

Minutes
of
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AT OHIO YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS,

HELD IN THE STILLWATER MEETING HOUSE
 BY ADJOURNMENTS FROM THE 9TH THROUGH THE 13TH
 INCLUSIVE OF EIGHTH MONTH, 2011.

And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which is by interpretation, Sent). He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing (John 9:1-7).

As Friends gathered for the 199th session of Ohio Yearly Meeting, we have been blessed by physical rain coming down, conditioning the temperature to provide for our physical comfort. Just as we are refreshed by the rain, we are spiritually refreshed by the Word of God, which does not return unto him void. His words are not random or purposeless: He uses them to express His power and creativeness. Their greatest fulfillment was when the Word became flesh. We welcome Him as the Messiah and are blessed when we see so many people around the world discovering Him, too. We welcome these newly raised stones from around the earth who are joining us in Christ's one body.

We heard reports from Salem and Stillwater Quarterly Meetings, in which it appears that the following named Friends were appointed as Representatives to this body. Eight of them are present.

Salem Quarterly Meeting: Conrad Lindes, Myrtle E. Bailey, Nancy A. Hawkins, and Mary Alice Pino.

Stillwater Quarterly Meeting: Terry Wallace, Micah Bales, Susan Bailey, Eileen Kinch, Phil Helms, Bernie Naylor, and Carolyn McGinnis.

Friends appointed to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee are:

Salem QM Conrad Lindes, Marie Kirk Hawkins.

Stillwater QM Jim Creighton, Carolyn McGinnis, Phil Helms, David Eley, Mike Kinch, Jack Smith, Sara Kirk, Kevin Roberts, and Martha Giffen.

Visitors

We welcome Rae Lawrence, a Friend from Walla Walla Preparative Meeting, who brings a letter of introduction from North Pacific Yearly Meeting signed by Janet Jump and Elee Hadley. The Clerk is directed to endorse her minute.

We also welcome several visitors: Brenda Kelley, Dave and Bridget Casterline, Helene Pollock, and Tyler Hampton.

Treasurer's Report

Dorothy Smith prepared the following Treasurer's Report. She reports that the major difference with what was budgeted and spent was the Meeting House roof repairs. The meeting appreciates her for her careful work and report, and we are thankful we are able to operate within our budget.

We appoint Denise Troy and David Eley to the Audit and Budget Committee to work with Richard Simon and Bev Shull to review the treasurer's accounts, propose the name of a Friend for treasurer for the coming year and propose a budget for the coming year.

2010-2011 Treasurer's Report of Receipts and Disbursements

Checking Balance 7/31/2010		\$6,925.03
	<i>Budget for</i>	<i>Actual for</i>
	2010-11	2010-11
Income 2010-2011		
Monthly Meeting Donations		\$25,646.26
Other Donations		1,200.00
Book Sales		100.00
Transfer from OYM General Fund		2,400.00
Total Income for the year		\$29,346.26
Total Income		\$36,271.29
Expenses / Disbursements 2010-2011		
Walton Home	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Friends Center	25.00	25.00
Christian Education Camp	1,500.00	1,500.00
OYM Travel Fund	1,500.00	1,500.00
Hominy Center	100.00	100.00
FCNL	500.00	500.00
FWCC	500.00	500.00
Outreach Committee	2,000.00	2,000.00
Book & Children's Literature	50.00	50.00
WFCF	500.00	500.00
Peace & Human Relations	500.00	500.00
Historical Committee	200.00	200.00
Junior Yearly Meeting	100.00	100.00
RSWR	500.00	500.00
Friends Disaster Service	500.00	500.00

Printing	1,500.00	1,476.21
Correspondent's Expense	25.00	25.00
OYM Property Trustees	1,000.00	1,000.00
Copy Machine Supplies	125.00	125.00
Insurance	2,500.00	1,468.00
Water	150.00	146.00
Agenda Committee	500.00	500.00
Clerk's Expenses	200.00	200.00
Repair of MH Roof		2,400.00
Total Expenses/Disbursements	\$26,475.00	\$27,815.21
Income Over Expenses		\$8,456.08
Checking Balance 7/31/2010		\$8,456.08

OYM Physical Assets, 2011

Walton Retirement Home	Manure pit
281 acres of farmland, approximately	Loafing shed
100 tillable	2,000 bushels corn storage
Friends Center and garage	1 non-producing gas well
Plummer House	40 tree orchard
2 barns for livestock, hay storage	Towe House
Machinery storage shed	
Free stall barn	

Investments with Fiduciary Trustees:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Balance</i>
L.J. & Francis Taber	\$5,229.90
Property Sale Fund	115,533.66
General Fund	20,175.88
Total	140,939.44

Submitted by Dorothy J. Smith, Treasurer

Yearly Meeting Property Trustees

Bob Rockwell gave the report of the Yearly Meeting Property Trustees. He reported on the physical work on the Stillwater Meeting House during the past year, most of which is mentioned in the report. The Trustees have also inquired into the insurance coverage and have arranged for a new policy covering the Meeting House (valued at \$1.4 million) that we will share with Stillwater. We now have a much more comprehensive package for a modest increase in premium. We thank the Trustees for their many hours invested in this work. We especially thank Bob Rockwell for his work with both repairs and insurance issues.

OYM Property Trustees Report, 8/9/2011

Members present: Vic Peacock, Carl Smith, Bob Rockwell.

Significant roof work was performed in April by the Durable Slate Company from Columbus, Ohio. Work included:

- Replacing 75 missing or badly broken slate. We furnished the slate.
- Re-flashed all four chimneys in hand soldered copper
- Tightened and painted the ridge roll in bronze paint.

Additional slate and chimney work will be required in the future. The crew leader on the job gave us some insights into the care and restoration of the brick work. In general, he thought the building was in pretty good shape.

Bill for the work was \$6,250.00	\$3,850 from repair budget
	\$2,400 from OYM funds

Other expenses from repair budget:

To Olney Friends School	\$233.07 for bucket truck work
Balance, 8/8/2011	\$1,050.91

We request \$1,000.00 for next year.

Insurance for Ohio YM / Stillwater MM

For our situation, Phelps Financial Services Inc. using Guide One Insurance Company, seems to offer a very good solution for our insurance needs. They service a large number of churches and other religious organizations. They are currently providing insurance for Olney Friends School.

The policy we are adopting covers both Ohio YM and Stillwater Monthly Meeting. It includes coverage for many physical perils at realistic replacement values. And it covers a large number of liability risks.

We've tried very hard to be sure that all our needs are covered once, and nothing is covered twice. We will need to prorate the premiums between Ohio YM and Stillwater.

The agent, Dorr Phelps, has been here, looked at the facilities in considerable detail, and made suggestions to lower some of our liability risks. We will be working on these as way opens.

Total premiums will be about \$3,500 per year.

For the committee, Robert Rockwell

Representative Meeting Minutes

Phil Helms reported on the work of the Representative Meeting during the past year. Their schedule has been adjusted; they meet at Ridge in Eleventh Month now. The Yearly Meeting approves the Representative Meeting minutes, which will be printed in our upcoming yearly meeting minute book.

Queries

The Meeting read the Third through the Seventh Queries with the answers forwarded by the two Quarterly Meetings. We approve the following Yearly Meeting summaries.

3rd Query. Our homes are places of relative peace, joy, and contentment, places that provide us strength and a refuge from outside influences. While we are sometimes stressed by illness in the family, financial struggles, the fast pace of the larger society, and our own differences, we do not want to isolate ourselves for the good influences we may offer visitors, community, or the world in seeking a relationship with God. Christ Jesus, our Savior and Guide, helps us overcome our struggles as we turn to Him, and we want that to be demonstrated through our lives.

We lead our children to trust and be willing to follow our Savior by God's grace. They watch us closely and know our inconsistencies and faults. They see us praying, thanking God before meals, reading the Scriptures, practicing honesty, and worshipping Him in spirit and in truth. Through prayer and conversation, we remind each other and our children about our loving Savior and His desire to be our daily Guide, teaching us that "godliness with contentment is great gain" (1 Timothy 6:6).

4th Query. Our realization that our life is not our own gives us motivation to treat our bodies as God's temple. The One who gives us the strength to do needful things also keeps us mindful of maintaining right balance in all things. In some cases, a "high level" of physical and mental health is above our current conditions. Regarding temperance in all things, Friends are mindful of needed balance in food, exercise, and mental health. We seek to eat healthy and nutritional foods, and some of us question the quality of prepared foods available today. Some members are aware they could exercise more, while others do not always perceive things in our surroundings which are not conducive to good health. We discourage the immoderate use and handling of intoxicants, tobacco and all drugs.

5th Query. Christ put compassion into action, and we want to be among those who hear the words "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me drink" (Matthew 24:35). In our work on the Lord's behalf, we are sensitive to the recipient's dignity and self-worth, which may be different than ours, and to approach their needs out of love and not out of our own power or materialism. Ways of helping include food banks, charities, volunteering, donations, Forgotten Harvest, the Heifer Project, the Salvation Army, and the Walton Home. It was brought to our attention that we be attentive to needs in our own meetings and communities as well as needs of distant people around the world who we meet through modern communications. It is God's will for us to love one another and to love our neighbor as ourselves, with the same love

that God has for each of us. Some find it easier to help acquaintances in traumatic circumstances rather than strangers. When we ask for assistance within the meeting, it is readily given with graciousness; the difficulty being in the asking.

Though Friends generally find it personally challenging to counsel others, important examples of quiet and private counseling have taken place during the past year. We are cautioned to consider our own faults before criticizing others so that we enter with a spirit of meekness. We approach personal assistance and counseling through prayer and trust so that we are truly sharing the burdens of others and not adding to their existing burdens.

6th Query. As humans, we sometimes struggle to keep in the life and presence of Jesus Christ. Being called as children of God to be peacemakers, we emphasize being patient, caring and loving with our families, friends and neighbors. How we live in every aspect of our daily lives is the crucial foundation of world peace. Though we may be clear of direct participation in the war system, we indirectly cooperate with the military system through the payment of taxes, our dependence on petroleum and our purchase of items produced by exploited labor.

Friends work actively for peace and the removal of the causes of war through various means. Recognizing that we were all made in God's image and that no one is beneath or above us helps us promote the peaceful conclusions to conflicts. For example, one member works in a Mennonite school where there is an intentional effort to assist people to find peaceful ways to resolve conflicts. Another family has been active in helping the local high school understand the ramifications of the ASVAB test for admission to military service. We are reminded to keep praying for peace on earth. Though we reject violence and military action as solutions to conflict, we do not reject loving care for soldiers as people. Some Friends belong to peace groups or support programs such as the Heifer Project, local food banks, FCNL, the Peace Tax Fund, and groups that distribute educational materials. We are mindful to maintain a witness in personal conversation for peaceful interaction, for mutual understanding and for equal opportunity. We continue to ask Christ Jesus to help our efforts on His behalf to bring about peaceful results in the hearts of others. We encourage Friends to record their peace convictions and opposition to war, and to place their thoughts on our website.

7th Query. We make conscious choices to keep our appearances and actions aligned with our Christian faith. We desire to focus on Jesus and to hear God's plan for us. We find that trusting our Heavenly Father helps us put spiritual things first as we go about our temporal lives. The heart of simplicity is reserving time and space for hearing God. One meeting expressed a sincere concern that we consider more carefully the testimony of modesty in apparel. To live our lives in support of our testimony of modesty, we must be in a community that raises the awareness of our members on the importance of our testimony on modesty.

Most of us are just in our dealings and try to fulfill promises and commitments. We strive to be careful not to make promises we cannot keep. We try to make our Christian faith a part of all we do, letting the love of Christ shine through to all around us.

Following a time of announcements, the meeting adjourned until tomorrow morning.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 10th morning session

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life (Romans 5:8-10).

Our worship this morning incorporated a memorial meeting for several Friends who have departed during the past year, including Glen Hay, Neal Newlin, Bernita Bundy, Archie Newlin, Deborah Ferbrache, Virginia Henderson, and Rosa Shull.

We are glad to welcome Geoff Gilmore among us at this time.

Our visitor Rae Lawrence reported on a woman's monastery in Honduras that offers a deep immersion into the life in Christ. The monastery is open for either short-term or long term visitors.

Document Committee

We heard the report of the Document Committee. They have read through many incoming epistles on our behalf. A concern was expressed to send a specific epistle to the Eastern Region with an invitation for some of them to attend our 200th Yearly Meeting session next year. We approve the recommended Epistle Committee and ask them to take this action and recruit additional Friends for the committee as needed.

Document Committee Report 2011

The Document Committee met on Third Day, Eighth Month 9th, with Dorothy Guindon, Bob Wilber, Arthur Berk, Mike Kinch, and Phil Helms present.

The Epistles received from other yearly meetings are available in the Olney library for review.

The Committee recommends that we read the Epistles from North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative), Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative), New York

Yearly Meeting, and excerpts from German Yearly Meeting, Aotaroa (New Zealand) Yearly Meeting, and New England Yearly Meeting

The Document Committee recommends Phil Helms, Arthur Berk, and Faith Kelley to serve as the Epistle Committee for 2011.

Respectfully submitted, Phil Helms, for Dorothy Guindon, Clerk

Membership Report

Dorothy Smith provided us with the annual membership report. We thank Dorothy for her work and time, as well as that from the Monthly Meeting recorders. She asked about making a shift to electronic recording. Dorothy and Conrad Lindes are directed to work with Friends knowledgeable about databases and report back to us in 2012.

Friends have been blessed to welcome several new Friends into membership, including several joining by request and many by certificate. We regret the loss of Friends removed by death or transfer, as we benefitted from the presence of so many of them. Friends rejoice in several recognitions of gifts, as we have already been nurtured by them for some time.

2011 MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR OHIO YEARLY MEETING

Total Membership Seventh Month First, 2010 (Last Year) 527

Gains:	Births or adoptions	0	
	Certificates Received	3	
	Requests	15	
	Total Gains		18

Losses:	Deaths	4	
	Certificates Transferred	2	
	Membership Discontinued	1	
	Requests	7	
	Total Losses		14

Net Gain for the year 4

Total Membership Seventh Month First, 2011 (This Year) 531

Affiliate Members	66
Affiliate Associate Members	15
Associate Members	37
Sojourning Members	1
Waiting	8

Membership Summary (including Associate Members)

Membership under 5 years of age	2
Membership from 5 to 18	31
Membership over 18	498
Total (Same as above)	531

Resident Status of Members

Resident Members	148
Non-Resident Members*	383
Total	531

*Members shall be considered non-resident when they live at least 30 miles from the meeting and attend less than one First Day Meeting per month.

School Report (Members attending schools)

Attending Pre-School	3
Attending Olney Friends School	0
Attending Public Schools	23
Attending Private Schools	6
Attending Home Schools	4
Attending College	14
Total	50

Number of weddings under the care of the Yearly Meeting – 0

Number of members married this year under the care of Friends – 0

Number of members married this year NOT under the care of Friends – 5

Total members married this year – 5

Names of those married and dates of the marriage:

8/21/10	Devin A. Cooper to Katie R. Sevako
9/25/10	Sara Emily Sidwell to Levi Stryffeler
12/16/10	Timothy R. Rockwell to Tracy Childs
12/28/10	Kayla Margaret Kirk to Matt David Roberson
6/4/11	Steven Hill to Katheen Exler

Names of ministers recorded this year: David Eley, Charles Thomas Jr.

Names of new elders appointed this year: David Eley, Steve Geyer, Penny Thomas

Names of members received by birth, certificate or request:

Date	Name	Reason as above
7/2010	Sarah Parsons	Request
8/22/10	Emily M. Bookless-Geis (Aff. Associate)	Request
8/22/10	Teri Lynn Bookless-Geis	Request
8/22/10	Griffin A. Roberts	Request
8/22/10	Devra Roberts	Request
8/22/10	Paoli Roberts	Request
8/22/10	Starbuck Roberts	Request
8/22/10	Golden Roberts	Request
9/19/10	Diane Reynolds	Certificate transfer from Patapsco Mtg., Ellicott City, MD

10/16/10	Eileen Kinch	Request
10/2010	Micah Bales	Request
10/2010	Faith Kelley	Request
10/2010	Luis Pizarro	Request
10/2010	Martha Calliham	Request
11/21/10	Nancy Elizabeth (Edge) Dodge	Request
2/16/11	Nelda Hawkins	Transfer from Middleton to Salem
2/16/11	Juliana Merry Hawkins	Transfer from Middleton to Salem
3/2011	Curt Thompson II	Request

Membership losses by death, certificate of removal, request to be released:

Date	Name	Reason as above
7/10/10	Glen Davidson Hay	death
10/4/10	Neal Spenser Newlin	death
10/11/10	Y. Bernita Bundy	death
2/16/11	Nelda Hawkins	Transfer to Salem
2/16/11	Juliana Merry Hawkins	Transfer to Salem
5/2011	John Weathers	Request
6/1/11	Archie L. Newlin	death
6/12/11	John S. Laswell	request*
6/12/11	Wendy Jo Laswell	request*
6/12/11	Emily Raelynn Laswell	request*
6/12/11	Michael Alexander Laswell	request*
6/12/11	Gregory Allen Laswell	request*
6/12/11	Maximilian Nathaniel Laswell	request*
6/12/11	Alexander Xavier Laswell	request*

(*returned to church they previously attended)

[Names of ministers, elders, overseers, and clerks are given at the end of the yearly meeting minute book]

Names of MM Recorders:

James L. Creighton (Chesterfield), Evelyn M. Groves (Chestnut Ridge), Sharon A. Helms (Crossroads), Charlotte Geyer (Keystone Fellowship), Verna H. Cope (Middleton), Fred Ceppa (Rockingham), Elma S. Dixson (Salem), Elvina M. Krekler (Short Creek), Dorothy R. Guindon (Stillwater), and Rose M. Sidwell (Winona)

Submitted by Dorothy J. Smith, OYM Recorder

Peace and Human Relations Committee

The meeting heard the report of the Peace and Human Relations Committee. In our troubled time, with so little peace around us in the world, this committee undertakes important work sharing the vision of living with the Price of Peace. We are glad for their report.

