 1955.

Esther Overman, Presiding Clerk pro tem  
Caroline Vaupel, Recording Clerk

September 4, 1955

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held in the Friends Meeting House, 9th month, 4th day, 1955 with an attendance of 50.

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

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance for the past month was 109.

From the Statistical Committee came the report of the birth of a daughter, Barbara Ann, on August 13, 1955 to Charlie and Thelma Field.

Reports from the Quarterly Meeting were given by Lena Bales, Walter Mills, Ruthanna Pickering and Grace Warren. The main thoughts being: (1) The world expects something from the church. (2) By it being the time for reports, we should also report {that} we lack members. (3) We might do this year what we failed to do last year. (4) Time to take inventory. (5) Try to accomplish more.

The Yearly Meeting reports were given by Mabel Mills, Esther Bright, Vada Coon, Grace Warren, Ruthanna Pickering and Kenneth Pickering. Mabel Mills reported on the tour taken by a group around the Earlham campus. Ruthanna gave the main report, one of the things she said being "Differences between sin and mistakes in the motive, but the result is the same." She also said that at one time the Indiana Yearly Meeting had a membership of 20,000, but that it was now down to 13,000. While other churches had been gaining, we had been losing. Kenneth told about the huge crowds that came for Prayer Meetings in Russia as reported by Eleanor Zelliott who had spent some time there.

Helen Thornhill gave the yearly report for the Funeral Committee.

A vote of thanks was given Caroline Vaupel for her faithful, efficient work as Recording Clerk.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 10th month, 2nd day, 1955.

Delight Jones, Presiding Clerk  
Esther Bright, Asst. Recording Clerk

October 2, 1955

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened 10th month, 2nd day, 1955 with the reading of the opening minute. There were 42 members present.

The minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's monthly report was read and approved followed by the reading and approval of her Yearly Report. A word of approval for Stella Mason's twenty-five years of service as Treasurer was expressed by the Meeting.

Orval Pickett reported the attendance as follows: average morning attendance 129; evening attendance 42.

The marriage of Rosemary Lee and James {Robert} McHolland on September 17, 1955 was reported by the Statistical Committee.

There was an expression of approval for the support of the Meeting as a whole by Marvin Thornburg

The Ministry & Counsel reported the names of the following requesting membership: Ruby Bosworth - Confession of Faith. Irene Bosworth, Richard Bosworth - transfer. Nickie Bosworth. Approval was granted. The Clerk appointed Delphia Bullock to call on Ruby Bosworth and Mildred and Harold Johnston to call on the Richard Bosworth family.

A communication from Ernest Lamb - a request for funds to make up a \$20,000 deficit on the Five Years Meeting Residence Building was read. It was decided to place this matter in the hands of the Finance Committee.

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded to meet 11th month, 6th day, 1955.

Delight Jones, Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

November 6, 1955

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened 11th month, 6th day, 1955 with the reading of the opening minute. There were 55 members present.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved after which the Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Delphia Bullock reported on her call on Ruby Bosworth and Mildred Johnston reported having called on the Richard Bosworth family.

Orval Pickett reported an average attendance {for Morning Worship} of 129 and evening attendance of 45 3/4.

The Statistical Committee reported the deaths of John Bolinger on October 6, 1955, Oscar Puckett on October 9, 1955, and Dorothy Payne on October 22, 1955.

Ministry & Counsel reported the name of Lilly Haisley requesting membership by transfer from Jericho Monthly Meeting. A communication from Virgil Peacock, Presiding Clerk of Jericho Monthly Meeting, was read regarding the transfer of membership after which approval was granted.

A communication {was received} from June Mendenhall expressing appreciation for the flowers from the church at the time of her Mother's death.

The following names were presented as delegates to Quarterly Meeting: Marvin and Irene Thornburg, Edna and Sammy Hinshaw, Leonard Bolinger, Walter Mills, Orval and Nellie Pickett, Delight Jones, Kenneth and Ruthanna Pickering, and Lloyd Keys.

Maude Robinson was appointed to call on Lilly Haisley.

Marvin Thornburg reported on the Men's Meeting of the Five Years Meeting. He expressed his appreciation of the speaker, Glenn Sweitzer.

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded to meet 12th month, 4th day, 1955.

Delight Jones, Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

December 4, 1955

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 12th month, 4th day, 1955 in the Winchester Meeting House.

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

The Treasurer's report was also read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance for the month of November to be 129 3/4 for the Morning Service and 34 for the evening.

The Statistical Committee reported the death of Mabel Stegall November 24, 1955.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and approved. The following recommendation was made by the committee: that the church's funds should be carried in two accounts separating the Women's Society from the general funds. The recommendation was accepted by the Meeting.

Ruthanna Pickering reported on the Quarterly Meeting expressing appreciation for the message brought by John Compton and reported the devotional period to be inspiring.

Maude Robinson reported on her call to Lilly Haisley.

Sammy Hinshaw asked to be released from his duties as chairman of the Nominating Committee and suggested the name of Mildred Johnston to fill the vacancy as of January 1, 1956. The request was granted and the name of Mildred Johnston approved by the Meeting. Kenneth Pickering expressed his appreciation of Sammy Hinshaw's work on the Nominating Committee and this appreciation was expressed by the Meeting also.

There being no further business, the Meeting then concluded to meet 1st month, 1st day, 1956.

Delight Jones, Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

January 1, 1956

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 1st month, 1st day, 1956 with an attendance of 39.

The Meeting convened with the opening minute. The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved and the Treasurer's report was read and also approved.

Orval Puckett reported the average morning attendance during the month of December to be 151 3/4 and the evening attendance 76.

The Statistical Committee reported the death of Brian Anderson Davis, infant son of Sue and Jerry Davis, on December 29, 1955.

Helen Thornhill reported for the Funeral Committee.

Mildred Johnston, reporting for the Nominating Committee, gave the following supplementary report: Stewardship Committee, Chairman - Clifford Tuttle. Christian Education Committee, Chairman - Lena Bales. Appointed as Elder replacing Eunice Cooper, term expiring 1958, Leo Keys. Appointed to Finance Committee replacing Robert Cooper, term expiring 1958, John T. Coon. Members attending: Stella Moore, Irene Thornburg, Helen Thornhill, Alice Warnes, Kenneth Pickering, Pastor, and Mildred Johnston, Chairman. The report was approved.

Kenneth Pickering asked that we place emphasis on attendance: "Not to hear the Preacher, but to worship God for Spiritual Growth."

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 2nd month, 5th day, 1956.

Gordon Keys, Asst. Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Asst. Recording Clerk

February 5, 1956

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened 2nd month, 5th day, 1956 with 40 members present.

Following the opening minute, the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved as was the report of the Treasurer.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance during the month of January to be 166 and 53 in the evening.

A letter was read by the Clerk from Sue Anderson Davis requesting transfer of membership to Richmond First Friends Meeting. The Recording Clerk was instructed to take care of this matter. An expression of regret at losing a young member was voiced by the Meeting, but also the best wishes of our Meeting were extended to her in her affiliation with the Richmond church.

The Ministry & Counsel reported that an invitation would be extended to our Pastor, Kenneth R. Pickering, to remain another year. A unanimous expression of approval was expressed by the Meeting.

The marriage of Herbert Baker to Ruth Blackford on December 31, 1955 was reported.

The following names were presented as delegates to Quarterly Meeting: Walter Mills, Helen Boomer, Delphia Bullock, Nellie Pickett, and Irene Thornburg.

Ministry & Counsel announced that from the dates of March 19 - March 30 a series of Evangelistic Meetings would be held in our church.

Clifford Tuttle gave a report of a tentative plan of the Stewardship Committee for giving a proportionate amount of our income on the last Sunday in February.

Charles Cates reported on Friends World Committee. During a discussion it was decided to leave the amount of contribution to said committee to the discretion of the Finance Committee.

Walter Mills reported that a telephone had been installed in the church, the number 46261. It was also reported that a new movie projector had been purchased and the old one traded in.

Kenneth Pickering suggested that the Acting Presiding Clerk write a letter of encouragement to Delight Jones. The Recording Clerk was instructed to write to Florence Hinshaw expressing concern for her health and the wishes of the Meeting that she soon be able to attend Meeting again. Walter Mills expressed his personal appreciation for the Spiritual Service of Kenneth and Ruthanna Pickering and his words of appreciation were heartily endorsed by the other members of the Meeting.

Sammy Hinshaw suggested that the next time a Monthly Meeting Record Book be purchased that one of more permanent and lasting quality be obtained. His suggestion was approved.

There being no further business, the Meeting then concluded to meet March 4, 1956.

Gordon Keys, Acting Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

March 4, 1956

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 3rd month, 4th day, 1956 with an attendance of 42 members.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved as was that of the Treasurer following the opening minute.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance during the month of February to be 173 1/4 and the evening attendance 48 3/4.

The Ministry & Counsel presented the following names for membership: Helen and Chester Beck - transfer from Muncie Friends Meeting. Osee Myers - transfer from the United Church of Cassopolis, Michigan. Vada

Coon was appointed to call on the Beck family and Helen Thornhill to call on Osee Myers. Also Bertha Heaston to call.

A communication from Delight B. Jones, Clerk, was read thanking the Monthly Meeting for their thought and prayers for her recovery. Florence Hinshaw expressed her appreciation for her letter from the Monthly Meeting during the past illness.

Walter Mills reported on the recent Quarterly Meeting.

The Ministry & Counsel reported the postponement of the Evangelistic Meetings because of Kenneth's health.

There being no further business, the Meeting then adjourned to meet 4th month, 8th day, 1956. The Meeting to be one week late because of Easter Sunday.

Gordon Keys, Asst. Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

April 8, 1956

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 4th month, 8th day, 1956. The Meeting opened with the reading of the opening minute. There were 42 members present. The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved, followed by the reading and approval of the Treasurer's report.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance for the month of March to be 171  $\frac{3}{4}$  and the evening attendance 46  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Walter Mills reported the birth of a son, Randy Jay, on March 4, 1956 to Robert and Iris Thornburg and the death of Hattie Young on March 22, 1956.

The Ministry & Counsel reported the following names for membership: Dale Rauch and Robert McHolland by letter from Main Street Christian Church. Susie Rauch as an Associate Member. Kedric and Betty Bales by confession of Faith and their three children, Kirby, Jerry and Timothy as Associate Members. Gene Fidler by request, Annie Fidler by letter from the Grace Lutheran Church of Syracuse, Indiana, and their three children, Stephen, Sasha and Bruce as Associate Members. The following names were transferred from Associate to Active Members: Joan Stiverson, Jane Stiverson, Don Comer, Eddie Comer, Virginia Rinehart, and Susan Thornburg. The applications for membership were approved and the following people appointed to call: Gordon Keys on Dale and Susie Rauch; Marlin and Delight Jones on Robert McHolland; Lena Bales and Lydia Cranor on the Kedric Bales family; Walter and Pauline Mills on the Fidler family. Miriam Hollingsworth was granted

a transfer of membership to Richmond Friends Church. A letter was read from Esther Rayburn, Secretary of First Presbyterian Church, Belleville, Illinois requesting a letter of dismissal for Flo W. Payne who wishes to unite with that church. Approval was granted and the letter was sent by the Recording Clerk.

The following calling committees reported: Vada Coon called on the Beck family, and Helen Thornhill, accompanied by Bertha Heaston and Minnie Van Wylich, called on Osee Myers.

The Ministry & Counsel included in their report a request from the Finance Committee to raise the salary of Kenneth Pickering ten dollars on the week, beginning April 1, 1956. This was granted unanimously by the Counsel and the Monthly Meeting.

A letter was read from the Friends World Committee stating that Kenneth Pickering has been honored by being chosen a delegate to attend a 4 day Seminar at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, April 23-27.

A communication from R. Furnas Trueblood regarding Junior Camp was read and referred to Lena Bales.

A letter from D. Elton Trueblood, Clerk of Indiana Yearly Meeting, regarding the Pastor's Conference on April 21, 1956 at Earlham College was also read.

The Meeting expressed its pleasure at the return of the Presiding Clerk, Delight Jones, following her extended illness.

The Recording Clerk was requested to write a letter of encouragement from the Meeting to Philip Kabel and to express the concern of the members for his well-being.

There being no further business, the Meeting then adjourned to meet 5th month, 6th day, 1956.

Delight B. Jones, Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

May 6, 1956

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened 5th month, 6th day, 1956 with approximately 45 members in attendance.

