Minutes
Illinois Yearly Meeting Continuing Committee
Evanston Monthly Meeting hosting at the meetinghouse in Evanston, IL
Tenth Month 23, 2010
David Finke, Presiding Clerk and Pam Kuhn, Recording Clerk,
Regrets from Janice Domanik, Assistant Clerk
Complete committee reports are available on the ILYM website but will not become part of the permanent record.

1. We opened with worship.

2. Our Clerk, David Finke, gave some opening remarks. The committee reviewed the agenda for the day allowing for changes in the Spirit.

3. We introduced ourselves.

Three R's Project
4. Barbara Kessel reported from Urbana-Champaign monthly meeting on the project known as the Three R's Project: Reading Reduces Recidivism. The meeting agreed to support this state-wide project. A complete report is on page 79 of the 2010 Minute Book.

5. The project has encountered some difficulties and has been blocked from delivering books to some prisons. Other prisons are accepting and distributing books. Since annual sessions the project has been able to established three centers for collecting books. Urbana-Champaign monthly meeting is encouraging other monthly meetings and worship groups to set up centers to explore the possibilities of working with the nearest prison, or even a county jail, to channel donations for needed materials - books/dictionaries, magazine subscriptions, seeds for community gardens, videos for Story Book Project - to that one institution. Contact Barbara Kessel at Urbana-Champaign for details on setting this up.

6. Continuing Committee unites with Urbana-Champaign's recommendation to encourage Friends to explore possibilities of setting up centers by local meetings.

Co-Treasurer's Report
7. Roger Laughlin gave the Co-Treasurer's Report. He referred Friends to the Net Assets by Fund for FY10 on page 24 and 25 of the 2010 Minute Book.

8. The Co-Treasurer made a few notes from last year's fiscal year (FY10). The Property Improvement Fund (PIF) ended with a negative balance of $8,262.82. Finance Committee transferred this amount from Special Gifts to start the year with PIF at zero for the new fiscal year.

9. There was net income for FY10 of $11,270, where income exceeded expenses in our Operating Fund. Because this net income was from monthly meetings' increased contributions for the Mills purchase and repair, the Finance Committee was in unity to transfer this net income into the Deferred Maintenance Fund. The transfer is recorded in the FY11 quarterly report.

10. The final report of the Fiscal Year 2010 is in the 2010 Minute Book. The Co-Treasurers recommend that the yearly meeting accept this report. The Continuing Committee accepted the report.

11. The Treasurers prepared and distributed the FY11 quarterly report. A consultant has completed the Capital Assets Management Plan. Funding for this came from the Special Gifts Fund, partly in FY10 and partly in FY11. The payment for this is now complete. The Special Gifts Fund also has a $600 expense for the Clear Creek House Energy Audit. The Friends Meeting House Fund has agreed to pay $300 which will be added back into Special Gifts when it arrives. The expenses from the Deferred Maintenance Fund are for roofing and repairs to the piers under the meetinghouse. In column 5, line 40, there is a combination of two transfers to the Deferred Maintenance Fund, one budgeted and the other of the net income from FY10 as noted above. The Deferred Maintenance Fund has a current balance of $41,593.87. The Maintenance and Planning Committee has oversight of these funds.

Finance Committee

12. Judy Jager reported for the Finance Committee (FC). The Property Improvement Fund is funded mostly by individual donations with some contributions by monthly meetings. It is very low right now. The FC reminds Friends that planning may be hampered without funds.

13. On October 1 there was an informal audit or review of our books by Elizabeth Mertic from Lake Forest monthly meeting and Ann Miller from Evanston monthly meeting. The committee reviewed FY09 and FY10 receipts and disbursements as well as financial reports compared to bank statements. FC plans to distribute booklets to monthly meetings on ways to review their books.

14. FC recommends that the yearly meeting, through the Administrative Coordinator, continues to rent a dining tent, tables and chairs for 2011. The cost will be part of annual sessions' expenses. Friends approve.

15. FC would like to understand which committee is responsible for recommending the purchase of capital items such as new or replacement furniture for all of the buildings (e.g. new chairs for the dining hall) in order that these can be budgeted from Deferred Maintenance or from Committee expenses.