Peace Committee Annual Report to OYM 2011

The Peace and Human Relations Committee of OYM met three times this year.

Raye Hodgson attended the 2009 FCNL but did not feel led to attend again in 2010, thus we had no representative present. Her husband, Randolph, has been diagnosed with Lyme's Disease and will be requiring more care as he recovers.

A total of 25 registrations for Positions of Conscientious Objectors have been received. The on-line form needs to be revised so forms will be sent to Mary Alice Pino, 44550 SR 517, Columbiana OH 44408. The committee is working on a letter to communicate with and encourage those who have registered with OYM as they continue their testimony for peace.

The treasurer's report is submitted with a balance of \$433.14.

There are plans underway to find a speaker, led of the Lord, to address Ohio YM members on our peace testimony at 2012 gathering. We request \$100 for assistance as we plan for a speaker next year.

Respectfully submitted, OYM Peace and Human Relations Committee

Ohio YM Peace Committee Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand, 7/20/2010		\$228.14
Receipts		
9/3/2010		\$5.00
10/21/2010	YM approp.	500.00
Total Income		\$505.00
		\$733.14
Paid Out		
6/20/2011	Quaker United Nations	100.00
6/10/2011	Quaker House	100.00
6/21/2011	U.S. Institute for Peace	100.00
Total Expenses		\$300.00
		\$433.14

Sincerely, Verna Cope, Peace Committee Treasurer

Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends

The Wider Fellowship Committee gave the following very thorough report. Friends appreciate the work of the committee, including Raye Hodgson and Elvina Krekler's work on *The Conservative Friend*. Friends are encouraged to submit articles on how the Lord is working in their lives. Friends anticipate another blessed Gathering in 2012 here at Stillwater. We approve the report with one minor change.

Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends Committee

We have not met as a committee since last Yearly meeting. A western gathering was held in Portland, Oregon, early in Seventh Month 2011. It was arranged and hosted by Dan and Lucy Davenport. Dan wrote,

Greetings from the joint gathering of the New Foundation Fellowship and the Wider Conservative Friends Fellowship in Oregon. The gathering included Conservative, Evangelical and Liberal Friends with a number who have no formal association with Quakers. This was a fruitful mix as good questions were asked of one another and helped all of us to sharpen and clarify our understanding and language. Folks came from around the Northwest and from Colorado, Illinois, Texas and New York. We were also blessed by the presence of four wonderful children who lifted our hearts with their joy.

A double issue of *The Conservative Friend* was sent out in First Month 2011. We are grateful to Raye Hodgson for taking on this work. We are also grateful to Elvina for keeping track of our accounts.

The 2012 Gathering of Conservative Friends is scheduled to be held at the Stillwater Meeting House Sixth Month 22, 23, & 24. Sharon Helms will take reservations for the event and Phil Helms will be acting treasurer.

We would appreciate the receipt of \$200 from the budget committee to defray expenses for the gathering and *The Conservative Friend* periodical.

For the Committee, Nancy Hawkins

Wider Fellowship of Conservative Friends Treasurer Report

Beginning Balance as of 8/2/2010	\$719.60
Allocation From Ohio Yearly Meeting	500.00
Donations for <i>The Conservative Friend</i>	330.11
Interest on Savings Account	4.82
Total Income	\$1,554.53
Expenses	
<i>The Conservative Friend</i> , Issue #41	
Printing Costs	157.50
Mail processing	135.97

Total Expenses	\$ 293.47
Income minus expenses	\$1,261.06
Ending Balance as of 8/1/2011	\$1,261.06

Salem Statement

Stillwater Quarterly Meeting reported on its deliberations regarding the "Salem Statement" on the topic of human sexuality, considered during our 2010 sessions (page 55 of the 2010 Yearly Meeting minutes). Their seven Monthly Meetings went through the important exercise of considering the divine will, what God desires of His children, rather than simply airing their personal opinions. Each Monthly Meeting forwarded responses to Stillwater Quarterly Meeting, which summarized them as reported below.

The first draft of a minute was prepared at this time, but Friends felt it needed more seasoning, so the topic was held over until the afternoon session.

Stillwater QM Summary of Responses to the "Salem Statement"

We have received a letter from Seth Hinshaw, OYM Clerk, regarding the "Salem Statement" and the need for the Monthly Meetings of Stillwater Quarter to consider this statement. Genuine unity is truly a gift from God through Christ Jesus. We, of Stillwater Quarter, have not found unity to support changing our 2008 Discipline. We encourage the asking of the right questions to discern the exact concern that is on our hearts. We encourage the listening to and the honoring of our Lord. We feel ourselves to be in need of much more labor with one another, in need of more study, more prayer and more love. We are thankful for the useful counsel of Friends and are clear that we should continue in loving labor to seek God's unity.

Extracted from the minutes by Martha Giffen, Clerk

We now adjourn until 2:00 p.m.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 10th afternoon session.

And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: and they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not

ten cleansed? But where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole (Luke 17:11-19).

Extract from the New England YM Epistle

The meeting heard the following excerpt from the Epistle from New England Yearly Meeting.

Though we may stumble, though our hearts be distracted by our own notions, though at times our trust fails and our strength falters, the Holy One never abandons us, but still and always works among us with light, joy, and mysterious power, waiting for us to turn and embrace our Shepherd.

Our life is love and peace and tenderness, and bearing one with another, and forgiving one for another, and not laying accusations one against another; but praying one for another, and helping one another up with a tender hand, if there has been any slip or fall; and waiting till the Lord gives sense and repentance, if sense and repentance in any be wanting.

– Isaac Pennington

Salem Statement

The meeting read the proposed minute on the Salem Statement but was not ready to approve it, so the minute was held over again.

Walton Home Report

The report of the Walton Retirement Home was read. The Yearly Meeting commends the staff for their continued sincere love for the Walton residents, many of whom cannot afford to live elsewhere. With Nirmal Kaul now retiring, we thank him with all our hearts for two decades of amazing and dedicated service doing the Lord's work. Working with Diana and the Board, Nirmal has brought the Walton to a much better place than what he found in 1991. Nirmal and Diana have been an inspiration to all of us. We hold back no praise or thanks to God or to His servants. Stillwater Friends are blessed that Nirmal and Diana plan to remain in the community.

As a Yearly Meeting, we look forward to working with the new management team of Mary Jo Moore and Jamie Helmick. They will be working with Nirmal for the next six months to have a smooth transition into the next phase of life for the Walton. Jamie is here with his wife Jennifer and daughters Riley Ann, Emma Grace, Avery Claire, and Katy Alice.

Walton Retirement Home Annual Report – 2011

“O Give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.” Ps. 136:1

Dear Friends:

We at Walton Home give thanks to the Lord at all times, for, we have been the recipients of his goodness and mercy continually. He has been a great provider, helper, friend and guide to us as we have sought to serve those entrusted into our care, with love and compassion, gentle hands and soothing touch. What a privilege!

We thank God that we had another good year of caring for people in their golden years. The wonderful team of co-workers, which God has blessed us with, continue to go beyond the second mile in providing a caring and compassionate service to those in our care. Family members of residents often express their delight, gratitude, and appreciation for the way their loved ones are cared for by the staff.

Our Director of Nursing, Mary Jo Moore, RN, was away for a while taking care of her beloved mother, who passed on early this year. In Mary Jo's absence Marian Doty, LPN, and Nancy Napolitano, RN, took good care of our residents. We have recently hired Linda Moore, LPN, to work as a nurse/attendant.

Wendy Mankin has not allowed her health problems to affect her loving ministrations of feeding the residents with well-balanced and nutritious meals. Meeting the nutritional needs of the residents and likes and dislikes of certain foods is always a challenge. Wendy meets it with a smile and a solution.

While we miss Vicki Lowry, our Activities Director, we are equally delighted that one of our long-time and able volunteers, Diana Polinski, has accepted the challenge of taking on the responsibilities of Activities Director. Diana brings many gifts to the job, and she is truly an answer to our prayers. The residents are thrilled at having Diana here for six days a week, as she continues with her musical ministrations. We are very grateful to God and Diana Polinski.

We are grateful to Agnes Timmons for her ministry of 'Sing Along' on Thursdays, and the Barnesville Area Ministerial Association for providing the spiritual nurture to our residents by conducting a worship service every Sunday afternoon.

Our gratitude is also due to Grace Samuel, one of our independent residents, and Martha Giffen, who share the ministry of conducting the Bible Study every Saturday. Martha also continues to write the "Walton Home News" column for the local newspaper, *Barnesville Enterprise*.

Even though we raised our room rates only by 2 to 3%, good occupancy has helped our income to increase. As a result we were able to transfer \$106,500.00 to the Growth Fund.

Having paid off the loan by July 2010, we took care of several needs which we had postponed. We bought new commercial freezers and refrigerators for the kitchen as required by the Department of Health. We installed a couple of air-conditioners in the Ward Building Rec. Room, and we paid for the new kitchen

in the North Wing conference room. We bought a new lawn mower and planted 30 trees. Also, we bought new benches for the residents to enjoy the outdoors.

For several years we have been talking about installing an elevator to serve the large conference room in the North Wing basement, and the two floors above. The Long Range Planning Committee gave the green signal to the project in the month of April. The plans have been approved by the Dept. of Industrial Compliance, and the contracts have been signed with Kone Elevators and the local contractor, Greg Williams. We hope the Elevator will be in service soon.

This brings me to your crucial role in this ministry. Besides your prayer support we ask you to open your hearts for this beautiful ministry. Some of you have given generously over the years, and some of you have not given at all. Some of you have held back because you do not consider Walton Home's ministry as 'ministry' in the true sense. But, to Diana and myself it has been every bit a ministry. I am convinced that our Lord considers the work at Walton a 'ministry', for, He helped those in need and commanded us to do the very same things that are, and have been, done here at Walton for the past 67 years.

Your ministry at Walton is a worthy ministry, and I appeal to you and urge you to open your hearts to it. Pray for it, and if you can, get involved in its daily ministrations. You will, I can assure you, feel the pat on your back, and hear the words whispered into your ear by the Lord, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

The Elevator project will cost \$135,000 to \$140,000. We have already paid a little over \$20,000.00, and we have \$61,625.00 in the Growth Fund earmarked for it. We would like as many of you as possible to donate the remaining funds. As you give for this project for the benefit of the residents, I have no doubt that God will richly bless you.

By God's grace, over the last twenty years, Walton Home has spent over three million dollars. Many people wonder where this money came from and how it was spent. God provided! He used you and many others to pray, to give, and help in many ways. You, members of the Ohio Yearly Meeting, alone have given close to half a million dollars during the last 20 years.

I have had a mingled feeling of gratitude and sadness about the Endowment Fund. I am grateful to God that we have, as of now, \$808,563.00 on the Endowment Fund; I am sad, however, that we have not managed to even garner the first million, let alone two million I had hoped. The value of our Gift Annuity Fund is \$180,000.00. This is yet another way you could help Walton and help yourself, too! I hope the new Manager will see many of our hopes realized. We wish him well.

Your contributions to the Endowment Fund and the Gift Annuity Fund are excellent ways of making sure that Walton Home continues to provide the car-

ing and compassionate service it does today. Please be assured that posterity will remember you with love and gratitude.

Walton Home campus today consists of 7.5 acres compared to 2.5 acres in 1991. It should enable Walton to expand its ministry to an ever-increasing senior population within our community and beyond. We are constantly having to tell people that we do not have a room for them.

Finally, dear Friends, Diana and I thank God and we thank you and your appointed boards for affording us the opportunity to serve the Lord by serving the people in their golden years, here at Walton. We are grateful to God for the many, many miracles of His provision over the last twenty years. It has, truly, been a privilege to be the Chief Servants here at Walton Home.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nirmal (N.N.) Kaul, Manager

For your information: The Memorial Funds deposited in the Endowment Fund with the OYM Fiduciary Trustees are as follows:

Willis & Hortense Hall Bequest	16,000
An Old Bequest (Anonymous)	5,000
Clarice Betsch -1995	3,000
Esther Roller - 1995	425
Louise Fowler - 1995	236,251
James & Bertha Cooper	10,000
Howard Stratton	8,425
Clarence Perisho	36,000
Dr. James Portman	4,250
Elmer C. Hartley	3,000
Edward & Mary Haworth	414,937
Mary Taber	4,486
Ann A. Burns	66,789
Total	\$808,563

Annual letter from the President of the Walton Home Board

Eighth Month 2011

Dear Friends of Ohio Yearly Meeting,

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or

needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?

The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did to me." – Matthew 26: 35-40 NIV

This portion of scripture is well known by many. How often do we actually put this into practice? Consider making a contribution to His work in action, *Walton Retirement Home*.

Your involvement, either by donation, naming Walton Home in your will, as a beneficiary in an insurance policy would be well appreciated and would make Walton Home better able to provide for those not able to provide for themselves. Your participation would be appreciated as a volunteer. Spending time with a new friend will brighten the day for both. You can determine how any financial donation is to be used. Please consider this as part of His work here on earth.

The mission statement of Walton Retirement Home continues to be the basis of all activities, decisions and progress involving the Walton Home Board, the staff at Walton Home and Nirmal Kaul, Manager.

The Walton Retirement Home 'a Friendly Community since 1944' is a non-profit ministry of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, giving loving and compassionate care to the elderly in a home-like setting, meeting physical and spiritual needs, regardless of race or religion, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Nirmal Kaul, who has been an extremely efficient and effective servant of the Lord, has led Walton Home to a healthy financial situation. His caring and compassion has made Walton Home more than just a retirement facility... it is truly "home" to those who live there. This year soon after Yearly Meeting, Nirmal will retire. He will be missed but we want him to enjoy our overflowing thanks and prayers during his new adventure in life. The Lord has truly blessed us by having him in the leadership capacity for more than twenty years.

Search Committee has been successful in finding a situation that is both workable and will truly make the transition from Nirmal as manager to a new administration, continuing to provide for all of the needs of the residents. Mary Jo Moore is now the Clinical Manager and Jamie Helmick is the Business Manager.

Long Range Planning Committee – These folks are meeting about monthly to come up with what they believe is the best possible direction for the future of Walton Home. They are considering every aspect of the physical & spiritual home and its residents and staff.

Construction of a new elevator has begun. This will enable the use of every part of the space already encompassed in Walton Home but not accessible to all until its completion. This space has the potential for use by residents as a lounge, rehabilitation/therapy center or housing during expansion.

The Walton Home Board has met regularly with good attendance and strong

opinions. Activities this year have included re-establishing standing committees for Finance/Budget, Governance, Facilities/Maintenance and Managers Listening.

All of Walton Home Board thanks you for your continued financial and spiritual support!