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

The Treasurer's report was then read and approved. Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance for the month of April to be 185 4/5 and the evening attendance 39 1/4.

The calling committees reported as follows: Walter and Pauline Mills, accompanied by Thelma Field, called on the Gene Fidler family. Lena Bales reported her call on the Kedric Bales family and Delight Jones asked that her call on Robert McHolland be held over until the following month.

Walter Mills reported that a list of eleven names of fifth graders of our church had been sent to R. Furnas Trueblood from which our quota is to be selected for Camp.

The State of Society was read, commented on favorably and unanimously approved.

Kenneth Pickering expressed his appreciation in general for the cooperation of the Meeting and also thanked the Meeting for making it possible for him to attend the United Nations Seminar. He announced that he would make a detailed report later for the general Meeting.

The following names were presented as representatives at the Quarterly Meeting: Sammy and Edna Hinshaw - Edna reporting; Walter Mills, Florence Haworth, Mildred Johnston, Bertha Heaston, Estella Moore, Vada Coon, and Helen Thornhill. Helen Thornhill and Lena Bales were appointed to serve on the Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee.

A concern was expressed that Associate Members who have been taken into Active membership should be called on as well as new members and should be given a copy of Faith and Practice if there is not a copy in the home. Following the approval of this action, Lena Bales and Frances Thornburg were appointed to call on Don and Eddie Comer; Helen Thornhill and Mildred Johnston to call on Susan Thornburg; Vada Coon to call on Virginia Rinehart, and the Clerk was instructed to write a letter of welcome to Joan and Jane Stiverson.

There being no further business, the Meeting then concluded to meet 6th month, 3rd day, 1956.

Delight Jones, Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

June 3, 1956

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened with 40 members in attendance.

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

The attendance report for the month of May was as follows: average morning attendance 154 1/4 and the average evening attendance 37.

Walter Mills, reporting for the Statistical Committee, announced the birth of a son, Crae Allen, to Ivan and Judy Harris Wagner on May 15, 1956.

Ministry & Counsel announced the approval of transfer of membership of Laura Kamp to First Friends in Richmond.

Vada Coon and Stella Moore were appointed as Representatives to Yearly Meeting Ministry & Counsel and Caroline Vaupel as Representative on the Nominating Committee of the Local Meeting.

The following calling committees reported: (hold-over) Marlin and Delight Jones called on Robert McHolland; Lena Bales and Frances Thornburg asked that their call on Don and Eddie Comer be held over until the July Meeting. Helen Thornhill and Mildred Johnston reported the call on Susan Thornburg; Vada Coon asked that her call on Virginia Rinehart be held over; and the Corresponding Secretary reported having written a letter of welcome to Joan and Jane Stiverson; and Gordon Keys reported having called on Dale Rauch.

Walter Mills was appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

A letter from a group for Duties and Conscience was read and turned over to the Peace and Service Committee Chairman, Charles Cates, for communication with this group.

A letter from Earlham requesting \$1.00 per year per member per Meeting was read and referred to Finance Committee. Dallas Bailey reported for the Finance Committee that an amount of \$1.00 per member had been sent to the Fairborn Church project - this amount was paid from the Miscellaneous Fund.

Ruthanna Pickering announced that it had been brought to the attention of the Meeting that there was a Visitation movement in progress to bring two German young people to this country.

Mildred Johnston reported on the Quarterly Meeting. She remarked that it was a most interesting meeting and that Winchester was well represented. Esther Overman reported on Errol Elliott's message.

There being no further business, the Meeting then adjourned to meet 7th month, 1st day, 1956.

Delight B. Jones, Presiding Clerk

Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

July 1, 1956

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened 7th month, 1st day, 1956 with 44 members in attendance.

Following the opening minute, the minutes of the proceeding Meeting were read and approved as was the report of the Treasurer.

Orval Pickett reported the attendance for the month of June to be 151 3/4 in the morning and 158 in the evening. It was noted that the unusually large number of attendance at the evening meetings was largely due to the two special meetings that month.

There were no reports from the Statistical Committee, or Ministry & Counsel.

Lena Bales and Frances Thornburg reported a call made on Don and Eddie Comer and Vada Coon reported on her call to Virginia Rinehart.

The following names were submitted and approved as Representatives to the Nominating Committee: Walter Mills, Monthly Meeting; Caroline Vaupel, Ministry & Counsel; Helen Boomer, Sunday School; Leo Keys, Women's Society; Gordon Keys, Quaker Men; Verlin Anderson, Golden Band.; Thelma Field, William Penn; Gernell Owens, Quaker Girls; William Warnes, Friendly Circle.

A Communication was read concerning the Roberta Hall Project.

Marvin Thornburg reported having attended a meeting at White's Institute, representing the Quaker Men, and suggested since the financing of this project was primarily a responsibility of the Quaker Men that this matter be a personal concern. The letter was turned over to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

Gordon Keys read a letter from Raymond Breaker, Secretary to the Yearly Meeting Executive Committee suggesting that each Meeting free its Pastor for attendance of all sessions of Yearly Meeting.

A Communication from the Hicksite Quakers concerning signing a Loyalty Oath was read by the Clerk. The Recording Secretary was instructed to write a letter of acknowledgment.

The Representatives to Yearly Meeting are as follows: Esther Bright, first Representative and Ruthanna Pickering, Alternate.

There being no further business, the Meeting then adjourned to meet 8th month, 5th day, 1956.

Gordon Keys, Presiding Clerk pro tem  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

August 5, 1956

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened 8th month, 5th day, 1956 with approximately 46 members present.

Following the reading of the opening minute, the minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved, as was that of {the report of} the Treasurer.

The attendance report was as follows: average morning attendance for the month of July 102 2/5 and the evening attendance average 26.

Walter Mills reported two births: a daughter, Laura Katherine, to Edward and Joyce (Overman) Bowman on July 25, 1956 and a daughter, Lisa Christine, to Garvin and Janet (Davisson) Shatts on August 1, 1956.

A Communication from the First Presbyterian Church of Belleville, Illinois containing the signed certificate of withdrawal for Flo Payne was noted by the Clerk.

The following Yearly Reports were read, approved and filed: Christian Education, Quaker Girls Class, Women's Society (Financial and Secretarial), Stewardship, Golden Band Class, Funeral Committee, Statistical Committee (outstanding item on the report was the net gain in membership of 34 bringing the membership total to 450).

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and approved.

The following are the names of our representatives to Quarterly Meeting: Helen Boomer, Lena Bales, Walter Mills (reporter), Estella Moore, Alice Peacock, Grace Warren, Sammy and Edna Hinshaw, Frances Thornburg, and Bertha Heaston.

There being no further business, the Meeting then adjourned to meet 9th month, 2nd day, 1956.

Gordon Keys, Presiding Clerk pro tem  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

September 2, 1956

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened 9th month, 2nd day, 1956 with approximately 43 in attendance.

Following the reading of the opening minute, the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved, as was that of {the report of} the Treasurer.

The attendance report was as follows: average morning attendance for the month of August 125 1/4 and the evening attendance average 25 1/3.

Walter Mills reported the death of Fannie Helms on August 6, 1956 and the withdrawal of membership of Charles N. Davisson to First Congregational Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The following Yearly reports were read, approved and filed: Music Committee and William Penn Class. Favorable comments on both were voiced.

Walter Mills reported on the Quarterly Meeting and Esther Bright gave a partial report on the Indiana Yearly Meeting. Because of the shortness of time, her report is to be continued at next Monthly Meeting. Others giving expression to the Yearly Meeting were: Helen Thornhill, Bertha Heaston, Kenneth Pickering, Ruthanna Pickering, Mabel Mills, and Stella Moore. The general feeling being that the sessions this year were not only prompt in their business meetings, but a deep spiritual undercurrent prevailed over all meetings. Elton Trueblood was complimented on his handling of the meetings as Presiding Clerk and that the Yearly Meeting was fortunate in having such speakers as Gordon Cosby (Pastor, Church of the Savior, Washington, D.C.), James A DeWeerd (Director, Cadle Tabernacle, Indianapolis, Indiana), Robert Raines (Pastor, Aldersgate Methodist Church, Cleveland, Ohio), and Paul S. Rees (Pastor, First Covenant Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota).

Marvin Thornburg spoke of the dedication of the new building of the Dayton Meeting which is to be September 16, 1956 and expressed the hope that several of our Meeting would attend.

Frances Keys Stiverson spoke to the effect that we should all appreciate our Meeting, and how much it meant to her, especially as she lives where there is no Friends Meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 10th month, 7th day, 1956.

Gordon Keys, Asst. Presiding Clerk  
Esther Bright, Asst. Recording Clerk

October 14, 1956

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened 10th month, 14th day, 1956 with 37 members in attendance.

After the reading of the opening minute, the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved, as was that of {the report of} the Treasurer.

The Auditor's report was read and approved. The Auditing Committee, composed of Philip Kabel and Evelyn Field, commended Stella Mason for her faithful efficient work as Treasurer. The report of the Finance Committee with the proposed budget for church year 1956-1957 was made by Dallas Bailey accompanied by his recommendation to the Monthly Meeting that this report be accepted. The report and the budget were approved. A copy of the budget will be sent to each family in the Winchester Meeting and the original copy is on file in the Record Book.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance of the month of September to be 138 and the evening attendance average 33 4/5.

The Trustees reported the contribution of Mike Cover of a new gas burner and his labor in installing it for the parsonage. The Trustees recommended that a letter be written to Mike expressing the appreciation of the Meeting for his generous contribution.

Walter Mills reported for the Statistical Committee one marriage, Norma Keys and Richard Holdeman on October 12, 1956, and two deaths, Lillian Ryan on September 11, 1956 and Delight B. Jones on October 9, 1956. In a special message, Walter expressed his personal tribute, echoed by that of the Meeting, in memory of Delight.

Esther Bright concluded her report of the Yearly Meeting sessions including details of all committee reports, speakers and especially emphasizing the work of White's Institute.

There being no further business to come before the Meeting, it was adjourned to meet 11th month, 4th day, 1956.

Gordon Keys, Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

November 4, 1956

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened 11th month, 4th day, 1956 with 45 members in attendance.

After the reading of the opening minute, the minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved, as was that of {the report of} the Treasurer.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance for the month of October to be 153 in the morning and the evening attendance of 32.

The Meeting approved for membership Edgar and Ruth Fisher coming to us from the Main Street Christian Church; Gordon and Eloise Keys are the committee to call.

Representatives appointed to the November Quarterly Meeting are Stella Mason, Marvin Thornburg, Irene Thornburg, Walter Mills, Ruthanna Pickering, Vada Coon, and Frances Thornburg.

Kenneth Pickering called the Meeting's attention to the recent religious survey conducted in the township in which he said approximately 65 families expressed the desire to attend the Friends Church if they attended anywhere. He said that this was more of a job than one person could handle and asked each of us for our support. He also stated that after the first of the year he was going to conduct another special church emphasis program as we had last year. Marvin Thornburg expressed the hope that each of us would take advantage of this opportunity to do some personal work.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet again 12th month, 2nd day, 1956.

Gordon Keys, Presiding Clerk  
Walter Mills, Acting Recording Clerk

December 2, 1956

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened 12th month, 2nd day, 1956 with 47 members in attendance.

Following the opening minute, the report of the previous Meeting was read and approved, as was that of {the report of} the Treasurer.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance during the month of November to be 158 1/4 and the evening attendance average 40 1/2.

The following names for membership were brought forward by the Ministry & Counsel: Laura Bowman, daughter of Ed and Joyce Overman Bowman, as an Associate Member; Adah Ryan, by request; Jesse Waggoner, by letter. The names were accepted by the Meeting and Dallas and Achsa Bailey were appointed by the Clerk to call on Adah Ryan and Kenneth and Helen Boomer to call on Jesse Waggoner. A Communication from Nellie Baird now residing in Dayton, Ohio, requesting her membership letter that she might unite with the Church of the Brethren in Trotwood, Ohio was read and her request honored. The call on Ruth and Edgar Fisher by Gordon and Eloise Keys was held over and to be reported on the following Meeting.

Walter Mills ably reported on the Quarterly Meeting assisted by Ruthanna Pickering who expressed a concern for the lack of response to the offices of Secretary to Evangelistic and Missionary Committee in the Quarterly Meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting then adjourned with the closing minute to meet 1st month, 6th day, 1957.

Gordon Keys, Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

January 6, 1957

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 1st month, 6th day, 1957 with 61 members in attendance.