16. Shorebank is now Urban Partnership Bank after an orderly take over. FC will be keeping our accounts active for now. The yearly meeting currently has a one-year CD that matures in February and also a Peace Tax Fund CD and money market account are there. FC would appreciate any input Friends may have on Urban Partnership Bank.

17. One of our traditions of our Society is good record keeping. Our records librarian is the keeper of the statistics. However FC recommends we could be doing so much more. Both the yearly meeting and monthly meetings have the established, free resources of the archives at the University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign and it is good for us to use it consistently. FC would also like to encourage monthly meetings and worship groups to send at least their minutes and newsletters to the U of I. See Sharon Haworth for further information. FC hopes to have a workshop about this at annual sessions.

18. FC recommends that we have a party during the 2011 annual sessions to celebrate the Clear Creek House of Illinois Yearly Meeting and the new property. This was held over to the next meeting of the Continuing Committee in the spring.

19. FC reviewed the process of the use of the Review Committee this summer. The committee is trying ways to speed up the process when necessary. See page 34 of the 2010 Minute Book for a summary of the Review Committee.

Faith and Practice Committee

20. Peter Lasersohn reported for the Faith and Practice Committee (F&P). The Faith and Practice Committee has met once since our annual sessions. F&P has produced copies of the section on 'Organization and Structure of Meetings' having to do with monthly meetings, as approved this summer for a provisional 5-year period. These are on three-hole punch paper for distribution to local meetings. Friends should place these copies in the binders which were provided to meetings in 2005. The same section is in the minute book starting on page 53.

21. F&P has also composed a new sample membership form, which meetings may use or adapt for keeping their membership records. If adopted, this form will be placed as an appendix at the end of the book. The current draft of the form will be posted on the ILYM website for comments and feedback.

22. F&P made several revisions to the proposed section on worship groups and preparative meetings which is page 70 of the 2010 Minute Book. F&P will post the new text on the ILYM website soon for comments. The committee plans to continue revising this text over the coming year, and present a version to the yearly meeting at annual sessions in 2011, proposing adoption for a 5-year provisional period.

23. F&P is continuing to work on the section on meeting for worship, and discussed the content of this section carefully in light of comments received at the workshop. In addition to the section on meeting for worship, F&P intends to work this year on a section on quarterly meetings, and a section on funerals and memorial meetings. Text for these sections has not been drafted yet.

24. F&P continues to seek Friends' advice on future sections and comments on existing text, especially those sections currently under approval for a provisional period (the section on marriage and the section on monthly meetings). These are kept in a file and will be taken into account in making revisions when the provisional period expires.

Quaker Voluntary Service

25. At the 2010 annual sessions, the yearly meeting formed an ad hoc committee with members Mark Mattaini, Chuck Hutchcraft, and Elizabeth Mertic charged with bringing a report to Continuing Committee on ILYM involvement in service opportunities. (See Minutes 68, 69, and 70, starting page 13 and a report on page 76 in the 2010 Minute Book.) Chuck Hutchcraft reported for the ad hoc committee.

26. The ad hoc committee suggests that the answer does not lie in appointing a new committee. Instead, they recommend that our energy be directed to *instilling a culture of volunteerism* throughout ILYM. The ad hoc committee made several recommendations as to how this could be accomplished. The complete report is appended at the end of these minutes.

27. The Continuing Committee seasoned the recommendations of the ad hoc committee and also seasoned the role of the Quaker Volunteer Service, Training, & Witness Committee (QVSTWC) which currently has no members or charge in the Handbook.

28. The Continuing Committee approved laying down QVSTWC with thanks for past work by many committee members over the years.

29. The Continuing Committee sensed continued interest in Quaker service in our yearly meeting and the interest in knowing about service projects currently under the care of our monthly meetings and worship groups as well as volunteer projects in which individual Friends are participating. The committee approved that the ad hoc committee continue to meet to address these concerns with the following charge. The ad hoc committee is asked to develop a series of queries to send to our monthly meetings and worship groups that will help the yearly meeting understand the depth of our commitment to Quaker service. Monthly meetings and worship groups would be asked to respond to these queries by a date to be determined by the ad hoc committee and send replies to the ad hoc committee. Additionally, after receiving answers to the queries, if appropriate the ad hoc committee is asked to suggest a structure that could coordinate the distribution of information of Quaker service projects, information about support including financial support for these projects, or other directions suggested by the discernment of the monthly meetings and worship groups.