In His love, Sharon A. Helms President, Walton Home Board

WALTON RETIREMENT HOME
Financial Profile as of 6/30/2011

Fiscal Year	Income	Expenditure	Renovations & Loan Payments	Loss (-) or Gain (+)
1991-92	198,489.75	183,054.12	13,565.00	(+) 1,870.63
1992-93	199,916.94	183,064.66	15,200.00	(+) 1,652.28
1993-94	216,154.11	184,294.78	31,239.85	(+) 619.48
1994-95	245,124.33	198,950.70	43,000.00	(+) 3,173.63
1995-96	256,887.40	206,052.16	49,000.00	(+) 1,835.24
1996-97	272,583.76	231,438.12	38,000.00	(+) 3,145.64
1997-98	281,520.21	235,438.99	44,000.00	(+) 2,081.22
1998-99	283,681.28	252,802.85	35,000.00	(-) 4,121.57
1999-00	368,627.40	291,116.36	81,250.00	(-) 3,738.96
Loan Payments				
2000-01	396,063.71	344,764.93	49,000.00	(+) 2,298.78
2001-02	439,072.47	369,105.97	69,200.00	(+) 766.50
2002-03	481,718.52	422,252.03	57,000.00	(+) 2,466.49
2003-04	444,849.60	385,354.44	58,000.00	(+) 1,495.16
2004-05	461,501.31	388,442.75	55,000.00	(+)18,058.56
2005-06	440,966.92	412,195.78	24,000.00	(+) 4,771.14
2006-07	450,051.22	433,332.84	16,000.00	(+) 718.38
2007-08	523,436.94	502,389.65	20,000.00	(+) 1,047.29
2008-09	620,152.14	555,318.49	48,000.00	(+) 16,833.65
2009-10	680,877.10	569,872.47	109,000.00	(+) 2,004.63
2010-11	733,988.47	623,036.07	106,500.00	(+) 4,452.40
			\$961,954.85	

Deposited with the OYM Fiduciary Trustees

Endowment Fund (Restricted)	\$808,563.00
Building Fund	41,200.00
General Fund (Unrestricted)	6,561.41

Note: Since all the major renovations were completed by 6/2000, beginning with the 2000-2001 fiscal year, General Maintenance was added to the General Operating Account, and the Growth & Maintenance Fund was changed to GROWTH FUND

account. This change made it possible to deal with loan repayment, lease refunds, and contingencies from the Growth Fund Account, which makes the accounting process less complicated. Hence the adjusted figures since 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Accountant's Compilation Report

To the Board of Trustees, Walton Retirement Home

We have compiled the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, and equity (tax basis) of the Walton Retirement Home as of June 30, 2011, and the related statements of revenues and expenses (tax basis) for the year then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed your financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements prepared on the tax basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the organization's assets, liabilities, equity, revenues, and expenses. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

William A. Knox

July 21, 2011

Walton Retirement Home Balance Sheet

Tax Basis, 6/30/2011

	Unrestricted General Fund	Unrestricted Growth Fund	Restricted Endowment Fund	Total All Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$59,821	\$56,266		\$116,087
Investments – Fiduciary Trustees		48,661	808,563	857,224
TOTAL ASSETS	59,821	104,927	808,563	973,311
LIABILITIES				
Prepaid apartment lease	0	26,000	0	26,000
Note payable – Huntington Bank	0	0	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0	26,000	0	26,000
FUND BALANCES				
Unrestricted	59,821	78,927		138,748

Restricted			808,563	808,563
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	59,821	78,927	808,563	947,311
TOTAL LIABILITY AND FUND BALANCES	59,821	104,927	808,563	973,311

Walton Retirement Home Statement of Support, Revenues and Expenses, and Fund Balances

For the Year Ended 6/30/2011

	Unrestricted General Fund	Unrestricted Growth Fund	Restricted Endowment Fund	Total All Funds
SUPPORT AND REVENUE				
Room and Board	674,661			674,661
Apartment lease				0
Maintenance fees	50,351			50,351
Food	4,893			4,893
Donations	310	22,750		23,060
Interest / investment income		13	23,350	23,363
Other	3,773			3,773
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$733,988	\$22,763	\$23,350	\$780,101
EXPENSES				
Utilities	63,232			63,232
Provisions	44,663			44,663
Payroll (including payroll taxes)	360,847			360,847
Taxes	24,272			24,272
Insurance	17,947			17,947
General operating expenses	75,776			75,776
Ofc supplies and equipment	1,683			1,683
Professional fees	2,167			2,167
Special projects		19,531		19,531
General maintenance	29,448			29,448
Interest		93		93
Principal payments		29,873		29,873
TOTAL EXPENSES	623,036	49,497	0	672,533
REVENUE & SUPPORT				
EXCESS (DEFICIT)	110,952	(26,734)	23,350	107,568
OPERATING TRANSFERS	(106,500)	129,850	(23,350)	0
FUND BALANCES, ENDING	59,821	78,927	808,563	947,311

Excerpt from Epistle from German Yearly Meeting

An excerpt from the epistle from German Yearly Meeting was read.

In her Richard Cary lecture, Heidi Blocher shared her spiritual journey with us, focusing on verse 33 of Matthew chapter 6: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God ... and all these things shall be added unto you." She succeeded in revealing the wealth contained in this text by examining each word in depth, guided by her personal point of view, her Bible studies, and other spiritual sources.

We heard the call:

Seek first

Wait in the silence

Endure the emptiness

In the emptiness there is also space for the cry born of deepest need

The emptiness is our treasure

Trust, for the Kingdom of God is here, in this world.

Minute of Adjournment

As meeting now adjourns, we encourage Friends to attend the Walton Home Corporation Meeting directly.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 11th afternoon session.

Be not deceived: God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith (Galatians 6:7-10).

Our Friend David Nagle is acceptably with us, bringing a minute from Great Plains Yearly Meeting signed by Laura Dungan. With his presence, all living Friends who have served as Clerk of this body are now present. The Clerk is directed to endorse his minute on behalf of the Meeting.

We are glad to welcome the following visitors: John and Marian Sheldon of Warwick Local Meeting, Britain Yearly Meeting; Earl Smith of Western Yearly Meeting; Nancy Craft of North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Tom Roberts of Western Yearly Meeting; Paula Deming of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting; and Michael Berkel of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting.

Marian and John Sheldon produced a travelling minute from Central England Area Meeting, Britain Yearly Meeting, signed by Chris Martin, CEAM Clerk. We are

glad for their presence and direct our clerk to endorse their minute on behalf of this body.

Fiduciary Trustees

We heard the report of the Fiduciary Trustees. We find it remarkable that with the challenges and volatile state of our economy lately that they are able to show a 3% return on investments. David Warrington reported on various types of management fees the Fiduciaries pay, some of which are taken from the generated income and do not show up on the report. David outlined several mineral rights issues on Yearly Meeting properties. He also reported on current activities of the former Teacher's Fund, now used to encourage a Christian Quaker presence at Olney. We appreciate the clarity of the report and also appreciate the work of David and all Fiduciaries.

Fiduciary Trustees of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends Report for the Year Ending Sixth Month 30, 2011

For the year ending 6-30-2011 the Fiduciary Trustees were managing the following trust funds:

Education Funds	\$	592,312
Walton Retirement Home		\$ 857,224
Ohio Yearly Meeting		\$ 136,779
Monthly Meetings		\$ 394,799
Reserve Fund		<u>\$ 159,591</u>
Total Assets		\$2,140,705

Our income and expenses for the 2010-2011 fiscal year were:

Total Income	\$ 84,076
Operating Expenses	\$ 14,464
Distribution of Earnings:	
Return to Trust Funds	\$ 56,717
Added to Reserve Fund	<u>\$ 12,895</u>
Total same as above:	\$ 84,076

We are thankful to be able to pay 3.0% return on the trust funds in our care for the fiscal year ended Sixth Month 30, 2011.

We currently have four (4) loans outstanding with Ohio Yearly Meeting members totaling \$352,637.

As directed by the Committee on Financing Educational Concerns, during the past year the Fiduciary Trustees distributed \$2000 to the families of four (4) Ohio Yearly Meeting children attending private secondary schools: all four (4) attending private schools, none attending Olney. Also as directed \$6,697 was sent

to Olney Friends School in support of scholarships, a Christian Quaker presence at Olney, the library, repairs and improvements, and athletics.

The value of the fund containing the proceeds of the sale of the Main Campus to Olney Friends School, including payment made and all interest earned to date, is \$115,534. The Fiduciary Trustees will continue to hold these funds and allow them to accrue interest until we receive instructions from the Yearly Meeting to take other action.

During the past year we have continued to shift more of our investments to the management of Friends Fiduciary Corporation (FFC) of Philadelphia, PA and now have more than half of our investments in stocks and bonds with them. As it seems appropriate, we plan to continue to move more of our investments to their care.

In our report to the Yearly Meeting one year ago, the Fiduciary Trustees proposed that we take a year to investigate and discuss a joint concern with Olney Friends School to examine the needs and possible means to preserve the body and integrity of the lands currently being leased to Olney. We recognize that these lands have a deep meaning and value to both Olney and Ohio Yearly Meeting that goes beyond just their monetary value. We had hoped to investigate more closely the possible opportunity to use monies provided by the "Clean Ohio Fund" to help preserve farmland, open spaces, sensitive ecological areas, and stream corridors as a way to protect our land in perpetuity from further development. We found that due to the forecast deficits in the state budget the "Clean Ohio Fund", established by the State of Ohio just a few years ago, had been put on hold and no grants are being made at this time.

Without any clarity of direction for this concern we agreed to continue to hold it and make no specific recommendation to the Yearly Meeting at this time. The Fiduciary Trustees and the administration of Olney agreed to take it up again in the future as the way seems to open.

Also in our report to the Yearly Meeting one year ago, the Fiduciary Trustees proposed that we reduce our committee size from seven (7) appointed members to five (5) appointed members. We proposed that we draft a change to our Bylaws, develop a plan for reducing our membership to five, and present these to Representative Meeting in Eleventh Month for approval. At the Eleventh Month 20, 2010 Representative Meeting the revision to our Bylaws and the plan to reduce our membership was approved.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize and thank both Dorothy Smith and Lewis Stratton for many years of faithful and dedicated service as Fiduciary Trustees. I feel it is valuable to recognize that when they "retired" from service on our committee one year ago they represented nearly 50 years of combined service as Fiduciary Trustees. Dorothy served diligently on the committee for 15 years. In the records I have readily available to me, I was able to confirm

that Lewis had served at least 33 years and possibly longer. It is the willing, careful, and faithful service of the many yearly meeting members like Dorothy and Lewis that nurtures and sustains Ohio Yearly Meeting.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Fiduciary Trustees,
David E. Warrington, President
Fiduciary Trustees of the Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends

Committee for Financing Educational Concerns

The Financing Educational Concerns Committee reported on its work during the past year. We thank them for their labors and approve their report.

Report of Financing Educational Concerns Committee 2011

The Financing Educational Concerns committee is aware of four members of the yearly meeting eligible for financial assistance this year.

The funds in use for this purpose are intended for high school age members of the yearly meeting who are attending private school or are home schooled.

Our recommendation about the amount to be distributed takes into account information and advice from the Fiduciary Trustees about earnings in the past year, and also the number of members likely to be eligible in the near future. It is also made in awareness of the current economic stresses on families.

For the committee, Frances Taber

Plummer House Management Committee

The Plummer House Committee produced the following report. We are glad to hear of the ongoing renovation activities of the house as well as hearing of the new video. Marie

Bundy notes that the newly installed furnace was donated and does not appear in the financial report. We appreciate hearing of the committee's work and look forward to further reports.

Plummer House Report, Eighth Month 2011

The Plummer House Committee submits the following report of our progress this past year toward the goal of renovation of the Plummer House for useful purposes which will benefit Ohio Yearly Meeting, Olney Friends School, and the local community.

Early in the year we had a visit from Kenneth Plummer Sr. who is a descendant of the original Plummer family who were the first Quakers to settle here in 1802. He was very interested in saving the house and his son who accompanied him made a video of the tour of the house which is on youtube.com. He made a sizeable contribution and asked for an itemized estimate of what it would cost to

put the house in shape for use, so he could contact Plummer family members who may wish to contribute to this project. This was accomplished.

Some work was done on the gas well and after the old furnace was replaced with a more efficient gas furnace, the gas well provided gas for a short period of time. However, it is still unknown if the well can supply sufficient gas to the house. Six hundred board feet of poplar siding was purchased to finish the back of the house. It is currently curing in preparation for painting and installation. The yard has been kept mowed and the house had a thorough cleaning before commencement.

The house was used by the school for an all-school activity and was used as housing for some at Olney commencement. There is a link from Olney Friends School Facebook site for the Plummer house project. The Kenneth Plummer video can also be accessed there (www.facebook.com/thePlummer-House-Project).

Submitted by Marie Bundy on behalf of the Plummer House committee which includes Don Guindon, Jan Chambers, Leonard Guindon, Thomas Rockwell, Debora Taber, Robert Becerra, and Dennis and Ron Hunkler.

Plummer House Financial report

Beginning Balance	\$1,879.73
Income – donations	\$1,100.00
Expenses:	
Electricity/Water	\$210.68
Poplar Siding	437.50
Insurance	362.00
Basement window	107.00
Total expenses	\$1,117.18
Balance, 8/11/2011	\$1,862.55

Olney Hostess Fund and Monteverde Friends School Donation

The meeting heard the following information on donations to the Olney Hostess Fund and donations to Monteverde Friends School.

Report of the Olney Hostess Fund and Donations to Monteverde Friends School

	Salem QM	Stillwater QM	Total
Olney Hostess Fund	\$143.00	46.00	189.00
Monteverde Friends School	53.00	86.00	139.00

Travel Fund Committee

Dennis Rockwell prepared the following report of the Yearly Meeting Travel

Fund. We understand they request to receive another \$1,500 to assist Friends travelling to the upcoming World Gathering of Friends in Kenya.

Travel Fund Report

Balance 8/1/2010	\$3,289.50
Income	
OYM Funding	1,500.00
Interest (12 months)	11.39
Total Income	1,500.00
Expenses	
East Richland	
Christian Schools	\$200.00
Total Expenses	200.00
Balance 7/25/2011	\$4,600.89

East Richland Christian School Donation for Micaela Rockwell's Senior Mission trip to San Diego, California.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Rockwell, Treasurer

Queries

The Meeting read the Eighth and Ninth Queries with the answers from the Quarterly Meeting. We approved the following Yearly Meeting summaries.

8th Query. We seek to be honest in our dealings and careful to witness to Christ's command that we swear not at all. The increasing use of electronic filing limits the ability to manually modify the words or phrases chosen in the fine print of tax and similar documents. We avoid gambling, lotteries and other games of chance. When approached to buy a raffle ticket for a charitable cause, most of us use the opportunity to witness against gambling by giving a donation instead of buying a ticket. We are distressed that so many governments use lotteries and casinos to raise money for their programs.

9th Query. We are sensitive to the problems of family living. Our small and/or young meetings and our larger, seasoned meetings each search for and find approaches to show and express their concerns for their members. Blessings accompany the sharing of family burdens and we benefit especially from the prayers that arise from our love for one another. We are willing to assist when we are aware of problems or needs, and we appreciate the encouragement and advice we receive from one another. Some of the ways we support one another include financial assistance, prayer, assisting parents with their children, marriage counseling and continuing support, doing activities together, and studying the Bible together. Members believe in the Light of our Lord Jesus Christ which shines through our lives as we allow, guiding us to assist others even when we are not aware of it.

Salem Statement

The meeting resumed the discussion of the Salem Statement. Friends of various perspectives are equally committed to the Lord, and we recognize that we need additional enlightenment, understanding of the underlying issues, and an openness to learning more in whatever way presents itself. The question was raised how further dialogue might take place so we can be drawn into unity. We ask the Friends Center Committee to consider planning one or more events during the coming year; additional considerations should take place locally or Friend-to-Friend. If we are faithful, it is worth the exercise.

We have struggled with questions about human sexuality for years, and we hope that waiting and listening to God, laying down our own agendas, will open a way for us to be rightly guided. We want to approach the Lord in worship with these deep concerns and hear His Word for the way forward. Real truth, spoken lovingly, comes with strength to bear it.

New York Yearly Meeting Epistle

The Epistle from New York Yearly Meeting to Friends Everywhere was read.

New York Yearly Meeting Epistle to Friends Everywhere

Our session opened with the Clerk telling the story of Peter being called from the boat during a storm. This week on the shores of Silver Bay, Lake George, New York, we did feel a sense of being called. A sudden death among us reminded Friends of how fragile and precious is life and how dear our community.

Despite our blessed squabbles and luxuries, we have tried to step out in faith. We became more determined to free the captives and awaken the dreamers (ourselves included) whose careless sleep, left unbroken, will destroy life on the land and in the oceans of this planet. In extended worship, we told our experience clearly and simply. Among those holding the body, there was a sense of elation and of heaven entering. We are one body, many parts, each indispensable, each with unique gifts. For example, one Friend has the gift of holding another's sorrow and joining it with hope; another by the same power is granted the gift of speaking hard truths with love; and yet another has the gift of seemingly irrational optimism.

Quaker testimonies also form one body; Earthcare inseparable from peace, integrity, community, simplicity, equality. A rising generation of Friends embodies these testimonies with their vision, and their witness and service in the world.

Where are we in the story? Are we Peter walking in faith? Peter sinking in doubt? Or among the disciples who remain in the boat? In Earthcare and in our other forms of witness, the question continues to rise: What will we each do? What will the Yearly Meeting do?

Heather M. Cook, Clerk

Visitors

We welcome Harlan Alexander, Guy Alexander, and Max Alexander from Chicago and Robert Vetter of Clear Creek Meeting.

Following a time of announcements and worship, the Meeting adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 12th morning session.

And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he shall ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask in egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? Luke 11:9-13.

Visitor

We welcome among us Laura Sobjack of North Columbus Meeting.

Nominating Committee

The Meeting heard the report of the Nominating Committee. They have a challenging annual assignment assessing the gifts of our members and recommending names for our various committees, and we are very appreciative for their careful work. We approve the report as amended. [Appointments are incorporated into the committee list at the end of the Yearly Meeting minutes.]

Epistle Committee

The Epistle Committee drafted four epistles for our consideration: the usual epistles to North Carolina and Iowa Yearly Meetings and to Friends Everywhere and also a specific epistle to the Eastern Region. We approve the epistle to the Eastern Region and ask the committee to make adjustments to the others. We value their labors on our behalf.

To our Friends in Evangelical Friends Church-Eastern Region

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart

and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.” – Romans 15:5-7

Greetings from Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, gathered in Eighth Month in our annual sessions in Barnesville, Ohio at Stillwater Meeting House.

Our time together has been full of business, prayer, Bible study, worship and fellowship. As we have been gathered together in this physical place to do this work, we have found ourselves further gathered in to Christ's living presence as we open ourselves up to hear his word. We have been reminded that God calls us to grow in holiness and maintain right relationship with him and those around us. We can not do this in our own strength, but wait in Jesus' power to conquer sin and death, knowing that he will free us and bring us into new life. This call to repentance, the rooting out the very desires and inclinations that deceive us into hurting ourselves and others, is one that we have heard clearly and long to answer more faithfully.