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

Orval Pickett reported the attendance for the month of December to be 144  $\frac{2}{5}$  in the morning and 77  $\frac{3}{4}$  in the evening.

The Statistical Report was as follows: One death, Elverson Driver on November 29, 1956. One marriage, Thomas Nickey to Carolyn Fogle on December 29, 1956. Walter Mills, reporting.

A minute was presented from the Ministry & Counsel regarding the recent Church Affiliation Survey requesting that everyone in the church feel a personal burden for undertaking Spiritual Life development placing particular emphasis on the names of those persons expressing a preference for the Friends Meeting.

Dallas Bailey reported that the call on Adah Ryan had been made and Kenneth and Helen Boomer reported on their call to Jesse Waggoner, be held over. A hold-over report was made by Gordon Keys on his call on the Fisher family. Estella Moore expressed a concern that each new family be presented a copy of Faith and Practice by the committee appointed to call.

There being no further business, the Meeting then adjourned to meet 2nd month, 3rd day, 1957.

Gordon Keys, Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

February 3, 1957

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened 2nd month, 3rd day, 1957 with 46 members in attendance.

In the absence of Gordon Keys, Walter Mills was appointed by the Meeting to preside as Clerk.

Following the opening minute, the minutes of the preceding Meeting and the report of the Treasurer were read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance at Morning Worship for the month of January to be 149 1/2 and the Evening attendance 39 1/4.

A minute from the Ministry & Counsel expressing a concern for a series of meetings to be held the latter part of March and also special half hour Lenten services during the noon hour the week preceding Easter. This minute was honored by a standing vote of approval and each member pledged a personal loyalty.

The following names were appointed as representatives to the Quarterly Meeting. (A general report is to be presented at the March Monthly Meeting rather than from one appointed person.) Helen Beck, Bertha Heaston, Mabel Mills, Maude Robinson, Sammy and Edna Hinshaw, Marvin and Irene Thornburg, Stella Mason, Nellie Pickett, Ruthanna Pickering, Leonard Bolinger, and Vada Coon.

The following calls were reported: Kenneth and Helen Boomer called on Jesse Waggoner and Kenneth and Ruthanna Pickering called to welcome the new member of the Bowman family.

Helen Thornhill reported that cards had been received by the Funeral Committee, thanking the church for flowers from Edna Mills and Lena Bales.

There being no further business, the Meeting then adjourned to meet 3rd month, 3rd day, 1957.

Walter Mills, Presiding Clerk pro tem  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

March 3, 1957

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened 3rd month, 3rd day, 1957 with the reading of the opening minute. There were 47 members in attendance.

The minutes of the preceding Meeting were read and approved as was that of {the report of} the Treasurer.

Walter Mills reported for the Statistical Committee the following: the marriage of Ernest Lee Thornburg to Betty Loe Weimer on February 15, 1957, and the death of John Young on February 20, 1957.

Orval Pickett reported the attendance for the month of February to be 131 3/4 in the morning and 43 3/4 in the evening.

A minute from the Ministry & Counsel was read stating that approval had been granted Kenneth Pickering to hold a series of meetings at Russiaville beginning March 1, 1957.

Also a minute from Ministry & Counsel was read stating their unanimous approval for retaining Kenneth Pickering as our minister of the coming year. Several members spoke in appreciation of Kenneth and Ruthanna's ministry and Walter Mills ably expressed the following of the Meeting when he too expressed his gratitude for the spirituality of our minister. The members united in a standing vote of thanks and unanimous approval.

A minute from the Quarterly Meeting was read and explained the new Nominating Committee appointments. Each person appointed will serve a 3 year term. One third of the members to be replaced each year. The person appointed as representative to the May Quarterly Meeting will serve for three years on the Nominating Committee.

Verl Anderson brought to the attention of the Meeting that Mike Cover had given a new switchboard panel and wiring services amounting to the sum of \$217.88 to the church. He suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent by the Clerk to Mike. Charles Cates approved his suggestion. Marvin Thornburg suggested, in addition to the note, the members of the Meeting individually express their appreciation.

A letter regarding the replacement of the dam at Kaimosi, Kenya Colony, Africa and the appeal for funds was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A communication from Earlham Women regarding the furnishing of Earlham Hall was read and suggested by Dallas Bailey that this should be an individual concern. This suggestion was approved by Marvin Thornburg.

There being no further business, the Meeting then adjourned to meet again 4th month, 7th day, 1957. Also the concluding minute.

Walter Mills, Presiding Clerk pro tem  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

April 7, 1957

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 4th month, 7th day, 1957 with 64 members in attendance.

Following the opening minute, the minutes of the preceding Meeting were read and approved as was that of {the report of} the Treasurer.

Walter Mills gave the Statistical Report as follows: the death of Katherine Coats March 12, 1957 and the death of Lavina Field March 13, 1957. The death of Gertrude Anderson April 1, 1957. The marriage of Nova Gulley to Denver Grubbs March 14, 1957.

Orval Pickett reported the attendance for the month of March to be 142 3/4 for the Morning Worship and 59 3/5 for the Evening Service.

The Ministry & Counsel presented the following names for membership: Robert and Delores Keesling, transfer from Arizona; Wilsie Thornburg and three children, Diane, Danny, and Dennis, by Confession of Faith; Mary Alice Boomer from Associate to Active membership; Betsy Green, from Associate to Active membership; Ruth Welling and son, Ralph, by Confession of Faith; Sue Davis by transfer, Iris Heaston Ryan, by Confession of Faith; Harriet Elder, Stephanie Hudelson, and Jerry Thomas as Associate members. The following transfers were approved: Annette Clevenger Fabert to Methodist Church in Star City, Indiana and the Delbert Durbin family to First Methodist Church in Pompano Beach, Florida. The following committees were appointed to call on our new members: Caroline Vaupel and Maude Robinson on Wilsie Thornburg and children; Robert and Rosemary McHolland on Robert and Delores Keesling. Delphia Bullock and Helen Thornhill on Ruth Welling and son, Ralph; Lena Bales, Austin and Rosalyn Cox on Mary Alice Boomer and Betsy Green; Kenneth and Helen Boomer on Sue Davis; Esta Heaston on Iris Ryan; Austin and Rosalyn Cox on Harriet Elder, Stephanie Hudelson, and Jerry Thomas.

In answer to a letter from Muncie concerning the World Friends Conference at Wilmington, Ohio on June 26 to July 3, 1957, Austin and Rosalyn Cox were appointed as representatives from our Meeting. It was suggested that if these names are accepted that the Meeting pay the expenses of our representatives to this conference.

A letter was read from Zella Furnas thanking the Meeting for birthday greetings and other remembrances.

The Trustees suggested that since the Improvement Fund is nearly depleted, that Memorial gifts might be in the following manner to help with the new furnishings for the Church and Parlor. Table and chairs for the front of the church, new chairs for the parlor. This was not presented for immediate action, but just to bring the matter to the attention of the Meeting for future consideration.

Austin Cox expressed his appreciation for the adults who had helped with the Young Friends Service and asked that we continue our interest and support.

There being no further business, the Meeting then adjourned with the closing minute to meet 5th month, 5th day, 1957.

Gordon Keys, Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

May 5, 1957

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 5th month, 5th day, 1957 with 43 members in attendance.

In the absence of the Clerk, Gordon Keys, Walter Mills presided.

Following the opening minute, the minutes of the preceding Meeting and the report of the Treasurer were read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the attendance for the month of April to be 194 3/4 for the morning service and 97 in the evening. The attendance for the Special Meetings was reported as follows: 68 for the Evangelistic meetings and 45 for the noon Lenten meetings.

Mildred and Harold Johnston were appointed to call on the Carl Thompson family and Kenneth and Helen Boomer on Jerry Davis. Delphia Bullock reported on her call on Ruth Welling; Caroline Vaupel {reported} on her call on Wilsie Thornburg and children; Esther Bright reported that the call on Iris Ryan had been made by Esta Heaston. Lena Bales reported on her call on Mary Alice Boomer and Austin and Rosalyn Cox on their call on Betsy Green, Harriet Elder, Stephanie Hudelson and Jerry Thomas. The call on Robert and Delores Keesling by Robert and Rosemary McHolland was to be held over until the June Meeting.

The following members were appointed as representatives to the Quarterly Meeting in Muncie: Edna and Sammy Hinshaw, Vada Coon, Helen Beck, Kenneth and Ruthanna Pickering, Delphia Bullock, and Stella Mason.

Esther Overman was appointed as our representative to serve on the next 3 year plan period on the Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee. Mildred Johnston was appointed to serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the local church. Marvin Thornburg was appointed as our representative to Indiana Yearly Meeting.

Walter Mills reported that the church basement had been painted and new fixtures installed.

Verl Anderson reported on the purchase of the Roberts' property. He asked for the approval of the Meeting for said purchase and announced that a financing plan was to be established by the Trustees and Finance Committee. Dallas Bailey reported that the down payment including taxes had been taken care of by Verl Anderson and Gordon Keys. (Roberts' property)

Mary Anderson presented a bill of \$133.14 for the railing draperies. Payment of the bill was approved.

The names of Austin and Rosalyn Cox had been accepted for attendance to the Wilmington Conference, {but} because of a school conflict they will not be able to attend. The names of Elizabeth and Charles Cates were suggested to take their place.

There being no further business, the Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends adjourned to meet June 2, 1957.

Walter Mills, Presiding Clerk pro tem  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

June 2, 1957

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 6th month, 2nd day, 1957 with 35 members in attendance.

Following the opening minute, the Secretary's report was read and corrected regarding Esther Overman's appointment as Quarterly Meeting Representative on the Nominating Committee. Esther Bright was appointed. The minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the attendance for the month of May to be 136 1/2 for the morning service and 46 in the evening.

Marvin Thornburg asked that an alternate representative to Yearly Meeting be appointed and the name of Edna Hinshaw was suggested, subject to the approval of the Nominating Committee.

Kenneth and Helen Boomer reported their call on Jerry Davis. Robert and Rosemary McHolland called on Delores and Robert Keesling and the call on the Carl Thompson family by Mildred and Harold Johnston was held over to be reported at the July Meeting.

Edna Hinshaw reported on the May Quarterly Meeting in Muncie presenting the devotional theme of the Meeting in a most capable manner stressing the faithfulness of members and reviewed the order of

business. Ruthanna Pickering reported that all of our representatives were present and brought a portion of the devotional message to the Meeting.

Mildred Johnston reported that the Nominating Committee would present their report at the June Meeting.

Gordon Keys, in the absence of Verl Anderson, reported on the financing plan regarding the purchase of the Roberts' property. The payments to be set up over a ten year period. It was suggested that individuals wishing to loan money for the purchase might do so and would draw 5% interest. All loans outside of the church, such as loan companies, to be retired first. Contributions will be accepted and applied towards the retirement of the purchase price or loans. The Trustee's names would appear on the notes as representatives of the Church organization, not as individuals. It is expected that the property can be rented for a sum that would take care of operating expenses of the building. \$6,000 has already been pledged on a loan basis. The loan is expected to be retired out of the church budget, provision being made for it out of the budget and the Improvement Fund. The report was approved by the Meeting.

A communication from Inez Napier was read regarding a plot of ground at Quaker Haven. This plot of ground is to be made into a Memorial Garden to Aaron Napier. The letter asked for a contribution to this Memorial. The members approved a contribution and it was suggested that the Finance Committee contact Rev. Felix as to the total cost and pay our pro rata share. This also met with the approval of the Meeting.

The Meeting approved a \$25 contribution to Earlham for the Quaker Scholarship fund.

Charles and Elizabeth Cates reported that they would be able to attend the Conference of Friends in America, the World Conference at Wilmington, Ohio.

There being no further business, the Meeting then adjourned to meet 7th month, 7th day, 1957.

Gordon Keys, Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

July 7, 1957

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 7th month, 7th day, 1957 with 40 members in attendance.

Following the opening minute, the minutes of the June Meeting were read and approved as was {the report} of the Treasurer.

Orval Pickett reported the attendance for the month of June to be as follows: 121 1/5 for the Morning Worship Service and 77 for the Evening.

A minute from Ministry & Counsel was read regarding a request for transfer of membership for the Harold Mills family to the Catalina Methodist Church in Tucson, Arizona. The request was approved. The Secretary reported receiving the confirmation of the acceptance of the Delbert Durbin family for membership in the Methodist Church at Pompano Beach, Florida.