30. The Continuing Committee approved adding Bridget Rorem and Bobbi Trist to the ad hoc committee.

Naming Committee

31. Margaret Katrinides reported for Naming Committee. The committee recommended adding David Rutschman to the Nominating Committee. Friends approve. Continuing Committee also gave approval for the Naming Committee to name one other person as well and to allow that person to start work immediately on the Nominating Committee. Both will be for the term ending 2013 and effective immediately.

At 1:45 after a refreshing lunch coordinated by Evanston Friends, members resumed our committee meeting.

M&P

32. Neil Messner reported for Maintenance and Planning Committee (M&P). The committee had a new roof put on the bump-out areas on the south and east side of the meetinghouse including the bathroom, kitchen and bay window. The committee also had vents added and the closet with the hot water heaters is now properly vented. Additionally, the committee replaced some of the piers under the meetinghouse that were deteriorating and fixed some areas of the crawl space. The costs for these were taken from Deferred Maintenance and reported in the Co-Treasurer reports.

33. Clear Creek Monthly Meeting applied for and received the Meeting House Fund's Green Energy Grant for Clear Creek House. The total cost of the audit is $600. The Meeting House Fund will match half of the cost or $300. (See minutes from Continuing Committee, Spring, 2010.) Clear Creek House is currently being used year-round for First Day School, meeting for worship in colder months, and other Clear Creek Meeting activities as well as yearly meeting use. The energy audit took place last winter and spring and included infrared photographs that showed temperature variations. This has raised awareness of issues that need to be addressed to prevent heat loss during the winter and increase our comfortable use of the building.

34. M&P has identified projects for this winter and spring as follows. Fix doors and windows as suggested by the energy audit at the Clear Creek House. Repair supports in the basement of the yearly meetinghouse which seemed to have been put in upside down. The committee recognizes the issue of water in the basement of Clear Creek House needs to be addressed and will be installing

a sump pump. Total cost for all of these projects is estimated to be $3000. These will come from the Deferred Maintenance Fund. Friends approve.

35. Additionally, the committee is looking at regrading around the Clear Creek house. They are still collecting estimates on this project and the Continuing Committee asks that M&P bring those costs to the March Continuing Committee.

36. The Continuing Committee also suggested that we could perhaps look a grading a flat spot for our dining tent.

Ad hoc Furnishing Committee

37. Beth Schobernd reported for the ad hoc Furnishing Committee, a subcommittee of M&P. The charge of the committee is to develop guidelines for furnishing Clear Creek House.   The committee met with various members of Clear Creek Monthly Meeting to hear their anticipated uses of the house and their ideas about what furnishings they will need for those uses.

38. The Furnishing Committee recognized the following guidelines for the acquisition of furnishings for the Clear Creek House. They should be simple, flexible, comfortable, in excellent condition, sturdy, preferably made of natural or recycled materials, compressible chairs—(e.g. stacking, folding, or nesting), harmonious, and consistent with house in period colors and style.

39. For the immediate future, the Furnishing Committee identified that there should be seating in the downstairs of the house for approximately 30 people. This could be accomplished with 10 chairs for the dining table and 20 compressible chairs for the meeting room. Additional seating might be considered for the porch at a later date. There should also be some seating in the library area.

40. There should ultimately be sleeping space for 12-16 people in the Clear Creek House and the committee recommends three bunk beds in the large room in the north east corner room, one double bed in the small west side room, one set of twin beds in the south west corner room, one futon in each of the two rooms Clear Creek monthly meeting uses for First Day School and the downstairs library room.

41. The Furnishing Committee identified furnishing priorities for the house. 1) For the first floor, the needs are for dining room chairs, meeting room chairs, sound absorbing materials (such as rugs and wall hangings), bookcases and seating for the library, and window coverings for the bathroom. 2) For the second floor, the needs are for beds, window coverings for bedrooms and bathroom, fire ladders, First-day school rooms (tables, seating), and miscellaneous (such as tables, chairs, lamps for bedrooms). 3) The future planning priorities include things for the kitchen, storage, and furniture for the front porch.