As we are called to more individual faithfulness, we are prompted to greater love for one another, just as Christ loved us. And so we strive to fulfill Jesus' prayer to be one, even as he and the Father are one. Our business sessions have been full of reminders that we are called to be bound together in our common love of God and our shared desire to see his kingdom come. We have been reminded of the value of being truthful and genuine with each other, knowing that while we may be different members, we are part of one body, with Christ as our head.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was [and is] the light of men. – John 1:1-4

At Yearly Meeting, we learned that we need to wait on God for guidance, for love and for inspiration. And when we wait on God, He will give us the love and power to communicate with not only other Quakers, but with the whole world. Our early predecessors learned that there was One God that spoke to their condition, and as a result, they could bring people to the True Light and let Christ live in them. Our Yearly Meeting understood that we are therefore under the direction of Christ Jesus.

Our 2012 Yearly Meeting will be our two-hundredth session. Having once been part of the same Yearly Meeting, Friends in Eastern Region and Friends in Ohio Yearly Meeting share this milestone. As a recognition of our common history and our common commitment to Jesus Christ, we encourage EFC-ER to send a group of Friends to join us at our 2012 annual sessions. Our desire is to know one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. As we know that we are mem-

bers of the same body, though we are different parts, Christ is our head. Please come and worship with us, rest in the Spirit and let us recognize those things we share and those things where we have been called to different places.

Just as God has been faithful in leading and directing us in in the last year, we know that he will continue to be present and teaching us in the year to come. Our desire is that you too feel his constant hand of encouragement and love in your lives. He is faithful and just and will not leave us if we seek his will, as individuals and as a gathered community.

In His Love, Seth Hinshaw, Clerk

Query Revision Committee

The Meeting heard the report of the committee to consider revisions to the Queries. This committee has devoted considerable time and work, and we commend them for organizing responses in a way that we may approach them. We also value the investment of time of the Monthly Meetings.

Many Friends have a concern to weigh the various recommendations, and we plan to take up the report again this afternoon.

Draft Report to OYM from

Ad Hoc Committee to Consider our General Queries

8-12-2011

Summary of our Work

Our work this year has involved consideration of the monthly meetings' responses to the proposed queries, by email. We have also met in person during yearly meeting this week to review our findings. All ten meetings sent evaluations of at least some of the proposed queries. Six meetings responded in some way to the request to consider our reasons for having queries.

Results Part I: Purposes for our General Queries

In our report last year we suggested eight purposes that are served by having and answering our Queries. The yearly meeting asked monthly meetings to evaluate those purposes. Only five of our ten meetings sent responses about the purposes of individual queries. After each purpose below are notes indicating those responses. Numbers in parentheses indicate the priority assigned that purpose by a meeting. When meetings did not give priorities but did make evaluative comments, those comments are summarized here by (yes), (no), or (maybe) the purpose is a valid one. The purposes, numbered for ease of reference and with codes for meetings' responses, are follows:

1. To facilitate personal, private self-examination for each member concerning living his or her faith (3) (1) (yes) (yes) (yes)

2. To facilitate corporate examination (at MM, QM, and YM levels) of how we are living our faith (5) (no) (yes) (yes)
3. To provide members with a written statement of what OYM holds to be ideal concerning living our faith (1) (no) (yes) (yes) (yes)
4. To provide interested non-members a written statement of what OYM holds to be ideal concerning living our faith (8) (maybe) (yes)
5. To provide guidelines for members and meetings concerning living our faith (2) (no) (yes) (7) (yes)
6. To offer opportunities for Friends to know more about each other's lives, in order to offer encouragement to righteousness (6) (no) (yes) (yes)
7. To keep a record of how well members and meetings live up to expectations, in order to encourage improvement (7) (no) (for a record, but not for encouragement)
8. To provide *testimony* to all Christians concerning living our faith. (4) (maybe) (yes) (8)

Analysis of comments on priorities.

The five meetings that replied about the purposes of OYM's Queries agree that #1 is important (To facilitate personal, private self-examination for each member concerning living his or her faith). The second most valued purpose is #3 (To provide members with a written statement of what OYM holds to be ideal concerning living our faith), although while one meeting put it as their first priority, another said it was not a valid purpose at all. Most of the rest of the purposes—except #4 and #7—were seen as important by at least two meetings while being given very low priority or rejected by at least one meeting. Purpose #4 (To provide “interested non-members of OYM a written statement” about our beliefs) was fully endorsed by only one meeting. Purpose #7 (To keep a record of how well members and meetings live up to expectations, in order to encourage improvement) was given a very low priority by two meetings and, interestingly, was approved by one meeting in terms of the record keeping but specifically not for encouragement.

Excerpts from comments written by monthly meetings.

- Today's language has changed since the time when these queries were first worded. Having our written documents clear to present-day English speakers makes our yearly meeting more understandable to people (especially young people) not born into it.
- Finding suitable new wording is important because we face challenges today that were not common, or at least not acknowledged, when the queries were written.
- We feel that it is useful to continue to answer the Queries. We need to re-examine our spiritual growth continually and not grow complacent in our

spiritual lives. We feel that the Queries are useful in keeping our priorities before us.

- Most of us, but not all, attending this meeting regularly have been members of Ohio Yearly Meeting all our lives and have not generally considered that the Queries might be a witness to others. If we attempt to step out of our lives and look at the queries, we see that they are interesting valid questions about how we live our Christian lives, but their real value only becomes apparent when a person attempts to honestly answer them.
- We do not feel that there is any validity to the query answers being a record of any sort, perhaps a testament, but each answer given is a confession of our current path with Jesus and doesn't bear to be compared to our own past path, our future path or to the paths of others.

Conclusions about purposes for having Queries.

It seems from these five monthly meeting reports that OYM values its General Queries for personal, private self-examination by each member and as a record of what OYM holds to be ideal concerning living our faith. We might discover that other purposes are also important if we had specific responses about the purposes from the other five monthly meetings and/or there was opportunity for Friends from all our monthly meetings to get together and dialog about various perspectives on revising our queries

Results Part II: The Proposed Queries

Our report last year offered revisions of our nine General Queries and proposals for two new queries. All ten monthly meetings sent the committee evaluations of at least some of the revised and new queries. Two meetings had serious misgivings about revising the queries at all.

The proposed revisions to Queries #3 and #5 were the least approved, with three meetings preferring the present versions, one meeting being noncommittal, two meetings approving the revisions, and two others offering modifications (indicated below in italics).

Proposed 3rd Q. Are our homes places of peace, joy, and contentment, and what makes them so or not? Are our lives an influence for good in our neighborhoods and in the other places we go? Do we consistently help our children realize that our loving Savior will faithfully guide them through life, as they are willing to accept and obey Him? How do we help our children and others in our household appreciate the Bible and read it in the same Spirit *through* which it was written?

Proposed 5th Query: In what ways have members of the meeting shared one another's temporal and spiritual burdens? Do we counsel prayerfully and *in God's love with* those members whose actions in any phase of life give us

grounds for concern? How have we assisted non-members who are in difficult circumstances?

Query #2 called forth modifications from four meetings (in italics below) as well as non-committal responses from two meetings. No meetings rejected or recommended it.

Proposed 2nd Q. Do we cherish a forgiving spirit and strive to “walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us”? (Ephesians 5:2) Is each one of us careful for the reputation of others? *What have we done to show our love for our neighbors and where have we failed?* Do we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us concerning forgiveness? If differences have threatened the Christian harmony among any members, what help have we offered, with Jesus’ *guidance*, toward restoring unity?

Queries #1, 4, and 9 were each preferred in the present version by one meeting and in the revised version by two meetings. Two meetings offered modifications for the revised form of #1, and three meetings offered modifications to #9 (below in italics). Query #4 elicited a number of comments but no specific rewording. Two meetings felt that sexual morality should not be addressed in our queries. Three meetings approved bringing that topic into our queries; one of those meetings suggested having an entire query devoted to sexuality. Two other meetings reported a lack of clarity on the subject.

Proposed 1st Q. Does our behavior before and during meeting for worship help everyone present enter into true spiritual worship of God? Do Friends arrive punctually, wait for Jesus Christ’s guidance, and speak faithfully the messages He gives us? How do we *encourage growth* in the spiritual life of members who do not *regularly* attend our meetings, including both local and distant residents?

Proposed 4th Q. Believing our bodies to be the temple of God, how are we fostering our own good physical and mental health? Recognizing the importance of having our minds and bodies dependably available for service to our Lord, do we avoid and discourage both the use and handling of alcohol and tobacco and also the abuse of other drugs? Do we avoid excess in all our activities? Have we upheld sexual morality both by practicing it ourselves and by lovingly and humbly encouraging others in its practice? How do we clearly explain to others the spiritual benefits of these practices and the help that Christ offers everyone?

Proposed 9th Query. What are we doing to support each of our members in the challenges of living faithfully within a family or alone? As our children grow *from infancy through adolescence and into adulthood*, are we equipping them to deal with social

pressures and their own desires in ways consistent with our Christian faith? What *counsel and support* do we offer couples, both before and after the marriage ceremony?

The revisions of Queries # 6, 7 and 8 were the most accepted, having approval from three meetings (#7) and five meetings (#6 and 8). One meeting preferred the present version of #8. There were no modifications suggested for Query #6 and one modification each for Queries #7 and 8 (in italics below).

Proposed 6th Query. Do we live in Jesus Christ’s life and power, which takes away the occasion of all wars? Do we, on Christian principles, refuse to participate in or cooperate with any military effort? What have we done to promote peace and lessen the causes of war? In what ways do we endeavor to cultivate good will, mutual understanding, and equal opportunities for all people?

Proposed 7th Query. Do we observe simplicity in our manner of living, sincerity in speech, and modesty in apparel? Do we, individually or collectively, let busyness get in the way of spiritual growth and service? Are we just in our dealings and careful to fulfill our promises? How do we make our Christian faith a part of our daily work?

Proposed 8th Query. *Jesus said, “Swear not at all.”* Are we faithful to affirm instead of taking an oath in legal situations? Do we avoid gambling and speculation based on the principles of chance? Are we watchful for and faithful to Christ’s promptings to explain to others our reasons for not using oaths or gambling?

Results Part III : Proposed New Queries #10 and 11

[Proposed 10th Query. How do we share with non-members, whether friends or strangers, about the abundant life in Jesus Christ available to all? When people visit us, in our meeting places or electronically, what do we do to *welcome, inform and encourage them so that they want to return?*

Proposed 11th Query. How do we support and encourage new groups being raised up by Jesus Christ, whether organized by our members or by others who share our faith and practice? Do we respond promptly to their requests, advise them in spiritual and practical matters, join in their joys, and learn from their experiences ourselves?]

The committee received few comments on the proposed additional queries. We copy here the comments that we did receive:

Comment on both proposed queries:

It would seem the points brought forth in these proposals are important. We feel they may share another role as advices instead of queries.

10th Query comments

We believe the details covered by the proposed query are already in the

Discipline and that the inquiry seems to urge proselytizing about which some felt uncomfortable.

We have considered the proposed Tenth Query. In general we approve the addition of this query. There is some feeling that the phrase “make them want to return” sounds like we are trying to force them. We wonder if changing the last sentence to “When people visit us, physically or electronically, what do we do to welcome, inform and encourage them so that they want to return” might be better.

11th Query comments

The proposed query is useful for monthly meetings having oversight of worship groups or preparative meetings, but we have little experience with seekers in the area covered by this query.

We have spent considerable time discussing the proposed 11th Query in our attempts to understand it. The first sentence raises some questions in regard to the word “organized”, as we end up a little unclear as to what groups this query is intended to include. We do see a definite need for this query. We have some concern about the use of the phrase “advise in spiritual matters”, as we are not necessarily sure that we should be telling others what to believe. There has also been some concern expressed that maybe we should concentrate more on encouraging local individuals. There is some question about whether it is necessarily all good to have our membership so scattered.

The Committee’s Suggestions for OYM

- I. Continue informal discussion among Friends throughout OYM about the yearly meeting’s reasons for having and answering queries. Our queries and our way of answering them is a distinctive feature of OYM. How do we use them? How do they help us? How could a number of us from different monthly meetings get together to reflect further on our queries’ purposes?
- II. Discern at this business session of the yearly meeting whether there is unity among us to adopt the proposed revisions to any of Queries 6, 7, and/or 8 (with the modifications shown in this report). If so, proceed to consider also adopting the modified revision of Query 9. If there is not genuine unity about adopting any revisions of these queries, set the entire matter aside until a new motion comes clearly from the Lord.
- III. Set aside for now the question of adding new queries. Although some members and meetings are actively engaged in outreach to individuals and/or in supporting new worship groups and meetings, little interest has been shown throughout the yearly meeting in asking ourselves queries on those topics.

Further Thoughts

We note that discussion of whether to revise our Queries has brought closer to the surface several dimensions of our life together as a yearly meeting. We would like to share our awareness with you, *not for any action at this time* but simply for our increased understanding of factors that may influence our thoughts as a yearly meeting. These dimensions include: how to relate to our members who live at a distance; supporting new meetings and worship groups; a number of issues related to sexuality; how we feel called as a yearly meeting to respond to Jesus’ command at the end of Matthew (“Go ye therefore and teach all nations... whatsoever I have commanded you.”); maintaining the right relationship between individual intentions, accountability *to* our meetings, and care *from* our meetings; the importance of language, and whether we choose to use our traditional phrases or words current in our larger society.

As we concluded our deliberations with each other, we affirmed that we do not seek unity with each other, but that we will find unity when we all come to the same Truth that is in and through Christ Jesus.

Burton Doudna, David Eley, Martha Giffen, Phil Helms, Raye Hodgson, Conrad Lindes, Lily Rockwell, Susan Smith (convener), and Winnie Stratton

Epistle from Iowa Yearly Meeting

The epistle from Iowa Yearly Meeting was read.

Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends (Conservative)

7/31/2010

To Friends in Ohio Yearly Meeting:

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are varieties of service, but the same Lord. There are varieties of activity, but in all of them and in everyone the same God is active. 1 Corinthians 12:4–6

Gathered on the campus of Scattergood Friends School in our 134th annual Yearly Meeting session, we were grateful to share the epistle from your 2010 Yearly Meeting. We are likewise grateful that Marshall Massey, from our Yearly Meeting, was able to attend your session and for David Eley’s faithful presence at ours.

As we listened to the epistles from other yearly meetings around the world, we were reminded that in our loneliness and emptiness we hear the deep cry of our need to meet together and know one another in that which is eternal. We are grateful for our connection to this wider community of Friends and for your epistles which enrich our life together.

Our theme for this Yearly Meeting was “Our Quaker Testimonies.” In daily

Bible study we explored the Biblical roots of our testimonies noting that the Ten Commandments were God's testimony to his chosen people. We followed the threads of Biblical testimonies through the history of our yearly meeting. Two Friends shared about living the testimonies at La Casa de los Amigos in Mexico City where Friends, volunteers, and guests are drawn into deeper community through a ministry of hospitality and presence, and the practice of *lectio divina*. Another Friend led us to reflect on our testimonies as a witness to Truth and God's Love. Integrity requires that we let the Light into the dark corners of our lives so we can see honestly and clearly the measure of Light we have, and as we are faithful, our gifts become part of the Beloved Community.

Several Friends shared their rich experiences of growing up in this yearly meeting in the 1930s and 40s. We learned about life in the rural meeting communities and how the experiences of studying at Scattergood School, and living the testimony against war, drew Friends into the larger world. We noted that the weight, responsibilities, and consequences of the witness against war were carried by both conscientious objectors and their meeting communities. Bridget Moix of FCNL reminded us that Friends have a history of living our testimonies in times of doubt. Through patient waiting, trust in God and acting from our faith we give others courage, and together we can change our troubled world.

Our Junior Yearly Meeting and Young Friends groups shared with us their full week of service, swimming, camping, and canoeing. We enjoyed the presence of these youth and we hope we provide them spiritual refreshment.

During our business sessions we delighted in approving the revision to our Book of Discipline after more than 15 years of committee work. We affirmed, with John Woolman, that "There is a Principle which is pure, placed in the human Mind, which in different Places and Ages hath had different Names; it is, however, pure and proceeds from God. It is deep, and inward, confined to no Forms of Religion, nor excluded from any, where the Heart stands in perfect Sincerity. In whomsoever this takes Root and grows, of what Nation so ever, they become Brethren."

While our older monthly meetings are re-structuring to accommodate a declining membership, new groups of Friends are looking for ways to affiliate with us and young adult Friends have assumed greater responsibilities during these sessions. We care about the vitality and spiritual health of our meetings. We understand that community is the fruit of living our testimonies through our daily, small faithful acts of love.

We hope that the Spirit may continue to prosper among you, and that the Spirit is an active and abiding presence in your session which will convene soon in 2011. On behalf of Iowa Yearly Meeting Conservative,

Deborah Dakin, clerk

Following a brief time of worship, the meeting adjourned until 2:00 p.m.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 12th afternoon session.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: who when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it (Matthew 3:44-46).

Historical Committee

We heard the following report of the Historical Committee. We appreciate their work maintaining the Heritage Room and collecting memorabilia from the Yearly Meeting's past. Friends look forward to the upcoming events proposed by the committee. We approve the report with one small change.

Historical Committee Report 8/2011

The tables have been left as they were (family histories, timeline of the meeting). The grave yard maps have been used a great deal. A Boswell family member, in doing their genealogy, found several persons were buried in both Stillwater and Ridge grave yards. Their family genealogy has been put on the internet and has had many inquiries.

The Ohio Yearly Meeting bicentennial is in 2012-2013. This would be the first session of OYM on Eighth Month 14, 1813. The historical committee is considering a program and projects. Perhaps your meetings would like to be included. We have talked of a series of large folding posters that could be transported to local churches or a central place for a short display of this history. We would like other meetings to write their histories, as they are part of OYM. This would be welcome and helpful.