Verl Anderson, reporting for the Finance Committee, stated that the money for the purchase of the Roberts' property had all been raised within the Meeting. He also reported that the following items had been purchased as our part of the Aaron Napier Memorial Garden at Quaker Haven: 2 concrete settees, 1 bird bath, 1 gazing globe, and 1 ornamental vase.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented and the appointments were approved by the Meeting.

The yearly reports of the William Penn Class, the Stewardship Committee and the Peace and Service Committee were read and approved.

Charles and Elizabeth Cates reported on the Wilmington Conference of Friends in America. They expressed their appreciation at being able to attend.

It was brought to the attention of the Clerk that the name of Orval Pickett should be added to the Statistical Committee.

There being no further business, the Meeting then adjourned to meet 8th month, 4th day, 1957.

Gordon Keys, Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

August 4, 1957

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 8th month, 4th day, 1957 with 59 members in attendance.

Following the opening minute the reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer were read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average morning attendance for the month of July to be 90 1/4. There were no Evening Services.

Walter Mills, reporting the yearly Statistical Report, gave the following averages. We have a total membership of 467 which is a gain of 17 over last year. The average morning attendance was 155; the average evening attendance was 77. This was a gain of 11 over last year's morning attendance and a gain of 17 for the Evening Worship Service. The average attendance at Mid-Week Service remained the same, 24. The Monthly Meeting attendance was 46, a gain of 2 and the Bible School attendance was 205, a gain of 14. The report was approved.

The reports of the Youth Group, Charlie Fields, chairman, and the Golden Band Class were read and approved.

A note from the Roy Goshorn family thanking the church for flowers was read.

Kenneth Pickering reported that 17 young people had attended Quaker Haven and would be making their individual reports at a later date. Esther Bright suggested that the reports be more nearly complete and detailed because of the adult interest in the youth and camp activities.

The following names were presented as representatives to the August Quarterly Meetings: Bertha Heaston, Stella Mason, Frances Thornburg, Lena Bales, Lydia Cranor, Sammie and Edna Hinshaw. Regarding the Quarterly Meeting dinners, a suggestion was made by Kenneth Pickering that the Clerk prepare a card to be placed in the front of the Minute Book with the names of the classes responsible for serving and the Meeting at which they were to serve. (November Quarterly Meeting - Golden Band Class, February - Quaker Girls, August - William Penn Class.) Sammie Hinshaw announced that Roy Huffman would bring the Devotional Message at Quarterly Meeting and Harry Reece, the sermon. He extended an invitation to all our members to attend even though they were {not} named as representatives.

A letter from Thomas Jones, President of Earlham College, was read thanking the church for the contribution of \$25.00 to the Scholarship Fund. It was suggested by Dallas Bailey that in regard to our contribution to Earlham, that another year we allocate an amount proportionate to our share of the current need.

We were happy to welcome Warren and Daisy Edwards, Emery and Flora Cox, visiting Friends from Knightstown to our Morning Worship service and our Monthly Meeting. The Edwards and Cox's were members of a former congregation of Kenneth Pickering's.

There being no further business, the Meeting then concluded to meet 9th month, 1st day, 1957.

Gordon Keys, Presiding Clerk

Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

September 1, 1957

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was held on 9th month, 1st day, 1957 with 51 in attendance.

Following the opening minute the financial reports for the month of August 1957 and the year of 1957 were read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the Morning Worship attendance as 103 1/2 for August.

Walter Mills reported the marriage of Shirley Cates and Norman Davis on August 18, 1957.

The report of the August Quarterly Meeting was carried over due to the absence of Bertha Heaston.

Samuel Hinshaw was reported as seriously ill in an Indianapolis hospital.

Gordon Keys discussed briefly the Earlham College Scholarship Fund. The committee meeting that he attended at Yearly Meeting had suggested \$1.00 per capita as a basis for giving by the Monthly Meetings. The Finance Committee is to discuss this item. The Yearly Meeting report was carried over due to the absence of Marvin Thornburg. Lena Bales reported on the Christian Education Committee meeting she attended at Yearly Meeting.

The yearly reports of the Home Department and the Quaker Girls Class were read and approved.

There being no further business, the Meeting then concluded to meet 10th month, 6th day, 1957.

Gordon Keys, Presiding Clerk  
Mildred Johnston, Recording Clerk

October 6, 1957

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 10th month, 6th day, 1957 with 40 members in attendance.

Following the opening minute the minutes of the preceding Meeting and the report of the Treasurer were read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the average attendance for the month of September to be as follows: 129  $\frac{4}{5}$  in the morning and 51 in the Evening Services. He also reported the yearly average attendance for the Monthly Meeting sessions to be 47- $\frac{1}{12}$ .

The death of Clyde Addington on September 25, 1957 and the birth of a daughter to Ivan and Judy Harris Wagner on September 29, 1957 were reported.

Dallas Bailey presented the proposed budget for the church year 1957-1958 for the Finance Committee. The following figures and items were thought to be the most important and of interest to our membership. The 1956-1957 budget figure was \$16,000. The actual amount expended was \$16,591.72 (\$591.72 over the budgeted figure). The amount budgeted for the new year 1957-1958 is \$17,405.00, an increase of \$1,405.00 over the 1956-1957 figure, but \$813.28 over the actual amount spent. The Finance Committee stressed the fact that although two items, namely \$1,000 retirement on the real estate (Roberts' property) and \$400.00 for Earlham Scholarship Fund had been added to the budget - an increase of \$1,4000, that nearly \$600.00 of that amount had been absorbed in the planning of the new budget. The budget was presented with the recommendation of the Finance Committee that it be approved. A stipulation was made and included in the approval that two salary increases—namely, Kenneth Pickering, minister, and Elizabeth Cates, organist, be retroactive to the beginning of the church year. The budget was approved.

There being no further business, the Meeting then concluded to meet 11th month, 3rd day, 1957.

Verlin Anderson, Asst. Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

November 3, 1957

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 11th month, 3rd day, 1957 with 42 members in attendance.

Following the opening minute the report of the Secretary and that of the Treasurer were read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the attendance for the month of October to be 133  $\frac{3}{4}$  for the Morning Worship and 33  $\frac{3}{4}$  for the Evening Meetings.

Walter Mills reported the death of Vere Lucas October 2, 1957 and the birth of a daughter, Amy, October 3, 1957 to Austin and Rosalyn Cox.

A request for transfer to membership to the Muncie Friends Church was requested by Chester and Helen Beck. This request was granted.

The following were named as Winchester representatives to the Quarterly Meeting. Samuel Hinshaw, Bertha Heaston, Grace Warren, Nellie Pickett, Stella Mason, Guy Friar, Esther Bright, and Helen Thornhill.

An acknowledgment for flowers from the family of Vere Lucas was read.

A letter from Wayne Stidham, Yearly Meeting Treasurer, regarding the budget of \$75,000 was read. In the discussion following, it was stated that an allowance had been made in our budget for our portion of this item. Marvin Thornburg stressed that we make this a matter of personal concern. Marvin Thornburg also spoke briefly expressing his concern for the feeling of racial prejudice prevalent in the world, suggesting that we write our congressman expressing our feeling on the subject.

Kenneth Pickering presented the "Crop Program" {Crop = Christian Rural Overseas Program} and asked that someone be appointed from our Meeting to be responsible. Marvin Thornburg was selected and asked that Gene Fidler, Guy Friar, Charles Cates, Clifford Tuttle, Leland Shockney and Ora Smith serve with him.

Kenneth Pickering presented a letter from the choir of Wichita Friends University, The Singing Quakers, of which Joyce Pickering is a member. The group requested an appearance in Winchester while on tour. Kenneth Boomer, representing the Music Committee, expressed his approval and Samuel Hinshaw expressed the approval of the Meeting in general. Arrangements will be made later, nearer the date of the appearance of the choir, for housing the young people and for the other details.

There being no further business, the Meeting then adjourned to meet 12th month, 1st day, 1957.

Verlin Anderson, Presiding Clerk pro tem  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

December 1, 1957

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 12th month, 1st day, 1957 with 35 members in attendance.

Following the opening minute, the report of the Secretary and that of the Treasurer were read and approved.

Orval Pickett reported the attendance for the month of November to be 131 for the Morning Worship and 29 for the Evening Meetings.

Walter Mills reported the death of Flora Addington November 13, 1957 and also the death of Alwilda Lamm November 27, 1957.

A minute from Ministry & Counsel requesting membership for Ivan and Helen Addington Clear was read and approved. Helen Clear is a daughter of Clyde and Flora Addington. Although they now reside in Richmond, they expressed a desire to make their home church here. Marvin and Irene Thornburg were appointed to call.

An acknowledgement from the Fields family was read regarding flowers sent from the church.

Guy Friar, reporting on the recent Quarterly Meeting, stated that he enjoyed the meeting but was particularly impressed with the devotional message. Dallas Bailey, Chairman of the Finance Committee, recommended that the first installment of our Scholarship Fund be sent to Earlham (\$400 entire amount.) The recommendation was approved.

Kenneth Pickering read a communication from Milton Hadley regarding a workshop program to be started after the beginning of the new year. Sufficient interest was expressed to warrant the approval of the group to take part in the program.

Marvin Thornburg reported \$40 in cash donation for the "Crop {Christian Rural Overseas Program} Program."

There being no further business, the Meeting then adjourned to meet 1st month, 5th day, 1958.

Verlin Anderson, Presiding Clerk pro tem  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

January 5, 1958

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 1st month, 5th day, 1958. Following the opening minute, the minutes of the previous Meeting and the report of the Treasurer were read and approved.

The attendance for the month of December was reported; 143 in the Morning Worship and 55 in the Evening.

Walter Mills reported the birth of a daughter, Julia Ann, to Kay and Barbara Boomer on December 8, 1957; the death of Orval Pickett on December 18, 1957; and the death of Daniel McLaughlin on January 3, 1958.

In a minute from Ministry & Counsel, the transfer of membership of the Charlie Field family to the First Methodist Church in Marshall, Illinois was approved.

Marvin and Irene Thornburg asked that their call on the Clear family in Richmond be held over until the next Meeting.

A communication from Thomas E. Jones regarding our contribution to the Scholarship Fund to Earlham was read.

Regarding the Community Workshop Program, the night of Monday was approved for the meetings.

Marvin Thornburg expressed his appreciation of the support of the Crop {Christian Rural Overseas Program} Program.

The members stood for a moment of silence in tribute to the faithfulness of Orval Pickett in carrying out his duties as Attendance Chairman.

There being no further business, the Meeting then adjourned to meet 2nd month, 2nd day, 1958.

Verl Anderson, Presiding Clerk pro tem  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

February 2, 1958

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 2nd month, 2nd day, 1958 with 47 members in attendance.

Following the opening minute, the reports of the Treasurer were read and approved.

The attendance for the month of January was reported as follows: 104 1/2 in the Morning and 36 3/4 in the Evening Service.

It was reported that the transfer of the Charlie Fields family had been received. The Ministry & Counsel also reported that the names of Mr. and Mrs. Norval Gaylor had been accepted for membership. Dallas and Achsa Bailey and Marjorie Rauch were appointed to call and welcome them into our membership.

An acknowledgement from the McLaughlin family for flowers from the church was read.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and approved.

It was recommended by the committee that the efficient work of the Treasurer, Stella Mason, be acknowledged.

Marvin and Irene Thornburg reported that their call on the Clear family in Richmond had been made. They were accompanied by Kenneth and Ruthanna Pickering.

The following representatives to Quarterly Meeting were named: Charles Cates, Stella Mason, Nellie Pickett, Alice Warnes, Walter Mills, Marvin and Irene Thornburg.

Charles Cates read a petition from Peace and Service Committee addressed to President Eisenhower regarding a disarmament program and requesting that the nuclear weapons tests be discontinued.

There being no further business, the Meeting then adjourned to meet 3rd month, 2nd day, 1958.

Verl Anderson, Presiding Clerk pro tem  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

March 2, 1958

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 3rd month, 2nd day, 1958 with 42 members in attendance.

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

The attendance for the month of February was reported as follows: 109 1/4 in the Morning Worship and 21 1/4 for the Evening Services.

Walter Mills reported the death of Claude Payne on February 12, 1958.

Charles Cates gave the report of the Quarterly Meeting. He stated that the meeting was well attended and that the speaker was George Shearer who told of his work in Palestine. Alice Warnes added her impressions of the meetings.

Dallas and Achsa Bailey asked that their call on the Norval Gaylor family be held over until the April Meeting.