As always, we have checked the guest register. The numbers are up from 70 to 125. Please sign the register just inside the first room door when you visit the rooms and remind others as well. Purchases and contributions that you wish to make, please write down the item and leave funds in the basket provided. Now available are two new items, George Fox and copies of the original maps of where the Quakers settled and some moves that were made. We try to have a committee member present during Yearly Meeting.

Olney commencement brings many alumni to visit the rooms. We had a nice group of Friends of Dr. Murphy's daughter with lots of questions about Quakers. Also recently the Henderson family reunion visited. There were questions of the

differences of the Amish, Mennonites, and Quakers. The descendants of James Henderson's family were pleased with the rooms as well.

We still need to refurbish the walls in some of the areas. This will have to be done by a contracted person. A donation will be needed for this project. The time spent by the committee members is very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted by the convenor,
Theodora M. Johnson

Historical Committee Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand, 8/3/2010	\$597.60
Income	
Tour (College Sorority Alumni)	30.00
Sales (pictures, note cards, collector plates, etc.) and donations	112.53
Interest / savings account	1.76
Total Income	344.39
Expenses	
Staples (copying maps)	4.00
Staples (Presence in the Midst)	21.00
Utilities	150.00
UPS charge for sending records to OHS	14.82
Total Expenses	175.00
Income minus expense	169.29
Balance on hand, 7/30/2011	\$766.89

Memorial Committee

The Memorial Committee handed in the following brief report. We look forward to the results of their efforts and were reminded to forward information to the committee.

Memorial Committee Report, Eighth Month 2011

The committee continues to work on two memorials: Bill Taber and Howard Bailey.

On behalf of the committee, Mike Kinch

Ministry and Oversight

Ohio Yearly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight reported on their recent deliberations. Their insights into eldering are very good understandings we hope may be widely shared. The discussion of modesty is reported to have been helpful for many. We appreciate the report.

To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends from The OYM Yearly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight 8th Month 12, 2011

Dear Friends,

"Today is the day of salvation! Jesus is knocking on the doors of our hearts. May we open our doors to Him, that the Spirit of God which lies within us may rise up to fill us completely, so that, like the wise virgins' lamps in Jesus' parable, we may be full of the oil of Christ's Gospel and have the wicks of our lives trimmed and ready. Being thus prepared, may we listen and be obedient to share the Gospel and to help people open their hearts to Jesus' knocking. We are all put here to serve. We are here to be transformed into creatures worthy to do His purpose—today, this yearly meeting week, and in all our lives. Let us seek the Truth and speak it in Christ's love, from a place and in a way that all can hear."

Those words summarize the full ministry with which our sessions opened. We have met twice this week for worship and business. We would like to share with you more of our experiences.

We were moved to keep OYM's Christian Education Camp in our prayers. We agreed that any of us with concern to help personally with their important service contact the leaders of the Camp to see where and how they can be of help. We considered our experiences of Elders among us and offer you this summary:

Insights into the Practice of Eldering in Ohio Yearly Meeting

There is a natural gravitation to Elders by people who are in need of eldering, including some who do not know why they are troubled. An Elder can be seen as a Friend who gives trustworthy advice about our life following Christ. Not availing oneself of an Elder's counsel is like ignoring advice from a qualified teacher in one's work place.

We find that Elders have wisdom and discernment given them by God. Elders can listen well to people who come for advice or for clarification of some spiritual situation they find troubling. They often listen to their own spiritual leadings and are able to share helpfully with others how we can listen to and respond to God. Elders need to be tender and sensitive in the timing and strength of their counsel, that tender spiritual buds not be bruised.

Some ministers among us today have noted that they may become overconfident in their gift or have difficulty dividing their own concerns from the message that comes from God. Elders have assisted them in not straying from what God gives them. Likewise, Elders help hold ministers accountable and responsive to the meeting. One minister remembers an Elder telling her when she was much younger, "I can feel the Spirit in thy spoken ministry, but I cannot hear thee. Speak up." Today that minister's speaking is clearly audible throughout the room. In addition, an Elder can be a conduit for a concern an individual member has,

without requiring that Friend to go directly to the minister.

Many of us sense that there is a cross in doing the Lord's work, as well as a vibrant joy. We need to feel the weight of that cross, and we need one another to help bear it. It is important for meetings at every organizational level to become aware of building spiritual gifts and to encourage their growth. Then our meetings will continue to have leadership with that subtle touch which reminds us of the true and fundamental leadership of our Lord, Christ Jesus.

We invited everyone attending yearly meeting to join us at the end of our second session to look, with Christ's guidance, at the meaning of modesty, especially as it is used in OYM's 7th Query. We approved the following summary minute:

Modesty in Apparel

Does how we dress serve God's work of love to which we are all called? Or does how we dress fuel our pride? Dressing modestly involves dressing appropriately for where I am, who I am, and who I am called to be. Modest dress reminds us and reflects for others that our bodies are the temple of God. As we depart from modesty, we edge toward pride and depart from our understanding that all our gifts are to be used to God's glory.

Modesty is linked with humility. We are familiar with the scriptural call to walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:6). When we trust God, we need not focus on outward appearances. In times past, Friends valued modesty as a hedge against the distractions and confusions of the culture around them. Modesty can still help us keep our eyes on the Lord. Immodesty involves drawing undue attention to oneself in a way that is spiritually distracting to others and harmful to ourselves.

Dressing modestly is not only for women. Men, too, are called to outward modesty—to put spiritual things first. And for both men and women, avoiding distraction with outward appearance involves how one sees others, as well as how one presents oneself. Modesty allows interaction among people on the basis of our ideas and questions, rather than our appearance.

Modesty and simplicity are linked. Modesty allows us to allot more of our time to substantial things. We need to remind ourselves and each other that each of us is valuable as God made us, and that we need not spend time or money trying to enhance our value by manipulating what we look like. We might better put time and attention on God's love and service, so that our outward appearance reflects not the novelty of fashion but that inner spiritual beauty which is eternal.

In Christ' love,
On behalf of Ohio Yearly Meeting for
Ministry and Oversight,
Susan S. Smith, clerk

Committee to Coordinate and Support Outreach

The Committee to Coordinate and Support Outreach reported on its work during the past year. We value the efforts of Friends mentioned in the report to nurture Meetings and individuals in the new life we have through Christ, both in our country and in England. We are very glad for the important work of the committee.

Report of the Committee to Support and Encourage Outreach 8-2011

We continue to be aware of new worship groups that the Lord is raising up in various places. We are looking for ways we can encourage them in their waiting worship and fellowship. Our member, Nancy Hawkins, has felt called by the Lord to spend an extended period of time with the Friends in the Denver, Colorado, area who are forming a new worship group. Members from there, as well as Michael Hatfield and Arthur Berk, attended a regional weekend gathering of Friends in the northwestern US held in Oregon this summer. We encourage members of our yearly meeting to visit these evolving meetings and worship groups as they find themselves traveling in their area. We discussed adding a meeting and worship group locating function to the yearly meeting website.

We continue to seek ways to keep the yearly meeting website fresh and current in terms of both content and appearance. We want to streamline and simplify the ability to use the website. We have authorized Micah Bales to take on this project in consultation with Phil Helms and Conrad Lindes.

The yearly meeting website continues to generate communications from seekers, with various committee members involved in responding to them. Conrad Lindes has undertaken to generate a list of these seekers, that includes relevant information about them. It also tracks the interactions with them and the "handing off" of them to other individuals, worship groups and meetings when this occurs.

We continue to interact with Friends in the Ripley and Greenwich England meetings. Several Skype* sessions were held this past winter and this summer Micah Bales was authorized and supported by the committee to visit them on behalf of the committee. He reported that he felt the timing of his visit was right for the process of healing to begin, and for spiritual growth to be occurring. He feels that this work requires an ongoing commitment to have Friends willing to travel there, to be an on-the-ground presence to encourage them in the Lord. If any Friend or Friends feel drawings to this work, encouragement is given to enter into this prospect with the outreach committee.

We ask for a financial allotment from the yearly meeting of \$500 this year. This is for expenses with the yearly meeting website that we anticipate this coming

* Skype is an Internet televideo and conferencing service.

year and to reimburse our outreach support fund for expenses Micah Bales had while in England doing work for our committee's responsibilities.

Jack Smith, convener

Financial Report

Income	
Starting Balance	\$516.35
Allocation for the year	2,000.00
Expenses	
Website fees	\$0.00
Income minus expenses = ending balance	\$2,516.35
Proposed Yearly Meeting allocation, 2011	\$500.00

Conrad Lindes, Committee Treasurer

Friends Center

The report of the Friends Center was read. They planned several events to leaven Friends in our spiritual walks, many of which were very well-received. We have already noticed upgrades to the Morlan House, which make it a more useful location for events. We note that the Friends Center has not requested funds from the Yearly Meeting for several years, and their events have more than covered expenses up to this time. It was noted that the Legacy Granting Group may be able to cover some Friends Center expenses.

The Friends Center / Morlan has been very important to the Yearly Meeting, being used during Stillwater Monthly Meeting, Stillwater Quarterly Meeting, various committee meetings, and individual overnight stays. Friends commend the committee for its labors and look forward to future programs of this valued form of outreach. We approve the request for \$2,000.

Friends Center Report to Ohio Yearly Meeting 2011

The Friends Center has continued in its outreach for the Christian unprogrammed Quakerism of Ohio Yearly Meeting by planning three Special Events for this past year. On a weekend in early November, 2010, Marge Abbott, a released friend of Multnomah Monthly Meeting in Portland, Oregon, who has authored Pendle Hill pamphlets and the book *A Certain Kind of Perfection*, led a group to consider "Taking Up the Cross: Is It Still Relevant for Friends Today?" The evaluations from participants indicated that this was a worthwhile topic and expressed interest in having Marge lead another weekend. In March we once again had Brian Drayton (NEYM), along with Susan Smith (OYM) and Jan Hoffman (NEYM) facilitate a weekend entitled "Yokemates: Elders and Ministers and

their Work". The attenders filled the Friends Center to capacity. Brian will be facilitating another weekend this coming year. We regretted the need to cancel a weekend program entitled "Living Faithfully in a Secular World" to be led by Terry Wallace (OYM). The participation at the weekend events reflects a broad interest across the country and included attenders from Canada and ten of these United States, including Alaska, and reflected membership in 10 yearly meetings.

In addition to the weekend programs the Friends Center was made use of in a variety of ways during the year: by Friends at Yearly Meeting, by Friends attending committee meetings, prior to attending Quarterly meetings, by Friends passing through Barnesville when traveling, by the school for the presenters during the Olney Summit, by the Quaker Leaders Program from Wilmington College, by families of three Friends for extended family gatherings, by a member of The Walton Board prior to their meetings, by various Friends for overnight hospitality, and for a month's rental to Friends Music Camp for housing staff members.

Access to the basement dining room at the Friends Center has long posed a difficulty for many people using the facility. The building of a new porch, ramp and walkway from the front door to the brick walkway was completed in 2009. The building of a walkway from the brick walk to the basement entrance with the necessary retaining walls has just been completed. Grading and landscaping are yet to be done. We invite you all to come and see. We are deeply grateful to Robert Rockwell and Richard Simon for the many hours spent in planning, as well as the hard physical labor necessary for this project. We also want to acknowledge and offer thanks for the contributions of Carl Smith, Denny Rockwell, Don Guindon, Dan Adams, Bill Cullingford, and Fred Wickham.

The new basement walkway provides much safer and more convenient access to the Friends Center for visitors with limited mobility. We have committed most of the funds to which we have access. We request an allocation of \$2000 from the yearly meeting to complete the financing of these ramps and walkways.

Susan Bailey, John Benson, Eunice Burkey, Richard Simon, Jack Smith, Susan Smith, Frances Taber

Friends Center Financial Report FY 2011

Beginning balance, 7/1/10	\$4,168.37	
Income	Events	4,453.75
	Donations	30.00
	Overnights and rentals	2,540.00
	OYM contribution	25.00
	Total income	7,448.75
Expenses	Promotion	349.06
	Food & supplies for events	19.29

Maintenance/supplies/cleaning	1,030.00
To OFS: Meals/use of Mary Davis	3,098.00
Transportation & honoraria for guest speakers	835.70
Facilities improvement	1,909.73
Utilities	1,858.88
Misc.	15.22
Total Expenses	9,115.08
Balance 6/30/2011 (Income minus expenses)	\$ 2,102.04

Queries

The first and second Queries and the Administrative Queries were read and the following Yearly Meeting summaries approved.

1st Query. Our meetings are well and punctually attended by most resident members, some of whom travel an hour or more. Some meetings are smaller than they once were. Promptness for worship is a challenge in some meetings, but one meeting reports a successful effort to improve punctuality. Some affiliate members report being blessed by maintaining a time of waiting worship in their homes on First Days.

All meetings practice waiting worship wherein each is encouraged to be faithful in delivering messages and prayers received from the Holy Spirit. Though vocal ministry is not always experienced, we are blessed with a deep sense of inner peace during and after worship. As we are submissive to the will of our Heavenly Father, we are drawn into holy communion with the Spirit of God. Friends strive to discern among true messages that should be delivered, those that are for ourselves, and our own thoughts that should not be related. One meeting uses Skype to welcome and worship with Friends and people from afar. Many meetings experience the power and fellowship we feel sitting in His presence as well as God-inspired gospel utterances. Our meetings practice quietly listening to the Holy Spirit, modeling worship in spirit for our children who remain in worship with us.

All meetings warmly welcome those who join in fellowship and worship. We invite others to worship through various means, including personal invitations and websites. Ways of following up with visitors include personal communications, telephone, mail and thee-mail. Intervisitation has taken place in both Quarters, reflecting a concern for wider labor than only our local meetings.

2nd Query. We very much cherish a forgiving spirit and are glad for the Query's reminder. Forgiveness is not always easy. One Quarter reminds us that remembering our forgiven trespasses can help us forgive others. Our meetings have little strife, which is remarkable given the fact that we are now a diverse

group of people with differences of opinion. In our daily lives we strive to "walk in love as Christ also hath loved us" (Ephesians 5:2), and some have witnessed the indwelling forgiving Spirit and love of Christ Jesus working in their hearts and through their lives, touching those around them.

We understand the importance of being aware of God's presence and love in our lives at all times so that the protection of others' reputations becomes important. False and distorted communications are so easily disseminated in this electronic age that a new layer of discernment is needed. We are ever mindful of how our words may affect another, particularly if we let down our guard and pass on gossip or rumors.

We are aware of instances during the past year in which differences that arose were handled in a timely manner before they became entrenched and undermined the meeting. Maintaining Christian harmony involves such things as forgiving one another and asking for forgiveness. More work remains, and we seek God's way for the resolution.

1st Adm. Query. No new meetings have been established and no meetings have been discontinued this year.

2nd Adm. Query. No meetings maintain a school, but our members are actively interested in the quality of instruction for our children and the administration of the schools they attend. Meetings generally encourage Friends schools or other Christian schools. Our school-age children receive their formal education in a variety of ways including Friends schools, other Christian schools, homeschool programs, cyberschools, and First Day schools. Members support our children's education through direct involvement, encouragement, financial assistance, and a commitment to prayer. Our children are encouraged to read the Bible and other worthwhile literature.

3rd Adm. Query. The General Queries are read and pondered by our meetings in a timely manner. Some meetings integrate answers of affiliate and distant members into their answers. The Advices are read at a time that seems right to each meeting.

4th Adm. Query. Meetings report that former minute books are stored appropriately in meetinghouses, members' homes, fireproof safes, electronically, or in multiple locations. Meetings with burial grounds store interment records in a careful manner.

5th Adm. Query. Our meetings for business are regularly held with resident members in attendance. Members report unity and loving concern in their meetings as they try to be aware of one another's needs and to give priority to prayer.

In our consideration of the Administrative Queries, those Friends with records in their homes, particularly minute books currently in use, were encouraged to be aware of the need to keep these records safe.

Epistle

The epistle from Aotearoa / New Zealand Yearly Meeting was read.

Aotearoa Yearly Meeting Epistle

The opening welcome, partly in Te Reo Maori, confirmed for us that the Quaker Settlement is the *turangawaewae* for Aotearoa / New Zealand Friends—our “place to stand.” The opening signaled the importance of Maori as the indigenous people and of the land and environment which supports us. An early Quaker presence in the area was consolidated by the development of the former Friends School in the 1920s. More recently, Friends have supported the land claims of local Maori, for example, the occupation of Pakaitore / Motua Gardens in 1995 ...

A significant event for Aotearoa / New Zealand Friends in the past year was the experience of major earthquakes in Christchurch on [Ninth Month] 4, 2010 and [Second Month] 22, 2011. These were followed by nearly 8,000 aftershocks, which continue to occur. Five Christchurch Friends described their devastating experience. They helped us to imagine the grief, confusion, and uncertainty caused by the loss of friends, colleagues, and familiar features across the city.

Christchurch Friends described how the experience has left them emotionally vulnerable and prone to tiredness and tears. They were adamant that “we will cope” and asked us to stay with them in the unknown and to hold them in the Light as they make their decisions about the future of their meeting house. The accounts of our Christchurch Friends have helped us to a better understanding of the pain, grief, and terror suffered by the people of Japan from the effects of their earthquake in [Fourth Month], tsunami and nuclear leakages.

Friends then looked toward closing and adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow morning.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 13th morning session.

After this, I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation unto our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever (Rev. 7:9-12).

As Friends gathered for worship, we were reminded to be mindful of the spiri-

tual food and wine that provide us comfort, where our joy is full, taking care to limit the false comfort of the superficial food of this life. When the storms of life surround us, is there any safer place than in the arms of Jesus and His Almighty Father? Any better place to be than at home in the body of Christ Jesus? There is one Truth, which is revealed to us and shines in us to help us cleanse our souls. God has spoken to us in ministry and in business sessions. Will we allow ourselves to be changed by what happened here? The Lord in the midst of us is mighty.

Junior Yearly Meeting

The report of Junior Yearly Meeting was read. Friends always find great joy in the children. We thank them for coming to our Yearly Meeting and especially appreciate the work of the adult leaders who feed off their energy. We are very glad to hear their report.

Junior Yearly Meeting 2011 Report to Ohio YM

Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness – Mat. 6:33

Our committee corresponded through e-mail this year. Due to obligations and personal needs Diann Herzog could not join in the leadership this year. Martha Wilber and Mary Alice Pino provided the guidance for Junior Yearly Meeting sessions this week.

We had a unique grouping of fun children. The first day we had two children and for most of the week we numbered 10. The age grouping seemed to be sex-linked: five boys in the first group and five girls in the second group. Each session tended to follow a time of refreshment, craft activity, book reading related to our Scripture topic, and then a time of fun and play. The children seemed to relate well with one another.

Our funds presently total \$113.96, and we would like to request \$100.00 for the coming year. Money has been used for food, craft items, and Christian lesson books.

Our agenda has JYM meeting at 2 p.m. in preparation for our program in the collection room. If the children do well enough this morning we will not practice in the afternoon. We do want to practice our songs a little before the program at 7 p.m. in the Collection Room. Please come and join us, experiencing the good talents of the children. We look forward to everyone’s presence this evening at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Wilber and
Mary Alice Pino, leaders

4th Day

We made folders with pictures from magazines (magazines) that were of God's Kingdom thin in the afternoon we read a book. Starbuck Roberts

5th Day

We made stars and in the afternoon we made mobile. Marisa Becerra

6th Day

We showed each other our skits. And practised them on the stage. We also had our picnic at 6:00. Paoli Roberts

Christian Education Camp Report

We heard the report of the Christian Education Camp. The Yearly Meeting values the spiritual labors of the Friends and counselors and others who planned and carried out the activities. We appreciate hearing of their work in this mission field that includes our youth and the youth of the Barnesville area. We hope that Friends planning to attend the Conservative Friends Gathering next year will bring their children to the Camp, which is planned for the same week. We approve the report with one minor change.

Christian Education Camp – 2011

Christian Education Camp for 2011 was held on Olney Friends School's campus from 6/19 through the 22nd. The camp was attended by 29 campers, first grade through eighth grade, with one tenth grade camper who wishes to be a counselor next year. These campers were assisted by ten counselors that were high school age and older. The "Fishers of Men" theme was followed in the Bible lessons, crafts, many of the songs, and prayers.

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19) was the Bible verse that the camp was based on for 2011. Elvina Krekler and Sam and Katie Puterbaugh followed the theme in their Bible lessons and games that each age group was involved in for an hour each morning at camp. The craft area was a jumble of activity with the campers coming by age groups to make camp tee shirts, beaded fish, draw-string knap sacks, and a few other crafts. Janet Hammer, JoMae Rockwell, Elvina Krekler, and the high school counselors attempted to keep the young hands busy and their minds and hearts joyful as they worked on the crafts.

The days of camp started with prayer at breakfast and good food for the body, thanks to Olney's cooks and staff. TAG time (time alone with God) followed our breakfast and allowed the campers to read a special Bible verse and answer questions about the verse. After a group gathering to share songs, prayer, and announcements, the campers and counselors went to their assigned morning

activities. The mid-morning snack time gave a break to change groups with ease. The morning faded from our grasp as we prayed and ate our lunch with the Olney staff. The campers then went on to a rest time which had Olney staff desiring to be campers rather than Olney staff.

An afternoon at Bark Camp – swimming for some and relaxing for others—allowed everyone a change of pace from the morning's activities. The water was cool and refreshing for those who entered it. The breeze and shade was great for people who stayed on dry land. All too soon the afternoon brought the time to return to Olney and even more fun activities.

Supper and prayers started the evening's affairs. The evenings were each different; one night of games and pool time, another of games, hay ride and camp fire, with our final evening having games, entertainment on stage and a campfire ended by a thunderstorm. An evening snack and video made by some counselors started the bedtime track. Quiet quadrant talks that included bedtime prayers got the campers ready for a night's sleep. Although not all the campers and counselors slept as much as was normal for them, the lack of sleep did not cause any long lasting problems.

Being blessed with 29 campers this year, 11 of which received complete or partial scholarships, gave the counselors many opportunities to share Jesus' words and teachings. There were 11 of our campers that had some close connection with Quakers. The other campers had come to camp before or were invited by someone who had previously attended camp. This was a blessed mission field and felt by the Christian Education Camp Committee as money and time well invested.

The camp is a mission field and a joyful one to work in. There is a lot of preparation before camp; sending letters inviting campers to camp and sending confirmation letters. Praying for a theme and then once it is decided on, getting Bible lessons, songs, crafts, and activities planned. Since the camp takes place during the work week many of our counselors must request days off from their places of employment. It is a difficult task to get enough staff; high school age and then adults to be present during our joyous camp time. We appreciate the help from local Friends with driving campers to activities. I am thankful for the committee members who were able to put time into camp preparations and into time at camp. We had several non-Quaker counselors of both age groups; if we had not had their assistance then it would have been difficult to have camp this year. Please pray about involvement in camp and listen to the Lord about getting involved. We do need Friends who have it on their hearts to work with the children and share Christ's message.

There were some donations from Friends Meetings and a local business that helped with the cost of this year's camp. Olney kept our cost per individual the

same as last year which was a blessing. For further information on the committee's financial status, please refer to the financial report.

In Christ's love,
JoMae Rockwell (on behalf of the
Christian Education Camp Committee)

Financial Report 2011

Balance, 8/2010 \$1,768.75

Income

Ohio YM allocation	1,500.00
Camper Payments	1,530.00
Donations (Chesterfield, Short Creek, Rockingham, Ryman & Terrett Pharmacy)	358.45

Total income \$3,388.45

Camp Costs

Lifeguards at Barkcamp for 2 days	\$80.00
Barnesville City Pool usage for one hour	30.00
Pizza to feed individuals setting up camp	20.00
Snack food above those that were donated	50.35
Craft items	31.84
Books given to counselors in appreciation of donated time	28.77
Photocopies at Stillwater (300)	15.00
Folders, paper, postage, envelopes	59.22
Repair item broken during camp	20.00
Cost of 39 people staying, eating, and using Olney's facilities (29 campers, 10 counselors)	3,159.00
10 extra meals for lunch guests, last day of camp	70.00
Camp photo and copying	20.00
Miscellaneous costs	12.58

Total camp costs \$3,566.76

Savings Account Balance, 7/12/2011 \$1,590.44

Book and Children's Literature Committee

The Book and Children's Literature Committee reported on its work during the past year. The committee is one of a limited number of ways the Yearly Meeting has official interaction with Olney. We noted the generosity of Elvina Krekler in keeping expenses low. The Yearly Meeting appreciates the careful and faithful work of Elvina and the Committee.

Book and Children's Literature Committee Report

8th Month, 2011

The Book and Children's Literature Committee met with the Olney Friends School family for Meeting for Worship on 9/12/2011. Meeting was delayed until 11:00 to permit a Bible study that was student-oriented with a new faculty member to meet from 10-11:00. We had a good Meeting for Worship with some encouraging messages.

Following Meeting for Worship the Committee presented literature to the Seniors, and new students and staff:

To 18 Seniors: *Mind the Heavenly Treasure* and *Living Atop of the World* by Charles P. Morlan

To 18 new students "A Brief Introduction to Conservative Friends" and "A Special Place – Welcome to Quaker Meeting."

To six new staff members: *Mind the Heavenly Treasure*, *Living Atop of the World* by Charles P. Morlan, "Welcome to Our Meeting", and "Advices and Queries of Ohio Yearly Meeting."

We have given large print New International Bibles to four eight year old children this year.

Sale of publications has been small this year.

We appreciate the allocation from Ohio Yearly Meeting.

BACL Committee Financial Report, 8/2011

Balance on hand, 8-2-2010 214.37

Income:

Allocation from OYM 50.00

Sale of books and publications 16.00

Interest on savings account 1.19

Total Income 281.56

Expenses: None

Balance on hand 8/1/2011 281.56

For the Committee,
Elvina Krekler, Treasurer

Nominating Committee

The Yearly Meeting approved some additional names for our committees as recommended by the Nominating Committee. These names will appear in the committee lists at the end of the forthcoming Yearly Meeting minutes.

FWCC Report

The following FWCC report was read. We are glad to have been represented by Marie Kirk Hawkins, Martha Giffen, and David Eley, and we are glad to hear that Faye Chapman represented Ohio Friends in the selection of the new Executive Secretary.

FWCC

Friends World Committee, Section of the Americas Annual Meeting was held at the Friends Center, Philadelphia, PA, 3/17-18/2011, in a modified two-day version in order to concentrate staff and committee resources and still conduct business as mandated by our by-laws. OYM Representatives attending were Marie Kirk Hawkins, Martha Giffen, and David Eley.

Committees and groups met and three business sessions were held. Reports were received from Finance, Nominating, and Personnel Committees, Quaker Youth Pilgrimage, and Wider Quaker Fellowship. The afternoon session was a memorial meeting for worship remembering the many Friends who were no longer with us. The evening was a special celebration of thanks and best wishes to Margaret Fraser for her many years of service as FWCC Section of the Americas Executive Secretary. Following the annual meeting came the announcement of the new Executive Secretary, Robin Mohr. She comes from San Francisco Monthly Meeting, Pacific Yearly Meeting. You can learn about her if you visit her blog at www.robinmsf.blogspot.com. OYM Representative Faye Chapman spent much time with others as a member of the FWCC Search Committee to select the new Executive Secretary.

Sixth Day evening began the event "Being Salt and Light: Friends living the kingdom of God in a broken world" (Matthew 5:13-16). David Wolfe and Linda Kusse-Wolf of Great Plains Yearly Meeting were the presenters. They spoke from their experiences as an exchange of couples between backgrounds of Christian and Islam faiths. They shared with humor and deep insight, demonstrating with many examples how Holy hospitality is a way forward in our broken world.

The "Salt and Light" events have been planned from 8/2010 to 3/2012 as a way for Friends of all groups to experience, whether they attend or not, and to support the theme of the World Conference to be held 4/2012 in Kenya. Marie Kirk Hawkins, Beverly Kirk Shull, and David Eley are OYM representatives planning to attend. More information on continuing "Salt and Light" events can be found on the FWCC website or the World Conference website www.saltandlight2012.org.

As OYM representatives to FWCC Section of the Americas, we appreciate your prayers and financial support, and encourage all to prayerfully weigh how you can financially support the World Conference.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of OYM representatives, Martha Giffen

Audit and Budget Committee

The Audit and Budget Committee reported on their deliberations. We approve the recommended names for Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, and we approve the recommended budget. We thank the Friends who took time during the week to weigh and harmonize these matters on our behalf.

Audit & Budget Committee Report

The Audit and Budget Committee reviewed the treasurer's records and found them in excellent condition and recommend that Dorothy J. Smith continue to serve as treasurer and Marie Bundy as assistant treasurer.

The recommended budget is the same as last year although many committees' requests were different from the previous year's budget.

David Eley, Denise Troy, Beverly Shull,
and Richard Simon

Proposed 2011-12 Budget

	2011-12 Budget	2011-12 Actual	2011-12 Budget
Income, 2010-11			
Monthly Meeting Donations		25,646.26	
Other Donations		1,200.00	
Book Sales		100.00	
Transfer from OYM General Fund		2,400.00	
Total Income		29,346.26	
Expenses/Disbursements			
Walton Home	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Friends Center	25.00	25.00	2,000.00
Christian Education Camp	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
OYM Travel Fund	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Hominy	100.00	100.00	100.00
FCNL	500.00	500.00	500.00
FWCC	500.00	500.00	500.00
Outreach Committee	2,000.00	2,000.00	500.00
Book & Children's Literature	50.00	50.00	50.00
WFCF	500.00	500.00	200.00
Peace & Human Relations	500.00	500.00	100.00
Historical Committee	200.00	200.00	25.00
Junior Yearly Meeting	100.00	100.00	100.00

RSWR	500.00	500.00	500.00
Friends Disaster Service	500.00	500.00	500.00
Printing	1,500.00	1,476.21	1,500.00
Correspondent's Expense	25.00	25.00	100.00
OYM Property Trustees	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Copy Machine Supplies	125.00	125.00	150.00
Insurance	2,500.00	1,468.00	2,800.00
Water	150.00	146.00	150.00
Clerk's Expenses	200.00	200.00	200.00
Agenda Committee	500.00	500.00	500.00
Repair MH Roof		2,400.00	
Total Expenses/Disbursements	26,475.00	27,815.21	26,475.00

Outgoing Epistles

The Meeting heard the changes to the proposed epistles and approved the Epistles as follow. We thank the Epistle Committee for their work.

To All Friends Everywhere,

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God" Romans 15:5-7.

Greetings from Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends (Conservative), gathered in Eighth Month in our annual sessions in Barnesville, Ohio at Stillwater Meeting House.

Our time together has been full of business, prayer, Bible study, worship and fellowship. As we have been gathered together in this physical place to do this work, we have found ourselves further gathered in to Christ's living presence as we open ourselves up to hear his word. We have been reminded that God calls us to grow in holiness and maintain right relationship with him and those around us. We can not do this in our own strength, but wait in Jesus' power to conquer sin and death, knowing that he will free us and bring us into new life. This call to repentance, the rooting out the very desires and inclinations that deceive us into hurting ourselves and others, is one that we have heard clearly and long to answer more faithfully.

As we are called to more individual faithfulness, we are prompted to greater love for one another, just as Christ loved us. And so we strive to fulfill Jesus' prayer to be one, even as he and the Father are one. Our business sessions have been full of reminders that we are called to be bound together in our common love of God

and our shared desire to see his kingdom come. We have been reminded of the value of being truthful and genuine with each other, knowing that while we may be different members, we are part of one body, with Christ as our head.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was [and is] the light of men. – John 1:1-4

At Yearly Meeting, we learned that we need to wait on God for guidance, for love and for inspiration. And when we wait on God, He will give us the love and power to communicate with not only other Quakers, but with the whole world. Our early predecessors learned that there was One God that spoke to their condition, and as a result, they could bring people to the True Light and let Christ live in them. Our Yearly Meeting understood that we are therefore under the direction of Christ Jesus.

Just as God has been faithful in leading and directing us in the last year, we know that he will continue to be present and teaching us in the year to come. Our desire is that you too feel his constant hand of encouragement and love in your lives. He is faithful and just and will not leave us if we seek his will, as individuals and as a gathered community.

Our 2012 Yearly Meeting will be our two-hundredth session (and 2013 will mark our two-hundredth anniversary). We encourage your Yearly Meeting to send a group of Friends to join us at our 2012 and 2013 annual sessions. Our desire is to know one another as brothers and sisters. Please come and worship with us, rest in the Spirit and let us recognize those things we share and those things where we have been called to different places.

In His Love, Seth Hinshaw, clerk

To Friends of Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative):

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was [and is] the light of men. – John 1:1-4

When we are faithful, we Conservative Friends feel the same light that pervaded the disciples and the original founders of our society. We know that we have to be patient and listening. The Lord knows when we are ready to hear and when we are not. Therefore when we are in the Power, we can begin loving each other and knowing that we are one body that listens and obeys the Lord.

We appreciate the continued connection between our Yearly Meetings that has been expressed in past years through Ohio visitors to Iowa, and Iowa visitors to Ohio. We are sad that no Iowa visitors were able to join us this year, but we

appreciated the Iowa Yearly Meeting Epistle, which was read during a business session. We recall fondly several Iowa visitors in recent years, and we welcome others to join us as way opens.

During our Yearly Meeting, we were favored with programs on “Perspectives on the Scriptures,” presented by Young Adult Friends; “Be Zealous and Repent; I Stand at the Door and Knock,” presented by Michael Hatfield; “Reaching Out with the Gospel,” presented jointly by Arthur Berk and T.H.S. Wallace; “John Woolman for Today,” presented by Michael Birkel; and daily sharing on “Transformative Reading of John’s Gospel,” led by Thomas Swain.

We deeply appreciated this advice and guidance as we considered the challenges before us. Not least among these is a proposal to revise all of our General Queries, and a proposed revision to our Book of Discipline on the subject of Marriage (and by implication, human sexuality). We have not reached unity on these proposals, but we now have an even deeper appreciation of the need for the Power and Light of Our Lord in place of the perpetual drone and hubbub of the wider culture. We are led to engage in further searching and seeking on these subjects, listening to one another with care and without bias, but more importantly, listening for the voice of our Inner Guide.

Our Ministry and Oversight facilitated an informal discussion of “modesty.” Our Seventh General Query asks, “Do we observe simplicity in our manner of living, sincerity in speech, and modesty in apparel?” What does “modesty” and specifically “modesty in apparel” mean to us in the second decade of the twenty-first century? Discussion focused on the relationship between modesty of apparel and our Christian walk, and the ways in which we, as humans, relate to one another. The session provided much nourishment for discernment.