A minute from the Ministry & Counsel was read and requesting the approval of the Meeting that our Pastor be extended a call for another year.

This request met with unanimous approval. In a special minute from Kenneth Pickering, the request for membership of Sherie Medsker was presented for approval so that she might receive recognition on Easter Sunday. The request was approved and Susan Thornburg was appointed to call.

There being no further business the Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends then adjourned to meet 4th month, 13th day, 1958. (Later date because of Easter falling on the first Sunday of April.)

Verl Anderson, Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

April 13, 1958

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 4th month, 13th day, 1958 with 45 members in attendance.

Following the opening minute, the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and approved.

Walter Mills reported the death of Samuel Hinshaw March 11, 1958. Walter expressed the feeling of the Meeting when he spoke briefly in tribute to Sammy's memory.

The average attendance for the month of March was reported to be 130 1/5 for the Morning Worship and 37 for the Evening Services.

Dallas and Achsa Bailey reported that their call on the Norval Gaylor family had been made.

A note of appreciation from Dan Bailey for calls and cards and the visits from Kenneth was read.

A letter from Richard Taylor regarding the Young Friends of North America and Russian Youth was read and the communication turned over to the Finance Committee for their consideration.

The Ministry & Counsel presented the following names for membership: Linda Pitcher and Glenn David Bowman ({son of} Edward and Joyce Overman Bowman). Walter and Pauline Mills and Kenneth and Helen Boomer were appointed to call on Linda Pitcher. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to the Bowman family to welcome their son into our membership.

There being no further business, the Meeting then adjourned to meet 5th month, 4th day, 1958.

Verl Anderson, Presiding Clerk pro tem  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

May 4, 1958

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 5th month, 4th day, 1958 with 58 members in attendance.

Following the opening minute, the report of the Secretary and that of the Treasurer was read and approved.

The attendance for the month of April was reported as follows: 167 in the Morning Worship Service and 42 1/3 in the Evening Service.

Walter Mills reported the death of Donald Gilpin on April 30, 1958 and spoke in appreciation of the fine life and service and voiced a tribute to his memory.

The following names were presented as representatives to the Quarterly Meeting: Florence Heckman, Stella Mason, Maude Robinson, Bertha Heaston, Kenneth and Ruthanna Pickering. A communication from Winchester Quarterly Meeting was read expressing a tribute to the memory of Samuel Meredith Hinshaw. The Annual Report, the State of Society, was read.

A communication from Kenneth and Ruthanna Pickering was read and in which their resignation was submitted. It was with regret unanimously felt and expressed, that the Meeting accepted the resignation. It is the wish of the Monthly Meeting that Kenneth and Ruthanna meet with success and continue with their work in furthering God's Kingdom in their new pastorate in Bell, California.

Lena Bales expressed a concern for the need of Sunday School teachers.

Walter Mills was appointed as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Preceding the adjournment, many of the members spoke in tribute to the memory of Donald Gilpin and in appreciation of the work Kenneth and Ruthanna have done in our Meeting. At the request of the Clerk, those attending the meeting stood for a moment of silence in memory of Donald Gilpin.

There being no further business, the Meeting then adjourned to meet 6th month, 1st day, 1958.

Verl Anderson, Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

May 18, 1958 (Called Session)

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met in Called Session 5th month, 18th day, 1958 with 66 members in attendance.

Following the opening minute, the Ministry & Counsel minute submitting the name of Charles Thomas of the North Carolina Meeting was read. Adam Flatter, Marvin Thornburg, Helen Boomer, Guy Friar, Esther Overman and Kenneth Pickering spoke of Reverend Thomas' qualification,

character and his work in Quaker Haven, Five Years and Yearly Meetings. The name of Charles Thomas met with the unanimous approval of the Monthly Meeting.

There being no further business, the Called Session of Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends was adjourned to meet 6th month, 1st day, 1958.

Additional minute: {the} transfer of the membership of Patricia Cortner Gelwicks from our Meeting to Flushing, New York Friends Meeting was approved also at this Meeting.

Verl Anderson, Presiding Clerk pro tem  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

June 1, 1958

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 6th month, 1st day, 1958 with approximately 45 members in attendance.

Following the opening minute, the minutes of the previous Meeting, {the minutes of} the Called Session, and the report of the Treasurer were read and approved.

The Clerk read a letter from Charles Thomas accepting the call to be our Pastor. The Trustees will contact Guy Friar in reference to moving details and the reception of our new Pastor.

The birth of a daughter, Amy Joan, to Sue and Jerry Davis on May 12, 1958 was reported.

The transfer of membership of Mary Coats to the Friends Church in Anderson, Indiana was granted. A communication regarding the acceptance of Patricia Gelwicks into membership with the Friends Church in Flushing, New York was read. The names of Flossie Brouse, Everett and Nellie Davidson were presented and approved for membership. Florence and Albert Heckman were appointed to call on Flossie Brouse and Gladys and Jack Davisson to call on the Davidson family.

Florence Heckman and Ruthanna Pickering reported on the Quarterly Meeting. Particular reference was made to the purchase of a car for Missionary use in the report. Since there had been no provision made in the present budget, it was decided to refer this matter to the Quaker Men and Women's Society.

The name of Esther Bright was selected to be presented to the Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee as a Quarterly Meeting

Representative to the Yearly Meeting; the name of Florence Heckman was presented as Alternate.

Gordon Keys expressed his appreciation for the fine work done by Verl Anderson in his absence.

There being no further business, the Meeting then adjourned to meet 7th month, 6th day, 1958.

Gordon Keys, Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

July 6, 1958

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 6th month, 6th day, 1958 with approximately 45 members in attendance.

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

Average attendance at morning Meeting was reported as 130.

The transfer of membership of Jesse and Kathleen Waggoner to the Friends Memorial Church in Muncie, Indiana and Nancy Briner Castor to the East Columbus Methodist Church in Columbus, Indiana were granted.

The death of Elizabeth Bird on June 12, 1959 was reported.

Walter Mills, Chairman of the Nominating Committee gave the report of the committees for the coming year. They also asked approval of the re-establishment of the House Committee. The report was approved.

Jack and Gladys Davisson reported on their call on Everett and Nellie Davidson. Albert and Florence Heckman reported on the call on Flossie Brouse. Kenneth and Helen Boomer reported their call made on Linda Pitcher.

Gordon Keys read a letter of appreciation from the Chairman of the Scholarship Fund of Earlham. Dallas Bailey suggested the remaining \$100.00 due on our pledge of \$400.00 be paid now. The Meeting approved.

Gordon Keys expressed his gratitude to Verl Anderson for acting as Clerk during his period of ill health.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 8th month, 3rd day, 1958.

Gordon Keys, Presiding Clerk

Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

August 3, 1958

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 8th month, 3rd day, 1958 with 41 members in attendance.

Following the opening minute, the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and approved.

The attendance was reported as follows: 185 1/2 for the Morning Worship service and 23 for that of the Midweek Meeting.

Walter Mills reported the death of Alma Harrison on July 30, 1958.

The following members appointed a Representatives to Quarterly Meeting are as follows: Lena Bales, Frances Thornburg, Walter Mills, Mabel Mills, Esther Overman, Bertha Heaston, Nellie Pickett, Marvin Thornburg, and Grace Warren.

The Yearly Meeting Representatives are as follows: Walter Mills, Esther Overman, Lena Bales, and Bertha Heaston.

The following requests for change of membership were granted: G.L. Virginia and Alice Evans to the Cuba Friends Church, Cuba, Ohio; the Leland Shank family to the 1st Congregational Church, Angola, Indiana.

The following annual reports were submitted: William Penn Class, Quaker Girls Class, Trustees Financial Report, Public Morals Committee, Stewardship Committee, Christian Education Committee, and the Golden Band Class.

The names of the following young people were presented to the Monthly Meeting as having dedicated their lives to Christ at Quaker Haven: Sissy Hudelson, Armette Hudelson, Dianna Flegal, Janet Kaugher, Dianna Kaugher, Connie Jean Haworth, Harriet Elder, and Rogena Minnich. It was the expressed wish that we encourage them in any way possible.

Walter Mills was appointed to call on the parents or to appoint someone to call in his place.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to write a letter to the Bell Friends Church expressing the appreciation of our Meeting for the work done here by Kenneth and Ruthanna Pickering.

Dallas Bailey reported that all indebtedness of the Finance Committee had been paid. It was suggested that it be the responsibility of each present church committee to meet with the new committee members before the September Monthly Meeting as has been the practice in the past.

There being no further business, the Meeting then adjourned to meet 9th month, 7th day, 1958.

Gordon Keys, Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

September 7, 1958

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 9th month, 7th day, 1958 with 77 members in attendance.

Following the opening minute, the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and approved.

The attendance report was 85 1/2 for the Morning and no Evening Services were held during August.

Walter Mills reported the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to Robert and Delores Keesling on August 6, 1958, the marriage of Richard B. Johnston and Margaret Jo Taggart on August 9, 1958, and the deaths of Annie Smail on August 10, 1958 and Myrtle Albright on August 21, 1958.

Kenneth A. Boomer, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported on the proposed budget for the year 1958-1959. The report was approved.

Verlin Anderson proposed the establishment of a Permanent Trust to handle investment funds with a report to be given annually. The need for such a trust was explained. The plan was approved.

Esther Bright, delegate to Yearly Meeting, gave her report. She attended several of the sessions. She reported that two publications were to be made specifically for Friends and several publications or handbooks are to be made to help Quakers. The support of new Meetings was asked. To continue the effort of church extension, each Meeting was asked to give \$1.00 per capita. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee to include the amount of \$400.00 in the budget to cover this request. A report on youth at Quaker Haven was given and emphasis was to be expressed on the effort of young people. Leo Keys also made some remarks concerning a meeting she attended.

The Presiding Clerk read a letter from Yearly Meeting asking our Meeting to help retire the \$6,700.00 indebtedness for the Fairborn Meeting. It stated the hope that the money would be forthcoming before the dedication ceremony on October 5, 1958. Fifty cents per capita was asked {to be taken} from the Improvement Fund making our Share \$200.00 and the Meeting approved.

Welcome was given Charles Thomas and his family. In his remarks, he asked to meet with the various committee chairmen to get better acquainted with the work of the Meeting.

Gordon Keys brought to the Meeting the request that the nursery during the Worship Service be reestablished. Several suggestions were given. No plan was ready for presentation and a committee was named to study the project. They are Eloise Keys, Helen Thornhill, Lena Bales, Pauline Mills, and Joy Norman.

The Quarterly Meeting report was held over until October due to the length of the Meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 10th month, 5th day, 1958.

Verlin Anderson, Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

October 5, 1958

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened 10th month, 5th day, 1958 with 42 members attending.

Following the opening minute, the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Attendance for September was reported as 176 1/2 for Morning Worship Service, 70 for Evening Worship Service, and 25 for Midweek Service.

Lena Bales gave her report of the August Quarterly Meeting.

Kenneth A. Boomer, chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the completed proposed budget with additions of the \$400.00 for Church Extension and for the Ministers Retirement Fund. The report was approved.

Request for the transfer of membership of Kenneth, Ruthanna and James Pickering to the Bell Monthly Meeting, Bell, California and for the transfer of Joyce Pickering to the Wichita Monthly Meeting, Wichita, Kansas were read and approved.

Approval was given for Marvin Thornburg to be our representative to the Dedication Services of the Fairborn Meeting in the afternoon.

Charles Cates read a letter from the Friends World Committee telling of the Youth Conference to be held in England next summer for the exchange of Information and History on early Quakers.

A committee composed of Esther Bright, Frances Thornburg, and George Carter, was named to study the need and possible purchase of new hymnals.

Stella Mason reported the Yearly Meeting Quota is \$1,247.83 and the Quarterly Meeting Quota is \$23.40.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 11th month, 2nd day, 1958.

Verlin Anderson, Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

November 2, 1958

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 11th month, 2nd day, 1958 with 47 members attending.

Following the opening minute, the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and approved.

Herbert Harrison gave the attendance report as follows: Morning Worship Service weekly 161/135/151 with an average of 149 2/10. Sunday Evening as 25, Midweek Service as 25, and Youth Group average 27.

Marvin Thornburg reported on the Fairborn Dedication. He was accompanied by Irene Thornburg, Vada Coon, Helen Thornhill, Lucile Thomas, and Leo Keys. Marvin also told of a trip he and Irene made to the Friendsville, Tennessee Meeting, and Academy and the interesting day {they} had meeting several Friends, both old and new.

Gladys Davisson, Chairman of the House Committee, made a report. With approval of the Trustees, the committee had some minor improvement made to the parsonage and started the refurnishing of the church parlor. Work on this is being continued with contributions from classes and individuals being received for this project.

Lucile Thomas thanked the Meeting for the work done at the parsonage.

Wendell and Mabel Cox requested that their church letters be sent to the Bear Creek Friends Meeting. The Meeting approved.

Delegates {were} named to the November Quarterly Meeting. They are Vada Coon, Alberta Shockney, Stella Mason, Gladys Davisson, and Grace Warren.

In the absence of Eloise Keys, the Recording Clerk presented the plan of the committee named by Monthly Meeting to establish a nursery

during the Sunday Morning Worship Service. A woman has been secured who is willing to take care of the nursery at the approximate cost of \$2.00 per week with the Sunday School Committee, William Penn, Quaker Girls and Friendly Circle classes to each take care of one Sunday per month with the fifth Sunday of any month to be given to the Golden Band Class. The Meeting approved, providing the classes approve.

A letter was read from the Orange Grove Monthly Meeting, Pasadena, California asking support relative to efforts to halt tests of fallout producing bombs by means of the courts, namely the Fallout Suits. The letter will be given to the Peace and Service Committee.

Lena Bales, chairman, Christian Education Committee, brought to the Meeting her concern for the lack of response on the part of some of the committee members and asking if she might add to the committee some who are not church members but are willing to serve. After discussion as to whether membership was necessary and where the basis lay for the belief of this rule used by past Nomination Committees in the appointment of church committees, the Meeting approved Lena's request to add non-church members to the Christian Education Committee. This action to apply only to the Christian Education Committee. In further discussion, each organized class is asked to name one member who is willing to serve on this committee. The problem is to be studied further with effort to be made to bring the attending non-members into membership in our Meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 12th month, 7th day, 1958.

Verlin Anderson, Presiding Clerk  
Mildred Johnston, Recording Clerk

December 7, 1958

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 12th month, 7th day, 1958 with 55 members present.

Following the opening minute, a moment of silent waiting.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and approved.

Herbert Harrison gave the attendance reports as follows: Morning Worship Service weekly 154, 141, 154, 149, 82 with an average of 136. Sunday Evening Service 31 3/5 and Midweek Service 12 1/2.

The death of John Beals on December 1, 1958 was reported. The birth of a son, David Wayne, to John and Beverly Cover on December 1, 1958 {was reported}.

Vada Coon gave a good report of the Quarterly Meeting.

Lena Bales reported a good response from the classes concerning the Christian Education Committee.

A letter from the New Garden Friends Meeting, North Carolina Yearly Meeting, approving the transfer of membership of Charles and Lucile Thomas and children was read. A letter of acknowledgement and appreciation is to be sent on this.

A letter of appreciation is to be sent to Roger Holderman for painting the signs which are placed at the city limits and a letter to Mr. Brutchen for the locks on the church.

A concern was expressed about the acting {Active} church balance and the Finance Committee is to see about a Christmas letter to be sent to membership.

An inquiry was made about holding a Christmas Eve service in our church. The Music Committee and Young People are to be contacted. The Meeting approved providing it can be worked out.

A question was raised concerning the safe keeping of the records and minutes of the Meeting. Some of our records are thought to be in the vault at Richmond. A committee was appointed to investigate this and report to the Monthly Meeting. The committee is Walter Mills, Chairman, Mildred Johnston, Marvin Thornburg, and Vada Coon.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 1st month, 4th day, 1959.

Verlin Anderson, Presiding Clerk  
Ardith Coon, Asst. Recording Clerk

January 4, 1959

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened on 1st month, 4th day, 1959 with approximately 45 members attending.

Following the opening minute, the report of the Recording Clerk was read and corrected as follows: the name North Carolina Yearly Meeting to be inserted after New Garden Monthly Meeting in the transfer of the Charles Thomas family. The report was then approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Herbert Harrison reported the attendance for December as follows. Sunday Morning Worship Service: 136, 104, 144, and 146, average 132 1/2. Christmas Cantata 177, Sunday Evening Service, {20?}, Wednesday Evening 12, Senior Young Friends from 25 to 30 per week with 46 the

last Sunday of December. Lucile Thomas reported Christian Endeavor attendance good with 35 enrolled and the average attendance 15. Vada Coon also helps with this group.

The death of Kenneth Marguis on December 18, 1959 was reported.

A letter was read on the Fairborn Extension Project and it stated that \$4,500.30 has been given by 39 out of the 60 Meetings with \$3,469.70 still due on their debt. This was in response to the recent drive to clear their debt before their dedication. They expressed their gratitude to our Meeting for our contribution.

Kenneth Boomer stated that it was hoped a banquet could be given for the Senior Young Friends during Youth Week, the last week of January.

Marvin Thornburg reported that some of our old Monthly Meeting records were in the vault at Richmond and expressed the opinion that this was the proper place for the old records to be kept. All old records held by individuals should be reported to the committee appointed by the Meeting in December.

The Meeting approved the payment of the Bulk Mailing Charge of \$20.00 for mailing church letters. This is good for one year only. Approval was given for the payment of \$10.99 for a permit to mail bulletins, etc. without stamps. This permit need only be purchased once.

Lucile Thomas stated that she has been impressed by the friendliness of the Meeting and also asked our help in having visitors pointed out so that calls could be made on them. The suggestion was made that someone be stationed at each door on Sunday morning to greet people, especially visitors, and it was referred to the Usher Committee for possible action by them or by the Social Committee. This is to be investigated as it seems to be very successful in other churches.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 2nd month, 1st day, 1959.

Verlin Anderson, Presiding Clerk  
Mildred Johnston, Recording Clerk

February 1, 1959

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened 2nd month, 1st day, 1959 with 39 members attending.

Following the opening minute, the reports of the Recording Clerk and Treasurer were read and approved. The Treasurer's balance is as follows. Active {Church} Balance \$459.81, Improvement Fund {Balance} \$4,143.43, Total {Balance} \$4,603.24.

January attendance figures were reported as follows: Morning Worship average 130 1/2, Evening 35, Wednesday Evening 10 3/4, Friends Youth Fellowship 25.

Walter Mills reported the death of Eva Daugherty on January 21, 1959, the birth of a daughter, Michele Ann to Thomas and Carolyn Nickey on January 15, 1949, and the marriage of Jan Myers and Martha Catey on January 14, 1959.

Walter Mills, Chairman of the committee recently appointed to look into the old church records made their report. The records from the time the Meeting was set off from the White River Monthly Meeting on July 6, 1912 through 1943 are in the vault at the Friends Central Office in Richmond. All other Meeting records are here at the church. The committee recommends that approximately 5 year's records be kept at the church and all others be taken to the vault in Richmond. The Meeting approved.

Vada Coon read a letter from Edgar Reece in regard to a report on the status of the commissary project of 1958 and the new Student House project. Help of the Meetings was asked for the Missionary projects. In the discussion that followed the explanation was given that these are outside of the United Service Budget. While they are very worthwhile projects, they present a problem to the individual Meetings and the organization as a whole. Study is being made to determine what should be done in these matters. Individual gifts are welcome and the matter is to be referred to the Finance Committee.

A letter was read from the Pastor of the Harrisville Christian Church transferring the membership of Cina McKnight to our Meeting. The Meeting approved and Vada Coon and Helen Thornhill were appointed to call on her.

A committee composed of Kenneth Boomer, Clifford Tuttle and Walter Mills was appointed to check into the possibility of furnishing transportation to some who wish to come to church but do not have any way to come.

Esther Bright reported that the new hymnals have been selected. The order is to go in this week, so if any members desire one it must be ordered. 200 are to be ordered at approximately \$1.65 each. More money is needed for this project.

Delegates to Quarterly Meeting were appointed as follows: Cina McKnight, Lucile Thomas, Nellie Pickett, Harold and Mildred Johnston, Charles Thomas, Leonard and Ruth Bolinger, and Vada Coon. The Quaker Girls are to serve lunch.

A card of thanks has been received from the family of Eva Daugherty.

Verlin Anderson stated that the Trustees had money to loan on 1st mortgages if anyone wanted to borrow from them. Approximately \$2,300.00 is available. Walter Mills stated that the Quarterly Meeting had money to loan also.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 3rd month, 1st day, 1959.

Verlin Anderson, Presiding Clerk  
Mildred Johnston, Recording Clerk

March 1, 1959

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened 3rd month, 1st day, 1959 with 50 members in attendance.

Following the opening minute, the report of the Recording Clerk was read and approved. The report of the Treasurer was read showing February 28, 1959 Active {Church} Balance \$328.87 plus Improvement Fund Balance \$4,051.93 Total {Balance} \$4,380.80. The report was approved.

The average attendance for Sunday Morning Worship was 121, Sunday Evening 26, and Midweek 12.

Walter Mills reported the birth of a son, Timothy Wayne, to Julia and Virgil Cox on February 27, 1959.

Cina McKnight gave her report of Winchester Quarterly Meeting. The message was brought by William Wagner, Pastor of Bethel Meeting. His text was missions, since February had been designated Missions Month. The collection of \$60.74 was given to help with the work at our Indian Missions. This was done at the suggestion of the Missionary Committee of Quarterly Meeting.

Kenneth Boomer gave a report of the committee appointed to look into the possibility of the Meeting furnishing transportation to church to interested persons. He stated that they did not feel it feasible to purchase and operate special equipment and suggested that individuals might furnish this transportation. Chairmanship of the committee was transferred to Clifford Tuttle as Kenneth did not feel he has the necessary time to be chairman. Helen Thornhill and Bertha Heaston were added to the committee. They are to report at the April Meeting people involved and to offer some method or schedule and report at the April {Meeting} the number involved.

The following transfers of membership were read and approved: Fleming G. and Maryline C. Nelson from the First Methodist Church, Angola,

Indiana. Their children Randolph and Cheryl Kay were received as Associate members. Luella Tooker from the Crescent Place Reformed Church, Yonkers, New York. Nora Johnson Shade from the Mt. Pleasant Meeting. Walter and Pauline Mills were appointed to call on the Nelsons. Gladys Davisson and Achsa Bailey to call on Mrs. Tooker and Pauline Keener to call on Mrs. Shade.

A letter from Inez Napier asking our Meeting to consider sponsoring the Dedication Service for the Aaron Napier Memorial Garden at Quaker Haven was read. She asked us at the request of the friend of Aaron's who was instrumental in starting the garden. The suggested time was late to come in June, possibly a Sunday afternoon. The Meeting approved and named Verlin Anderson, Kenneth Boomer and Dallas Bailey to the committee.

A letter was read stating {that} 3 subscriptions per Meeting were needed for the publication of the American Friend to meet their goal. Thought is to be given to the possibility of the Meeting presenting each new member with a one year subscription. Achsa Bailey suggested that the Women's and Men's Organization and each class might withstand the cost of one subscription. The matter is to be discussed further at the next Meeting.

Announcement was made that an Easter Letter and special Easter offering envelope will be mailed soon.

A letter of thanks for our help to the Scholarship Fund has been received from Earlham College.

Elizabeth Tuttle reported that a United Nations Conference will be held in Wilmington College April 11, 1959. She gave a brief outline of the conference and asked that anyone interested in going as a delegate see her for additional information. Elizabeth also asked that anyone interested in going to the National Conference of the Society of Friends Women at High Point, {North} Carolina see her to arrange transportation and registration. The Men's Brotherhood will meet at the same time at High Point.

The annual meetings of the boards of the Five Years Meeting will be held in Richmond starting March 16, 1959. Anyone interested is invited to attend any of the meetings. Approval was given for Charles Thomas to have leave for the week to attend these meetings.

The new hymnals have arrived and are to be presented to the program for Family Nite March 15, 1958. Money for the hymnals was given by several individuals and classes and underwritten by the Sunday School Committee.

It was brought to the attention of the Meeting that the Quaker Girls gave \$50.00 in response to the letter read last Meeting from Edgar

Reese. This money went to help furnish homes for students at Friends Bible Institute.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 4th month, 5th day, 1959.

Verlin Anderson, Presiding Clerk  
Mildred Johnston, Recording Clerk

April 5, 1959

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 4th month, 5th day, 1959 with 39 members in attendance.

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

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. The report showed the Active {Church} Balance \$505.25 and Improvement Fund Balance \$4,674.19.

Attendance for March was 151 average for Sunday Morning Worship, 31 for Sunday Evening, Wednesday Evening 10, Easter Cantata 138, Easter Breakfast 108. Holy Week Noonday Service 27.