We were very pleased to meet the new Business Manager of the Walton Retirement Home, a ministry of our Yearly Meeting. Jamie Helmick and his family joined us for worship and a business session, and were welcomed warmly. Jamie will be part of a new management team with Mary Jo Moore, RN, the new Clinical Manager. The retiring Director, Nirmal Kaul, and his wife Diana, who has served as his assistant for much of his tenure, are retiring after 20 years, during which the Walton has grown and prospered in its ministry. Nirmal and Diana will remain in the community with us, and we wish them the very best in retirement!

The week concluded with our traditional open air picnic, greatly enhanced by the seasonally mild weather, and the presentations by Junior Yearly Meeting and Young Friends.

Our 2012 Yearly Meeting will be our two-hundredth session (and 2013 will mark our two-hundredth anniversary). In recognition of our common commitment to Jesus Christ, we encourage your Yearly Meeting to send a group of

Friends to join us at our 2012 and 2013 annual sessions. Our desire is to know one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. As we know that we are members of the same body, though we are different parts, Christ is our head. Please come and worship with us, rest in the Spirit and let us recognize those things we share and those things where we have been called to different places.

We wish Friends in Iowa every blessing in the coming year.

In the name of Jesus Christ,
Seth Hinshaw, Clerk

To Friends of North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative):

Friends of Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative) gathered for our Yearly Meeting in Barnesville, Ohio, from Eighth Month, Eighth Day to Eighth Month, Fourteenth Day. We were glad of the presence of Nancy Craft, a beloved Friend from North Carolina Yearly Meeting, who once again joined us this year.

Ohio Friends were faced by significant challenges this year, including a proposal to add language on “Marriage” (and thus on human sexuality) to our Book of Discipline, and a broad proposal to revise the language—and in some cases, the content—of all of our General Queries. These and other matters produced a weighty exchange of words and ideas, which did not lead to unity on the subjects. We faced this lack of unity in an effort to offer the issues up to God and receive His guidance.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was [and is] the light of men. – John 1:1-4

When we are faithful, we Conservative Friends feel the same light that pervaded the disciples and the original founders of our society. We know that we have to be patient and listening. The Lord knows when we are ready to hear and when we are not. Therefore when we are in the Power, we can begin loving each other and knowing that we are one body that listens and obeys the Lord. This knowledge and guidance will lead us in further discernment on these topics in the coming year.

Our Ministry and Oversight facilitated an informal discussion of “modesty.” Our Seventh General Query asks, “Do we observe simplicity in our manner of living, sincerity in speech, and modesty in apparel?” What does “modesty” and specifically “modesty in apparel” mean to us in the second decade of the twenty-first century? Discussion focused on the relationship between modesty of apparel and our Christian walk, and the ways in which we, as humans, relate to one another. The session provided much nourishment for discernment.

Several presentations and programs during the week sparked insight and

listening for the voice of our Inner Guide. Among these were daily sharing on “Transformative Reading of John’s Gospel,” led by Thomas Swain of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting; “John Woolman for Today,” presented by Michael Birkel of Earlham College; “Be Zealous and Repent; I Stand at the Door and Knock,” presented by Michael Hatfield of OYM; “Perspectives on the Scriptures,” presented by a panel of Young Adult Friends; and “Reaching Out with the Gospel,” presented by Arthur Berk and Terry Wallace, both of OYM. With daily Gatherings for Prayer and daily Bible Reading in the manner of Conservative Friends, as well as daily waiting worship, we were assisted in our spiritual focus on the matters before us.

We were very pleased to welcome Jamie Helmick and his young family to our midst. Jamie is the new Business Manager of the Walton Retirement Home, a ministry of OYM. He will be part of a new management team with Mary Jo Moore, RN, who is now the Clinical Manager. Outgoing Director Nirmal Kaul and his wife and assistant, Diana, are retiring after 20 years of devoted service, during which the Walton has grown and prospered, and we wish them the very best in retirement, as we wish Jamie and Mary Jo every blessing in their new posts.

Our 2012 Yearly Meeting will be our two-hundredth session (and 2013 will mark our two-hundredth anniversary). In recognition of our common commitment to Jesus Christ, we encourage your Yearly Meeting to send a group of Friends to join us at our 2012 and 2013 annual sessions. Our desire is to know one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. As we know that we are members of the same body, though we are different parts, Christ is our head. Please come and worship with us, rest in the Spirit and let us recognize those things we share and those things where we have been called to different places.

We wish Friends in North Carolina every blessing in the coming year.

In the name of Jesus Christ,
Seth Hinshaw, Clerk

Minutes of Appreciation

Ohio Yearly Meeting wishes to thank Sharon Helms for her generous donation of time and effort handling registrations. Much of her planning takes place behind the scene and is not always readily apparent.

Ohio Yearly Meeting extends our gratitude to Olney Friends School for accommodating us again this year.

Query Revision Committee

The Meeting read the suggestions of the committee to consider changes to the Queries. We approve the first recommendation and suggest that the discussions

might take place at the Friends Center and the Quarterly Meetings. We feel that though we are close to achieving unity on the recommendations, some more seasoning seems right. At this time we lay down the committee and look to the Lord for further prodding on the Queries. We are encouraged to find unity on the purpose for Queries so we have a basis for approving any changes to Query wording. Following a time of worship, we adjourn to meet again this evening for some final business matters.

Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, Eighth Month 13th Evening Session

Friends have assembled in the Collection Room at Olney to complete some final business matters.

Quarterly Meeting Representatives

The Meeting heard the following report from the Quarterly Meeting Representatives and approved it.

Report of the quarterly meeting representatives to Ohio Yearly Meeting 2011.

We have asked Seth B. Hinshaw and Robert Wilber to serve another year as clerk and reading clerk. We are pleased that they have agreed.

For the representatives, Conrad Lindes

Final Minute

No further business appearing to occupy our attention, Friends prepare as individuals to return to our homes a little more inspired, a little more challenged, a little more open to the life of the Spirit that has nourished us this week. We were called to be refreshed and renewed in the Lord’s rest.

We endeavored this week to do the work that God had intended for us and assess the health of Ohio Yearly Meeting. We rejoiced in the freshness the Lord has introduced among us, even as we mourn those who have passed to their next phases of life. We heard of the work of our various committees, who represent much of the ongoing activities the Lord uses to keep our body moving forward. We noted the passing of the torch at the Walton from longtime, faithful managers to a new generation. Ministry and Oversight discussed the important role of Elders among us, as we continue the process of nurturing gifts in the upcoming generation among us. Four young Friends shared their recent interactions with the Light of Christ Jesus in their journeys.

Some of our work here involved close searching and labor. We were challenged to set aside our own wills and find unity regarding a statement on sexuality and a proposal to amend our Queries. During these deliberations, we were reminded

that if we are doing the Lord's work together, it need not be a hateful thing but rather an opportunity to enter into a deeper relationship with our Creator.

We have been fed by many visitors. Those travelling from other yearly meetings came from distant places like England and Oregon as well as local places like Columbus. Our speakers opened our hearts to fresh guidance from the Lord. We received information about how we can labor with Christ Jesus to deliver us from our own destructiveness both as individuals and as a gathered body of Christ. We heard about the inward and outward spiritual life of John Woolman and his lively operative desire for the good of others and were instructed about the dangers of becoming so engaged in fine-tuning ourselves that we scare the newly anointed and harm their gifts. We learned deeper insights into the Book of John and how his account of the life of Christ Jesus was alive for early Friends and is alive for us today.

As usual, Friends have experienced the free gospel ministry that fosters unity in the Lord and love for each other. We were exhorted to be Friends of the Truth and to accept Christ Jesus as He is. Are we ready to take the key to our hearts and hand it to the Lord and Savior, saying 'Thy will be done'? Are we willing to be the kindling for the refining fire that the Lord has for the earth? Are we willing to know what Truth is on the inside, allowing Christ to feed us inwardly in the inspired, eternal way of life that He pointed out to us? Can we choose to know the joy from being willing to give up to a divine leading for action so that our lives can speak to others, to dare to put aside our fears and invest our talents in our spontaneous moments? Can we learn to be more loving ourselves so that our lives become better witnesses of what it means to be redeemed by Christ?

We now conclude, purposing to meet again in this meeting house [Stillwater] for our 200th session on Eighth Month 8th, 2012, unless the Lord directs otherwise.

Epistle from North Carolina YM

(arrived after the end of Ohio Yearly Meeting)

To Ohio Yearly Meeting –

North Carolina Conservative Friends have been blessed with the opportunity to gather once again for our annual sessions, and the blessing includes our knowledge that the faithful witness and community of Ohio Yearly Meeting also continue another year. Together we cherish a way of being Christian that is more about the concrete experience of the living Word than about any particular words. We taste the Truth of words, without dependence upon any creed or doctrine.

The ties between our meetings have been strengthened during these sessions by the presence of David Eley and Micah Bales. They remind us of the importance of continuing the fellowship between our yearly meetings. We have been

reminded during these sessions of the vital importance of personal travel and fellowship, and hope to engage in an increased intervisitation with Conservative Friends in Ohio Yearly Meeting in coming years.

How can we become the blessed community that we aspire to be? In these 314th Yearly Meeting sessions we have lived into some of the answers to this question which has been our theme. In our query responses, state of the meeting reports, and times of worship we have shared experiences of all the facets and phases of life. We have held each other as we have mourned, struggled, and grieved together. We have celebrated new life, rejoiced in success, renewed old friendships and discovered ever growing love among us. We have found ourselves held in the hands of God, protecting us, healing us, and knitting us together into the blessed community.

We have learned from our children as they are tender with each other, as they enjoy and play well with each other. We watch as our children rejoice in the mystery and wonder of the present moment. Playing at the beach with Young Friends is like swimming in an ocean of light. One Friend noticed that even the salt in the water works to lift us up together. The elements have conspired, along with the laughter and play of our children, to lead us toward the blessed community.

We are aware of our dependence upon God's support, because we see evil around and within us. We are mired in it up to our ears. We have witnessed decades of war, and we see violence in our communities—and we feel the effects of both in our own lives. We watch with sadness as our way of producing, consuming, and working destroys the life giving capacity of our earth. Our economy is driving greater and greater inequality between the richest and poorest people of our world community. These things stand against our deeply held beliefs, and yet we find them both within us and infused in our way of living. What little we do to change the world often seems small and ineffectual, and we sometimes feel paralyzed by discouragement. We recognize that this discouragement itself is a symptom and part of the evil we oppose. At times the effort to sustain our belief in God's power for good is the largest part of our struggle. Yet God is with us, even in these troubled times. We remember that Friends in our history faced systems of enslavement and an economy of radical inequality that seemed just as intractable as our present systems of domination. In their simple and peaceful ways, these Friends found new ways of being in the world that moved beyond what seemed impossible.

In our Bible studies this week we have been reminded that there is still good soil for God's seed, and that seed can yield a hundred-fold harvest. God is very much with us, caring for our welfare and intervening on behalf of the widow, orphan and alien in a strange land. The women of the Exodus story—Shiphrah and Puah, Moses' mother and sister, and even Pharaoh's daughter—model for

us the courage to risk faithful acts in dark times. Over and over, we see that God gives us the tools, the strength, and the courage, at the right time, to do what must be done to advance the Kingdom of God in the face of the evil that opposes it. And so we send you, dear Friends, a message of hope in these dark times. The Kingdom is here—already here among us.

On behalf of the yearly meeting,
Richard B. Miller, Clerk, NCYMC

OYM Visitors 2011

Guy Alexander and Maxwell – 500 Pheasant Ridge R., Lake Zurich, IL 60047
Harlan Alexander – 500 Pheasant Ridge Dr, Lake Zurich, IL 60047
Michael Birkel – Richmond, IN
David and Bridget Casterline – West Chester, PA
Nancy Craft – Virginia Beach, VA
Paula Deming – Columbus, OH
Geoffrey Gilmore – Herkimer, NY
Tyler Hampton – Detroit, MI
Brenda Kelley – Marysville, OH
Raye Lawrence – North Pacific Yearly Meeting – Oregon
Helene Pollock – Philadelphia, PA
Tom Roberts – Westfield, IN
Marian and John Sheldon – Great Britain Yearly Meeting
Earl Smith – Chicago, IL
Laura and Noah Sobjack – Columbus, OH

Representative Meeting Minutes 2010-2011

At a Regular Session of the Representative Meeting of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Chestnut Ridge on 11-20-2010.

The meeting opened with the reading of Psalms 119: 12-16 and a period of waiting worship.

We are favored to have 16 members and three visitors present with us today.

Minutes of the 04-17-2010 meeting were read and considered.

Friends considered the request by Andrew Cresswell to quote excerpts from the Journal of James Henderson in a paper. Friends find no objection to such quotations, and grant permission, requesting that Friend Cresswell provide copies of the paper for the library and archives.

Friends considered the upcoming 2012 World Conference of Friends (FWCC) in Kenya. Friends united in designating Beverly Kirk Shull, Marie Kirk Hawkins, and David Eley as the OYM Representatives to this event. Friends also support James Drummond in his interest, and encourage him to apply for an Open Place.

The clerks are directed to endorse the letters of these Friends. Dennis Rockwell reports that the OYM Travel Fund has a current balance of \$4,792. The most recent printing of the OYM Book of Discipline (2008) has been exhausted and there are requests for additional copies. Friends requested Seth Hinshaw and John Laswell each to obtain two bids from printers for 50 or 100 copies of the Book of Discipline (2008). Friends ask the Printing Committee to select the most appropriate bid from these four and proceed with printing at least 50 and not more than 100 copies.

The Committee to Explore the Status of the Microfilmed Records located at Salem Public Library reported on their findings. An updated agreement between Salem Quarterly Meeting and Salem Public Library was submitted, read and considered. Friends approved and expressed appreciation for the Committee's work, and thanks to Kimberly Newlin, Marie Kirk Hawkins and Rose Sidwell.

Since Short Creek Meeting House seems unlikely to be available for meetings in Eleventh Month in the foreseeable future, Friends considered the scheduling of Representative Meeting, and united in the sense that Stillwater or Chestnut Ridge would be desirable locations for the Eleventh Month meeting. Friends will consider this question further at the meeting in Fourth Month.

The Representative Meeting's Nominating Committee was reminded of the need to find clerks for the coming year. Phil Helms and Elvina Krekler have agreed to serve for another year (term expiring 08-2011).

Friends considered and approved the proposal by the Fiduciary Trustees to implement the change in their numbers from eight to six members and necessary changes to quorum requirements. The revisions to their By-laws are appended.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with the reading of 1 Peter 5: 5-7 and a closing worship period. The next meeting will be held in Salem Meetinghouse on 04-16-2011, if so permitted.

Philip W. Helms
Elvina M. Krekler, Clerks

At a Regular Session of the Representative Meeting of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Salem on 04-16-2011.

The meeting opened with the reading of Romans 12 and a period of waiting worship.

We are favored to have 11 members and 3 guests present with us today.

Minutes of the 11-20-2010 meeting were read and considered.

Friends considered the request by Micaela Rockwell for support from the Travel Fund for her senior trip in the ministry. Friends are satisfied this project is worthwhile and led by the Holy Spirit. Micaela has been asked to raise at least \$200.00. Friends approved \$200.00 from the Travel Fund.

Bob Rockwell reported on the status of the Meetinghouse and insurance

coverage. The Trustees have been working with Dorr Phelps of Guide One, who handles insurance for Olney. Olney has been very satisfied with his work. He has given us a more complete picture of what we need to be fully covered. Insurance on the buildings is figured based on replacement cost. Monthly Meeting and Yearly Meeting properties have been lumped together for purposes of the estimates.

Meetinghouse:	\$1,527,000
Contents (excluding Heritage Rooms):	\$60,000
Morlan (Friends Center):	\$239,924
Activities Building:	\$125,947
Premium for buildings: about	\$3,250 per year.

Present rate is something more than \$1,000 per year. The buildings are currently undervalued dramatically. We would not get much if we made a claim due to the vagaries of Ohio law on insurance matters. Liability coverage is present \$1 million; the recommendation is that it rise to \$3 million. This would include medical liability, employee liability, coverage for directors, officers, and leaders in case of a lawsuit, coverage for using a personal vehicle for the good of the meeting, and sexual misconduct. The liability premium would be about \$665 per year. The most likely safety and liability issues are slips and falls, lighting in the stairwell, and exit lights. The policy would include a dividend provisions: If there are few or no claims in a given year, we could get back up to 25 percent of our premium (\$850?) for the year.

Friends appreciate the Trustees' extensive work on this matter, and ask the Trustees to continue and offer a final written report and recommendation to Ohio Yearly Meeting or a future Representative Meeting.

Bob Rockwell continued his report: Some work has been done on the meetinghouse roof and chimneys. The chimneys were reflashed with soldered copper. The company did an outstanding job of putting the flashing in good shape, and painted the ridge roll as well. They replaced several slates. The job cost \$6,400, minus \$150 for our slates they were able to use. The building is now in pretty good shape.

Conrad Lindes has clarified that there is no proposal to lay down the Printing Committee. There was discussion at Yearly Meeting regarding a change in the makeup of the Printing Committee, but this did not involve laying it down. No action is needed at this time.

Lois Edgerton forwarded a minute from her files providing background for the report of the Committee to Explore the Status of the Microfilmed Records located at Salem Public Library received at last meeting. Friends appreciated having this additional information.

The Representative Meeting's Nominating Committee, consisting of Dennis

Rockwell, James Warrington and Kim Newlin, was reminded of the need to find clerks for the coming year. The current term for Phil Helms and Elvina Krekler will expire 08-2011, before the next meeting.

Micah Bales of Rockingham Monthly Meeting has a leading to travel in the ministry in the United Kingdom. His travel will take place in late Spring or early Summer. He has requested an endorsement of his traveling minute by Representative Meeting. This letter is not available today, and Micah is not here in person. Friends have authorized the clerks to work with the Committee appointed by Stillwater Quarterly Meeting, to formulate an endorsement. Rockingham Monthly Meeting and Stillwater Quarterly Meeting have already endorsed this minute.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with a reading and a closing worship period. The next meeting will be held in Chestnut Ridge Meetinghouse on 11-19-2011, if so permitted.

Philip W. Helms
Elvina M. Krekler, Clerks

Calendar of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends and its Subordinate Meetings

Ohio Yearly Meeting (opened 1813) is held in Stillwater Meetinghouse, near Barnesville, Ohio and commences with a meeting for Ministry and Oversight on the Third Day preceding the second Seventh-day in Eighth Month at 10:00 a.m. Yearly Meeting in 2012 is scheduled to be held as follows:

Meetings for Worship followed by business: Third Day through Seventh Day, Eighth Month 7th through 11th, 2012.

Meetings for worship only: Second Day, Eighth Month 6th at 7:30 p.m. and First Day, Eighth Month 12th, 10:30 a.m.

Representative Meeting

Meets the third Seventh Day in 11th Month at Ridge at 1:00 p.m. and the third Seventh Day in 4th Month at Salem at 1:00 p.m.

Clerks: Philip W. Helms, 2485 Bogie Lake Rd., White Lake, MI 48386,
Elvina M. Krekler, assistant.

Salem Quarterly Meeting

Held at Salem on the second Seventh-day in Second, Fifth, and Eleventh Months, and the last Seventh-day in Seventh Month, at 10:30 a.m.

Clerks: Mary Alice Pino, 44550 SR 517, Columbiana, OH 44408; Rose M. Sidwell, assistant.

Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight, same day at 9 a.m.

Stillwater Quarterly Meeting

Alternating schedule for Stillwater Quarterly Meeting, which meets the second Seventh Day of First, Fourth, Seventh, and Tenth Months, is as follows, with M&O meeting at 9:30 a.m. and business meetings at 2:00 p.m., unless ready sooner.

Month	Even years (e.g. 2012)	Odd years (e.g. 2013)
1st	Stillwater	Stillwater
4th	Short Creek	Crossroads
7th	Keystone Fellowship	Rockingham
10th	Chesterfield	Chestnut Ridge

Clerks: Elvina M. Krekler, 1187 St. Hwy 250, Adena, OH 43901; Faith Kelley, Assistant

Yearly Meeting for Ministry and Oversight

Clerk: Susan Smith; Assistant Clerk: Penny Thomas

SALEM QM for M&O

Meets at 9 a.m. prior to QM session

Middleton: Mildred E. Cooper (E), Verna H. Cope (O), Anthony J. Edgerton (O), Lois G. Edgerton (E), Nancy A. Hawkins (M), Rebecca J. Hawkins (E), Marie Kirk Hawkins (O), Huldah L. Stanley (O)

Salem: Eunice M. Burkey (O), Mildred S. Henderson (O), Barbara M. Newlin (O), Kimberly A. Newlin (O), Robert W. Stratton (E), Winifred E. Stratton (M,E)

Winona: Myrtle E. Bailey (M,O), Conrad Lindes (M,E), Dean A. Sidwell (O), Rose M. Sidwell (O)

STILLWATER QM for M&O

Meets at 9:30 a.m. prior to QM session

Chesterfield: Susan D. Bailey (O), James L. Creighton (E), Robert Rothwell (E), Richard D. Wetzel (E)

Chestnut Ridge: Burton M. Doudna (M), Kathleen Kovalick (E)

Crossroads: Phil Helms (E), Sharon Helms (O)

Keystone Fellowship: David Eley (M,E), Steven Geyer (E), Seth Hinshaw (M,O), Charles Thomas, Jr. (M), Penny Thomas (E,O), Terry Wallace (M)

Rockingham: Faye M. Chapman (O), John C. Smith (M), Susan S. Smith (E)

Short Creek: D. Raye Hodgson (O), Sara L. Kirk (O), Elvina Krekler (O)

Stillwater: John C. Benson (M,E), Martha S. Giffen (M), Richard A. Hall (M), Katharine Jacobsen (E), Diana Kaul (E), Anna S. Peacock (E), Victor G. Peacock (O), Louis F. Rockwell (O), Richard A. Simon (E), Francis I. Taber (O), Karen L. Walsh (O), Robert A. Wilber (M)

Monthly Meetings and Meetings for Worship

In Salem Quarter

Middleton: Meeting House is located at 44866 Crestview Rd., Columbiana, OH, 3 miles south of Rte. 14 on Rte. 7, west ¼ mile on Crestview Rd.

Monthly Meeting: 7:30 p.m. on the Fourth-day preceding the third Seventh-day of each month. Lois G. Edgerton, Clerk; Marlene Cooper, Assistant.

Preparative Meeting for Ministry and Oversight: 7:30 p.m. on the Fifth Day following the Monthly Meeting that precedes Salem QM.

Meeting for Worship: First Day at 10:30 a.m.; First Day School at 9:30 a.m. Midweek meeting on Fourth Day at 7:30 p.m.

Salem-Upper Springfield: Meeting House is located on Sixth Street, east of North Ellsworth Ave., Salem, OH

Monthly Meeting: First-day after the third Seventh-day of each month, after worship. Carey L. Newlin, Clerk; Eunice M. Burkey, Assistant.

Preparative Meeting for Ministry and Oversight: 7 p.m. the Third-day preceding Monthly Meeting, in First, Fourth, Seventh & Tenth Months.

Meeting for Worship: First Day at 10:30 a.m.

Winona: Meeting House is located at 32114 Winona Rd., Winona, OH

Monthly Meeting: the second First-day of each month, following public worship. Rose M. Sidwell, Clerk; Dean A. Sidwell, Assistant.

Preparative Meeting for Ministry and Oversight: the third First-day in First, Fourth, Seventh and Tenth Months, following worship.

Meeting for Worship: First Day at 10:30 a.m.

Seekers Haven (under the care of Winona MM): at the home of Conrad Lindes and Joan Kuczek, 13375 Old Pleasant Valley Rd., Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

Meeting for worship: First Day at 3:00 p.m.

Note: Meetings in Salem Quarter plan to meet jointly on the fourth First-day of each month as follows:

At Middleton: Ninth, Twelfth, Third and Sixth Months

At Salem: Tenth, First, Fourth, and Seventh Months

At Winona: Eleventh, Second, Fifth, and Eighth Months

Monthly Meetings and Meetings for Worship

In Stillwater Quarter

Chesterfield: Meeting House is located on SR 555 east of SR 377 in Chesterhill, Ohio.

Monthly Meeting: third First-day of each month following meeting for worship. Jim Creighton, Clerk.

Meeting for Worship: First Day at 10:30 a.m., followed by Bible study at 11:30 a.m.

Chestnut Ridge: Meeting House is located south of Barnesville. From the center of Barnesville, OH, drive 1.9 miles south on Rte 800; turn left near top of hill, then ½ mile to meetinghouse (go right at 1st fork, left at 2nd fork).

Monthly Meeting: The second Seventh-day at 7:00 p.m. at various homes. This may change, so if you wish to attend, please call. Burton M. Doudna, Clerk (740-679-2245).

Meeting for Worship: First Day at 10:30 a.m.

Crossroads: Meeting House is located at 4108 Menton, Flint, MI 48507.

Monthly Meeting: The second First-day of each month, following rise of meeting for worship. Phil Helms, Clerk.

Meeting for Worship: First Day at 11:00 a.m. Bible study precedes worship, at 10:00 a.m.; First Day School at 11:15 a.m.

Keystone Fellowship: Meets either in members' homes or in local meeting-houses. Seth Hinshaw, Clerk.

Monthly Meeting: Usually the third Seventh Day of each month, following rise of worship. Steven J. Geyer, Clerk.

Meeting for Worship: 7th Day or 1st Day, circulating among members' homes and local meetinghouses. For specifics contact MM Clerk.

Rockingham: Meeting room attached to the house of Jack and Susan Smith, west of Harrisonburg, VA. From I-81 take Rte. 33W through Hinton, go right on Rte 613 (Whitmore Shop Rd.) about 4 miles to the 'T'; turn left on Rte 763 (Hopkins Gap Rd.). First farm on right (3876 Hopkins Gap Road).

Monthly Meeting: first First-day of each month, at 1:00 p.m. Susan S. Smith, Clerk.

Meeting for Worship: First Day at 10:30 a.m.

Monthly Meetings and Meetings for Worship

In Stillwater Quarter, continued

Short Creek: Meeting House is located on Adena Road, ¼ mile north of Harrisville, OH.

Monthly Meeting: second First-day of each month, following the 10:30 worship. Elvina M. Krekler, Clerk.

Meeting for Worship: First Day at 10:30 a.m. Please call Sara Kirk, 740-546-3580 or Elvina Krekler, 740-546-3814 to make sure Meeting will be held that day if planning to visit.

Stillwater: Meeting House is located east of Barnesville, Ohio. Drive one mile east on East Main Street (SR 147), turn right onto Shamrock Drive opposite the Save-A-Lot, drive down the hill and up to the next crest of the hill and turn right at the crest.

Monthly Meeting: First-day following the third Seventh-day of each month, after worship. Thomas F. Rockwell, Clerk; Leonard D. Guindon, Assistant.

Meeting for Worship: First Day at 10:30 a.m., following First Day School (begins 9:30 a.m.). Midweek meeting on Fourth Day at 6:30 p.m.

Athens Christian Allowed Friends Meeting (under the care of Rocking-ham): Meets in Athens, Greece. Contact the Clerk for more information: Themistoklis J. Papaioannou, P.O. Box 2112, Athens 11410, Greece.

Meeting for Worship: First Day at 10:30 a.m., following First Day School (begins 9:30 a.m.). Midweek meeting on Fourth Day at 7:30 p.m.

Chattahoochee (under the care of Rockingham): Meeting House is located northeast of Atlanta, Georgia (3980 Florida Avenue, Norcross, GA 30072).

Meeting for Worship: First Day at 10:30 a.m., following First Day School (begins 9:30 a.m.). Midweek meeting on Fourth Day at 7:30 p.m.

Committees of Ohio Yearly Meeting

(Years indicate expiration of term;
asterisk* indicates clerk/convenor)

ADULT LEADERS for JUNIOR YEARLY MEETING and YOUNG FRIENDS

2012 Dianne Herzog, Martha Wilber
2013 Mary Alice Pino

AGENDA COMMITTEE

ex officio: Seth Hinshaw, OYM Clerk
2012 Faye M. Chapman, Philip W. Helms, Sharon Helms
2013 Winifred Stratton, Arthur Berk
2014 Susan D. Bailey*, Faith Kelley, Nancy Hawkins, Tim Lilly

AUDIT and BUDGET COMMITTEE

(serving until the end of the session in that year)
2011 Richard Simon, Beverly Shull
2012 David Eley, Denise Troy

BOOK and CHILDREN'S LITERATURE COMMITTEE

2012 Eunice Burkey
2013 Nancy Hawkins, Anna Peacock,
Elvina Krekler*, Johanna Mae Rockwell
2014 Anne Marie Taber

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CAMP

2012 Penny Thomas
2013 Elvina Krekler
2014 Janet Hammer, Jo Mae Rockwell

CTE to COORDINATE and SUPPORT OUTREACH

2012 Scott King, Philip W. Helms, Susan D. Bailey,
Kim Palmer
2013 Jani Kurki, Allistair Lomax, Michael Hatfield, Arthur Berk
2014 Micah Bales, John Benson, Nancy Hawkins,
Tim Lilly, John C. Smith*

DOCUMENT COMMITTEE

2012 Phil Helms, Arthur Berk, James Creighton
2013 Mike Kinch, Dorothy Guindon, Bob Wilber

EPISTLE COMMITTEE (served 2011)

Phil Helms*, Faith Kelley, Arthur Berk

FIDUCIARY TRUSTEES

ex officio: Walton Home Manager (Jamie Helmick)
2012 David Warrington*, Dennis Rockwell
2013 Carey Newlin
2014 Robert Stratton

FINANCING EDUCATIONAL CONCERNS

2012 Rebecca Hawkins, Carl Smith
2013 Marie Kirk Hawkins, Frances I. Taber*

FRIENDS CENTER COMMITTEE

2012 John Benson, Frances I. Taber, Susan D. Bailey
2013 K. Jacobsen, Richard Simon
2014 Eunice M. Burkey, John C. Smith, Susan S. Smith*,
Micah Bales, Denise Troy

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

2012 Seth Hinshaw, Denise Troy, Bernie Naylor
2013 Verna Cope, Mary Alice Pino, Raymond Stanley,
Marie Bundy, Theodora Johnson*
2014 Gwen Giffen, Loisanne Rockwell, Debora Taber

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

2012 Mary Alice Pino, Winifred Stratton, Elvina Krekler
2014 Kevin Roberts, Shawna Roberts, Faith Kelley

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

2012 Marie Bundy, Evelyn Groves, Bernie Naylor
2013 Lois Edgerton, Seth Hinshaw*
2014 Eileen Kinch

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(named by Monthly Meetings)
2012 Carolyn McGinnis, David Eley, John C. Smith, Martha Giffen,
Rose Sidwell, Rebecca Hawkins,
Winifred Stratton, James Creighton
2013 Marie Kirk Hawkins, Phil Helms, Mike Kinch,
Sara Kirk, Conrad Lindes*, Kevin Roberts

PEACE and HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

2012 Richard Wetzel, Verna H. Cope, Mary Alice Pino
2013 Lois Edgerton, Martha Giffen
2014 Jim Drummond

PRINTING COMMITTEE

ex officio: Seth Hinshaw (OYM Clerk),
Dorothy Smith (OYM Recorder),
Conrad Lindes* (Nominating Committee Clerk)
2012 Marie Kirk Hawkins, John Benson

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

ex officio: Seth Hinshaw (Clerk of Ohio YM)
2012 Myrtle E. Bailey, Verna H. Cope, James Creighton, Raymond W. Stanley
2013 Richard Patterson, Marie Kirk Hawkins,
Phil Helms*, Kimberly Newlin, Rose M. Sidwell,
Lewis G. Stratton
2014 Faye M. Chapman, Lois Edgerton, Dennis Rockwell
2015 Elvina Krekler, Mary Alice Pino, Sharon Helms
2016 Mike Kinch, Conrad Lindes, Charles Thomas Jr.

TRAVEL FUND COMMITTEE

2012 Robert Stratton, David Eley
2013 Janet Hammer, 2014 Penny Thomas

TRUSTEES OF OHIO YEARLY MEETING PROPERTY

2012 Kevin Roberts, Victor Peacock
2013 Raymond Stanley, Carl Smith

2014 Rich Sidwell

WIDER FELLOWSHIP of CONSERVATIVE FRIENDS

2012 Elvina Krekler, Mike Kinch, Sharon Helms
2013 Myrtle Bailey, Arthur Berk, Philip Helms,
Nancy Hawkins*, Raye Hodgson

WALTON HOME BOARD

2012 Carolyn McGinnis, Beverly Shull
2013 Sharon Helms, Wanda Stratton, Maryann Gallagher
2014 Jim Drummond, Evelyn Groves, Leonard Guindon, Bernie Naylor, Anna
Peacock, Chip Terrett and Dennis Hunkler (community members)

Other Appointments**CUSTODIANS OF RECORDS**

Appointed 1990 – Loisanne Rockwell*
Appointed 2009 – Seth Hinshaw
Appointed 2010 – Beverly Kirk Shull, Kimberly Newlin

TREASURER OF OHIO YEARLY MEETING

Aptd 2008 – Dorothy J. Smith, Assistant: Marie Bundy

YEARLY MEETING RECORDER

Aptd 2002 – Dorothy J. Smith, Assistant: Conrad Lindes

REPRESENTATIVE TO FCNL and WILLIAM PENN HOUSE

2012 Steve Geyer
2013 Jim Drummond, Lily Rockwell

**REPRESENTATIVES to FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE
for CONSULTATION**

2012 David Eley, Nirmal Kaul
2013 Faye M. Chapman, Martha Giffen

OHIO YEARLY MEETING MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS 2011										
Meeting	Members Gained			Members Lost				Net Gain or Loss	Total Membership as of Seventh Month 1	
	Births	By Request	Transfer In	Transfer Out	Deaths	Request Release	Discontinued		2010	2011
Middleton MM	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	-2	79	77
Salem-Upper Springfield MM	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	57	57
Winona MM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	68
Salem QM	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	-2	204	202
Chesterfield MM	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	21	21
Chestnut Ridge MM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	31
Crossroads MM	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	-7	12	5
Keystone Fellowship	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	11
Rockingham MM	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	5	50	55
Short Creek MM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	60
Stillwater MM	0	8	1	2	0	0	0	7	139	146
Stillwater QM	0	16	1	3	0	7	1	6	323	329
OHIO YM	0	18	1	5	2	7	1	4	527	531
Sojourning Members from Outside OYM: 1 The total membership includes 64 Affiliates, 15 Associate Affiliates, 37 Associates, 8 Waiting										