The marriage of Kay Thornburg and Anthony Mendenhall on March 7, 1959 was reported.

Clifford Tuttle, chairman, Transportation Committee, stated they had no report for this Meeting.

Walter Mills reported their call on the Fleming Nelson family completed. Gladys Davisson reported the call of Louella Tooker completed. The report of the call on Mrs. Shade was held over. The request of membership by Mrs. Majeska McEntire on Confession of Faith was approved. The request of transfer of membership to First Friends Meeting, Marion, Indiana by Fred and June Phinney and their son, Dale, was approved.

Verlin Anderson reported that the plans for a Dedication of the Aaron Napier Memorial Garden at Quaker Haven would have to be deferred until permission could be secured from the Quaker Haven Board. The letter from Lucile Meyers, Muncie, Indiana, Chairman of the Board stated that permission for the Garden had been given providing it was established without plaque or dedication. Several of the Meeting spoke in support of the Dedication, citing the work and vision put into the Camp by Aaron Napier. The committee plans to investigate the matter further and the proposal was tabled for the time being.

The Meeting acknowledged the gift of the new microphone and repairs of the sound system by Robert McHolland and instructed that a letter be sent to him expressing the appreciation of the Meeting.

Elizabeth Tuttle reported that no one was going as a delegate to the United Nations Meeting April 11, 1959 at Wilmington, but that Irene and Marvin Thornburg, Gladys Davisson, Helen Boomer and she and Clifford were going to the convention of Friends Women's and Men's Brotherhood at High Point, {North} Carolina.

A letter was read regarding the survey to be made for the establishment of a Home for the Aged by Indiana Yearly Meeting. A permanent Chairman, funds and information is needed to continue the project.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 5th month, 3rd day, 1959.

Verlin Anderson, Presiding Clerk  
Mildred Johnston, Recording Clerk

May 3, 1959

Winchester Monthly Meeting met 5th month, 3rd day, 1959 with 27 members attending.

Following the opening minute, the report of the Recording Clerk was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report, showing an Active Church Balance of \$447.32 and Improvement Fund Balance of \$4,974.17 was read and approved.

The April attendance report was given as follows: Sunday Morning Worship Service 117 average, Sunday Evening 19, Wednesday Evening 19 1/2, and F.Y.F. {Friends Youth Fellowship} 20.

The marriage of Hermione Driver and Thomas Bailey on April 10, 1959 was reported.

Florence Heckman was appointed to call on Majeska McEntire; the Meeting failed to make this appointment in April. The call of Pauline Keener on Nora Shade was completed.

The request for membership by Elizabeth Cox on Confession of Faith was approved. Leo Keys and Vada Coon were appointed to make the call.

Leo Keys was appointed as delegate to Yearly Meeting. Clifford Tuttle {was appointed} as alternate.

Delegates to Quarterly Meeting at Muncie, May 16, 1959, were appointed as follows: Walter Mills, Mabel Mills, Lucile and Charles Thomas, Stella Mason, Irene and Marvin Thornburg.

Walter Mills reported that the Memorials have been prepared for Quarterly Meeting.

Alberta Shockney was appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee of Quarterly Meeting. Gordon Keys was appointed chairman of the Monthly Meeting Nominating Committee.

Walter and Pauline Mills and Harold and Mildred Johnston were appointed as Monthly Meeting Witness for the marriage of Mark Myers and Anna Walton to be held June 13, 1959 at London Grove Monthly Meeting, London Grove, Pennsylvania. Glen and Glenda Myers and Lee and Bertha Briner were named as alternates.

The Meeting approved the recommendation of Ministry & Counsel that Charles Thomas be retained as Minister for another Year. The Trustees asked the Meeting to appoint a committee to study the housing needs of the Sunday School and to make recommendations to the next Meeting. Walter Mills, Verl Anderson, Esther Bright, and Mildred Johnston were appointed to work with the Sunday School Superintendent on this.

The possibility of a Joint Service during two summer months is being considered. We were asked to think about it until next Meeting.

A letter was read giving some information on White's Institute, asking that our Meeting appoint a representative. Marvin Thornburg was appointed. They also asked that a special offering be taken to help build a new Chapel at White's. The Chapel is to be financed by all Meetings of Indiana Yearly Meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 6th month, 7th day, 1959.

Verlin Anderson, Presiding Clerk  
Mildred Johnston, Recording Clerk

June 7, 1959

The Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends met 6th month, 7th day, 1959 with 55 members attending.

Following the opening minute, the report of the Secretary and that of the Treasurer were read and approved. There was a deficit of \$11.00 in the Active Church Balance.

The attendance report for the month of May was given by Herbert Harrison: the morning attendance was 131 2/5 average; evening attendance 30; and the midweek 9.

Walter Mills reported the death of Everett Stegall on May 14, 1959 and the death of Dan Bailey on May 18, 1959. The birth of a daughter, Lesa Diane, to Lester and Joy Norman on May 13, 1959 was also reported.

Mabel Mills brought back the report from Quarterly Meeting giving highlights from the Conference in North Carolina.

Florence Heckman reported her call on Majeska McEntire and Vada Coon and Leo Keys made their call on Elizabeth Cox.

A request for membership on Faith was read for Burt and Betty Hiatt and their two daughters, Sharon Kay and Melanie Ann, as Associate {members}. The request was approved and Gordon Keys to call.

Helen Boomer reported on the Conference at High Point, North Carolina.

A bulletin from the County Health Officer, Dr. Koch, regarding the chest x-ray for food handlers June 17-19, 1959 was read.

An acknowledgment from the family of Dan Bailey was read.

A recommendation from Ministry & Counsel stating that the Nominating Committee should rotate with nine members serving a 3 year appointment and retiring 3 members yearly was read and approved.

Adam Flatter reported on the Joint-Service Plan. Gordon Keys suggested that the plans for a concentrated service be given over to Charles Thomas and the Ministry & Counsel for consideration. This action was approved.

The Expansion Study Committee report was given by Walter Mills. This report was based on a 10 year chart showing gains of 56 members in Sunday School averages. 154 in church members; 15 in church attendance; and \$8,351.00 in expenditures. Need for additional space was discussed by Charles Thomas based on a chart showing the Class, Age Group, Number in class, Space-per pupil needed, and Actual space per pupil allotted, Capacity of the classroom, and a 20% increase. Charles Thomas pointed out in his report that there are at present seven classrooms that are over-crowded, two that are barely adequate out of fifteen classes. This chart was based on a 20% gain in attendance. Walter Mills presented the report showing the proposed new chart based on footage and classrooms to be gained in the present Parsonage and the Roberts' property. From the Parsonage, excluding the Pastor's Study, 1,353 feet could be gained and 1,094 feet from the Roberts' property. The feeling of the committee was that classrooms

gained in either the Parsonage {or the Roberts'} property would be only a temporary alleviation, but any addition to the church should be on a permanent basis. The committee's recommendation was as follows. There are Needs - they should be met. If the Monthly Meeting agrees with this, the committee would recommend that a permanent committee be appointed to look into the best way to meet these needs. Marvin Thornburg recommended that with the help of Leonard Hall to survey our financial resources that we stay within {our} own Meeting to appoint a permanent committee. This action was approved and the following committee was appointed: Dallas Bailey, Chairman, Marvin Thornburg, Gordon Keys, Leo Keys, and Mildred Johnston, with Charles Thomas and Verlin Anderson as ex-officio members. The committee was approved.

Charles Thomas reported on a proposed three year Progress Program with the following objectives: Spiritual growth through 1. Vital program planning, 2. Informed and participating members, 3. Expanded facilities, 4. Increased financial. Charles Thomas recommended that the Ministry & Counsel plus the chairmen of all standing committees and a representative from each of the men's, women's, and youth organizations would form the permanent committee. This action was approved.

Mention was made of Stella Mason's illness and the group expressed its appreciation for her many years of service.

Susie Green announced that our church is responsible for the Blood Bank program for the next three times.

An acknowledgement from Marion Monthly Meeting of the Removal Certificate of the Phinney family was received and a statement to the effect that the family had been welcomed into membership (Fred, June, and son Dale).

Kenneth Boomer reported that the Young People would be in charge of the services and the Family Night Program on June 28, 1959 and that a movie would be shown.

There being no further business, the Meeting of the Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends then adjourned to meet 7th month, 5th day, 1959.

Verlin Anderson, Presiding Clerk  
Achsa Bailey, Recording Clerk

{July 5, 1959}

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened on 7th month, 5th day, 1959 with approximately 47 in attendance.

Following the opening minute, the report of the Recording Clerk was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report showing the Active Church Balance of \$301.85, Improvement Fund Balance \$4,574.17, Total Balance of \$4,876.02 was read and approved.

Herbert Harrison gave the attendance figures as an average of 104 1/2 {for} Sunday Morning Worship, 27 1/2 {for} Sunday Evening, and 9 {for} Wednesday Evening.

Walter Mills reported the marriage of Anna Walton and Mark Myers on June 13, 1959 and the death of Edwin Comer on July 2, 1959.

Gordon Keys gave the Nominating Committee's report. Clyde Brumley withdrew from the Public Morals Committee. The report was approved.

Dallas Bailey, chairman of the Expansion Committee, asked the members for their ideas. A full report will not be made for possibly 2 or 3 months.

Delegates to Quarterly Meeting August 1, 1959 are Elizabeth Tuttle, Irene and Marvin Thornburg, Alice Harrison, Cina McKnight and Wallace Fields.

Edward and Christine Hanke's request for membership on Confession of Faith was approved. The Kenneth Boomers and Dallas Baileys were appointed to call.

Charles Thomas has accepted the ministry of our church for another year.

At the beginning of our Meeting, Mrs. Flatter introduced to those present Fulmoth Brown, Head of the Friends School in Jamaica. She spoke briefly and brought greetings from Jamaica and expressed her pleasure of being with us.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet August 2, 1959.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 1959-1960

Presiding Clerk	Verlin Anderson
Asst. Presiding Clerk	Dallas Bailey
Recording Clerk	Mildred Johnston
Asst. Recording Clerk	Ardith Coon
Treasurer	Robert Keesling
Asst. Treasurer	Frances Thornburg
Organists	Elizabeth Cates and Frances Thornburg

TRUSTEES

1960:

Frances Thornburg, Mike Cover, Eugene Fidler

1961:

Leo Keys, Herbert Harrison, Max Copeland

1962:

Lucile Johnson, Harold Ryan, Louis Mendenhall

#### ELDERS

1960:

Esther Bright, Helen Thornhill, Kenneth C. Boomer, Marvin Thornburg

1961:

Viva Gilpin, Bonnie Copenhaver, Ora Smith, Gordon Keys

1962:

Julia Cox, Henry Vaupel, Glen Myers, Elizabeth Tuttle

#### FINANCE

1960:

Miriam Elliott, Ralph Fisher, Donald Clevenger

1961:

Evelyn Fields, Joe Harris, Robert Keesling

1962:

Janet Copeland, Robert McHolland, Rodger Green

#### STATISTICIANS

Walter Mills, Chairman

Clifford Tuttle

#### MISSIONARY

Irene Thornburg, Chairman

Joe Harris, Vada Coon, Guy Friar, Delphia Bullock, Pauline Mills

#### MUSIC

George Carter, Chairman

Winifred Thompson, Joan Stiverson, Opal Mosier, Mary Anderson, Delores Keesling, June Mendenhall, Wallace Fields, John Puckett, Elizabeth Cates, Frances Thornburg

#### STEWARDSHIP

Esther Bright, Chairman

Gernell Owens, Chris Rolle, Marvin Thornburg, Ruby Bosworth, John Coon

#### PUBLIC MORALS

Mabel Mills, Chairman

Olive Cover, Mary Clevenger, Richard Rinehart

PEACE & SERVICE

Charles Cates, Chairman  
Marjorie Carter, Lydia Cranor, Betsy Green, Fleming Nelson

FUNERAL

Helen Thornhill, Chairman  
Ruth Fisher, Edna Mills, Clifford Tuttle

HOUSE & GROUNDS

Gladys Davisson, Chairman  
Mildred Johnston, Ardith Coon

PRESS

Helen Boomer, Jerry Davis, Fred Boomer, Charles Thomas

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Darlene Slusher, Chairman  
Pauline Keener, Irene Bosworth, Melba Martzell, Virgil Cox, Gordon Keys, Lucile Thomas, Grant Stewart, Achsa Bailey

USHERS

Herb Harrison, Chairman  
Leonard Bolinger, Verlin Anderson, Robert McHolland, Richard Bosworth, Donald Clevenger, John Cover, Lester Norman

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Adah Ryan, Chairman  
Harold Ryan, Marjorie Rouch, Dale Rouch, Beverly Cover, John Cover, James Bolinger, Marcella Bolinger, Garnet Botkin, Joy Norman, Lester Norman

SPONSORS FOR YOUTH

Annie Fidler, Chairman  
Gene Fidler, Nancy Peters, Al Comer, Betty Bales, Kedrick Bales, Margaret Sumwalt, LaVerne Sumwalt, Bill Stiverson, Frances Stiverson

AUDITING

Evelyn Fields, Donnabelle Gaylor

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1960:

Clifford Tuttle	Golden Band
Caroline Vaupel	Women's Society
Alice Harrison	Quaker Girls

1961:

Charles Cates	Quaker Men
Darlene Slusher	Chairman, Education Junior Department
Helen Thornhill	Ministry & Counsel

1962:

George Carter                      William Penn  
Julia Cox                              Friendly Circle  
Mike Engle (or President of Youth Group)

JUNIOR USHERS (some non-members)

Keith Hinshaw, Mike Engle, Jerry Logan, Paul Brumley, Larry Keys

Charles Thomas, Minister

Adam Flatter, Recorded Minister

are invited as non-revolving members of the Elders and Ministry & Counsel

August 2, 1959

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened 8th month, 2nd day, 1959 with 48 in attendance.

Following the opening minute, the report of the Recording Clerk was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. The report shows an Improvement Fund Balance of \$4,874.17, Active Balance \$743.54, Total Balance \$5,617.71.

The attendance for Sunday Morning Worship for July was an average of 190 3/4.

Walter Mills reported the death of Elizabeth Cox on July 10, 1959.

Elizabeth Tuttle gave the Quarterly Meeting report. The Meetings for the coming year are to be held as follows: November - Rural, February - Lynn, May - Farmland, August - Jericho. Virgil Peacock is the new Quarterly Meeting Clerk. The message was brought by Edgar White. A special meeting of the Quarterly Meeting is to be held in Detroit in September.

The calls on the Burt Hiatt family and Ed and Christine Hanke were reported as completed.

Dallas Bailey spoke briefly on the Expansion Committee's work.

Approval was given the suggestion that Ministry & Counsel consider continuing the present Sunday morning order of service for another month.

Charles Thomas spoke on the Progress Program Planning Committee's work. He explained how they hoped to arrive at the Giving Potential of the church, the projected budget, the proposed budget goal,

clarifying several points he felt might make the Meeting better understand the program. The breakdown of the committee is as follows: Every Member Visitation - Rodger Green, Chairman; Congregational Dinner & Telephoning - Gladys Davisson, Chairman; Resources - Robert McHolland, Chairman; Expansion of Building - Dallas Bailey, Chairman. A full report is expected to be ready for the September Monthly Meeting.

Yearly reports were read from the following committees and classes: Women's Society, Home Department, State of Society, Music, Christian Education, Trustees Report of Funds, Quaker Girls, Golden Band and William Penn classes.

It was mentioned that reservations for Yearly Meeting should be made at once.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 9th month, 6th day, 1959.

Verlin Anderson, Presiding Clerk  
Mildred Johnston, Recording Clerk

September 6, 1959

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened 9th month 6th day, 1959 with 63 in attendance.

The report of the Recording Clerk was read and approved. The report of the Treasurer, showing \$1,132.57 Active Balance, \$5,152.11 Improvement Fund Balance, Total Balance \$6,284.68 was read and approved.

Herbert Harrison reported the average attendance for Sunday Morning Worship in August as 198 9/10.

Walter Mills reported the deaths of John Davisson on August 3, 1959 and William Wysong on August 15, 1959.

The Meeting approved the request of the Christian Education Committee to unify their funds with the regular church fund.

A letter was read from the First Friends Meeting, Richmond, Indiana, inviting us to attend their 150th Year Celebration on October 3rd and 4th, 1959.

In response to the request of the August Monthly Meeting, Ministry & Counsel asked approval to continue the present order of Sunday Morning Worship until approximately November 1, 1959. In the discussion that followed the only objection was that some of the teachers and

assistants are never able to hear the sermon. This matter was then referred to the Christian Education Committee to determine if some alternate plan could be worked out with the teachers. The Meeting approved both the action of Ministry & Counsel and the referral to the Christian Education Committee.

Marvin Thornburg read the report of the Expansion Committee due to the absence of Dallas Bailey, chairman. The report presented this possible plan of expansion. They felt that a new Christian Education Unit should be built immediately west of the church starting at the SW corner of the church, following the south boundary of the property to a point approximately 50 feet west, thence north approximately 40 feet. This building would be a two story unit to house 8 to 10 classrooms and have rest room facilities. The report suggested that additional members acquainted with the housing problem should be added to the committee and that the duties of the committee be defined. The report also suggested the possibility of using the Roberts' house for immediate classroom relief, the house to be leveled after completion of the new building. The report was received without taking action on the specific proposal of the new building. The committee was instructed to continue its study of the type of facilities needed, the urgency of the need of additional class rooms and possible ways of relieving the need soon. They were also asked to find out probable costs of the new structure suggested and given permission to contract professional help in securing this information if needed. The names of Max Copeland, Darlene Slusher and Robert Keesling were added to the committee and Richard Hinshaw is to be asked to assist in an advisory capacity.

Charles Thomas gave the report of the Progress Program Proposed Financial Goal and explained each part in detail. This goal was given for each year of a 3 year period. The goal of \$20,000.00 for administration of the church and \$10,000.00 for debt retirement and expansion facilities was approved by the Meeting. This is not to be confused with the regular church budget. That will be determined after the Every Member Visitation has been completed.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 10th month, 4th day, 1959.

Verlin Anderson, Presiding Clerk  
Mildred Johnston, Recording Clerk

October 4, 1959

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened 10th month, 4th day, 1959 with 47 members in attendance.

The report of the Recording Clerk was read and corrected to remove the finality of the Expansion Committee Report. The report was then approved.

The report of the Treasurer, showing \$1,562.60 Active Balance, \$5,420.31 Improvement {Fund} Balance, Total Balance \$6,982.91 was read and approved. The Treasurer's report for the year was read and approved.

Herbert Harrison reported the attendance for Morning Worship in September as follows: September {6}, 217. September 13, 227; September 20, 209; September 27, 240. Sunday Evening Service for the String Quartet, 78.

Walter Mills reported the marriage of Roberta Ball and Robert Cover on September 15, 1959 and the death of Mattie Harmon on September 26, 1959.

A request for transfer of membership to the Midvale, Utah Methodist Church by William and Alice Warnes and children was approved. A request for withdrawal of membership from Elizabeth Yates was read. A letter is to be sent to the Methodist Church of Mattoon, Illinois urging them to cultivate membership of Elizabeth Yates and a carbon copy is to be sent to her.

The Auditing Committee reported the Sunday School books correct and the balance of \$425.26 has been turned over to the Church Treasurer.

Robert McHolland reported the visitations made on the Progress Program were successful and a more complete report would be made later.

Robert Keesling asked the Meeting to have him bonded as Treasurer and the Meeting approved.

Expressions of appreciation were made to Rodger and Susie Green and Charles Thomas for their work on the Progress Program. A written expression of appreciation is to be sent to the chairman of each committee.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 11th month, 1st day, 1959.

Verlin Anderson, Presiding Clerk  
Ardith Coon, Asst. Recording Clerk

November 1, 1959

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened 11th month, 1st day, 1959 with 39 members attending.

Following the opening minute, the report of the Recording Clerk was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report, showing Active Balance \$1,491.15, Improvement Fund Balance \$5,720.31, Total \$7,211.48 was read and approved.

Herbert Harrison reported the average attendance for Morning Worship in October was 220 1/4.

Clifford Tuttle reported the death of Lee Briner on October 20, 1959.

The Meeting approved the following new members on Confession of Faith: Mrs. Rosalie {Rosella} Ashley and her son, Frederick Mullen, Associate Member. The Bob McHolland's and the Bob Keesling's were appointed to call. Glenn Oliver Engle, Harriett Vivian Engle and Michael Oliver Engle, with Dennis Garfield Engle and Glenda Sue Engle as Associate {Members}. The Herbert Harrison's and someone they select are to call. Shirley Onkst, Lucile and Karen Thomas and one other to call. Cecil Addington and James Harbour requested they be dropped from our records and the Meeting granted their requests.

Letters of thanks were read from the family of Mattie Harmon and from Earlham College. The latter in connection with the \$100.00 from our Meeting for the Scholarship Fund and from the Five Years Meeting for the \$50.00 given by the Quaker Girls and the Women's Society on the Refrigerator Fund for the Logan Smith family.

A letter was read asking help with money for the new chapel at White's Institute. After some discussion it was decided to ask the Men's Brotherhood to take charge and solicit for donations on an individual basis.

A letter was read from the American Friends Service Committee regarding the Refugee Program. No action was taken.

A letter regarding the CROP Program {Christian Rural Overseas Program} was read and the Meeting approved a free will offering basket for the next Sunday.

The Meeting approved payment of \$940.93 to Hinshaw Building Service for church repairs.

Bob McHolland gave a report of the Every Member Visitation recently conducted and presented the new budget. He reported 235 calls made with 132 commitments. These range from \$0.25 to \$16.00 per week. The working budget is \$23,450.00. This allows for \$3,950.00 per year to apply on the debt for the Roberts' property and for expansion. The Meeting approved the report and the budget.

Charles Thomas spoke on the program as a whole, stating that many good things are expected to come from this effort and urging all to keep up their interest, not to let down merely because the most intensive part of the program has been completed. He said that the goal might yet be reached because of the challenge made to both individuals and groups in the church. Several spoke in approval.

Delegates to Quarterly Meeting at Rural, November 21, 1959 are Opal Mosier, Florence Haworth, Lydia Cranor, Fred and Stella Moore, Marvin and Irene Thornburg, and Hobart and Olive Morris.

Mention was made of the coming of the Gospel Mariners on Sunday evening.

Standing committees are expected to have meetings soon now that the budget has been approved and their plans can go forward in the Progress Program.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 12th month, 6th day, 1959.

Verlin Anderson, Presiding Clerk  
Mildred Johnston, Recording Clerk.

December 6, 1959

Winchester Monthly Meeting of Friends convened 12th month, 6th day, 1959 with 48 in attendance.

Following the opening minute, the report of the Recording Clerk was read and approved.

The report of the Treasurer showing an Active Church Balance of \$1,235.59 and Improvement and Expansion Fund Balance of \$6,001.18 was read and approved.

Walter Mills reported the birth of a son, Jeffrey Allen, to Richard and Margaret Johnston on November 16, 1959.

Herbert Harrison gave the attendance report as follows: Sunday Morning Worship 234 4/5 average, Gospel Mariners Service 179, Family Night 123.

The call on the Engle family by the Herbert Harrison's and the Mike Cover's and the call on Shirley Onkst by Lucile and Karen Thomas were reported as completed. The call on Mrs. Ashley and son was held over until next month.

The Quarterly Meeting report was given by Florence Haworth. An interesting meeting was held with eight boys and girls from White's Institute giving the program. Paul Todd gave the address. The next meeting will be at Lynn in February.

Contributions to the CROP Program {Christian Rural Overseas Program} were reported as \$41.50.

Approval was given the transfer of membership of Earl, Alta and Sandra Worley from the Lynn Meeting to our Meeting and the transfer from our Meeting of the Fleming Nelson family to the First Methodist Church, Montpelier, Indiana and of Judy Williams to the First Friends Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. Esther Bright and Rodger and Susie Green were appointed to call on the Worley Family.

A minute from Ministry & Counsel, recommending the adoption of the present order of Sunday Morning service, was presented. This has been used as a trial since July with discussion in Monthly Meeting each time the trial period was extended. It was felt that definite action should be taken at this Monthly Meeting. Discussion freely entered into by many members present seemed to indicate that while some drawbacks to the plan were evident, the growth of the Meeting had been such that the Meeting approved its adoption with some adjustments to be considered. During this discussion, the concern was voiced that the Midweek Prayer Meeting needed to be strengthened and to be supported by a larger number of the Meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned to meet 1st month, 3rd day. 1960.

Verlin Anderson, Presiding Clerk  
Mildred Johnston, Recording Clerk