42. The Furnishing Committee would like to form groups to work together on each floor. These groups should consist of Clear Creek Friends as well as Friends from throughout the yearly meeting - perhaps those already involved with the Furnishing Committee or the ad hoc Committee for the Mills Property.

43. The committee did not feel that its charge included identifying funding for the purchase of furniture. Some agreement needs to be made between Clear Creek Monthly Meeting and the yearly meeting as to who makes the purchases.

44. The Continuing Committee heard with appreciation the progress report of the ad hoc Furnishing Committee.

Handbook Committee Report

45. Pam Kuhn reported for the Handbook. The committee is recommending the following changes to the Handbook based on approved minutes from the 2010 annual sessions.

46. To the section on Standing Committees, add the description of the Development Committee which was taken verbatim from Minute 41 and 42.

47. Change the description of the Site Envisioning Committee to that in Minutes 41 and 43 dropping the "Development" from the title, matching the language verbatim except dropping the last line from Minute 43 about reporting at the 2011 annual sessions.

48. To the Nominating Committee description, from Minute 11 part b, add a line about nominating the clerks of each committee. The entire description would read as follows.

The Nominating Committee is responsible for doing most of the work associated with nominations including gathering names from monthly meeting representatives, providing job descriptions to those considering appointments, and checking to be sure nominees are willing to serve. The Nominating Committee names all Illinois Yearly Meeting clerks and the members and clerks of all standing committees. The Nominating Committee reports to Continuing Committee or the annual sessions of the yearly meeting.

49. To the end of the description of the Review Committee, add three sentences pursuant to Minute 64 concerning an unexpected opportunity or expense related to our buildings or property.

50. Friends approve the above changes.

51. Traditionally the Handbook Committee has distributed a paper copy of the Handbook to every monthly meeting and worship group including pages for updating after every change. The Handbook Committee is considering instead having the Handbook available online with paper copies distributed to the presiding and assistant clerks and anyone else on request. Monthly meetings and worship groups are asked to season this idea in preparation for action at annual sessions. Friends should be aware that the Peace Tax Committee has asked that the description of that committee and guidelines not be published online and would be only available from that committee.

52. The Handbook Committee will be working for the remainder of the year on updating the Handbook and will bring any recommended changes to annual sessions for seasoning and action. Friends interested in working on this vital, exciting and delightful committee should contact a member of the Nominating Committee prior to the next Continuing Committee.

Ministry and Advancement Committee

53. Mariellen Gilpin reported for the Ministry and Advancement Committee (M&A). M&A will meet in retreat on November 12-13. The committee is working on having events called "Days of Spiritual Sustenance" on a regional basis and is already gathering commitments of sites for this winter. These events are intended to nurture Friends as identified by monthly meetings and worship groups as Friends that are relied upon for committees for clearness or care, Friends on Ministry and Oversight (or Counsel) committees, and Friends that monthly meetings feel especially nourished by

spiritually when they speak in meeting for worship. Friends may consider sending the clerk of Ministry & Counsel (or Oversight) Committees, a spiritually-gifted younger Friend, and a Friend with young family. Paul Buckley is working on planning the program and the specifics of locations. The committee will provide for travel reimbursement, a simple noon meal, and childcare. The purpose would be to nurture our nurturers who are the lifeblood of our meetings, giving them a chance to catch their breath as well as be there for others; meet and get to know other nurturers in nearby meetings to facilitate supporting each other; and experience one another's gifts.

54. Additionally, M&A hopes these Days of Spiritual Sustenance may strengthen our yearly meeting by examining issues of our yearly meeting including how to attract new Friends and younger Friends to our annual sessions; discern and train new Friends for committees and leadership who will bring fresh ideas and energies to our committee work; involve new Friends that they may feel vital to our religious society; identify gifts in Friends; and involve Friends with spiritual opportunities rather than just mundane tasks.

55. M&A wants to get to know Friends with spiritual gifts and have them get to know the committee. Perhaps if they feel nurtured by our Days of Spiritual Sustenance, they will be more likely to make an effort to try other yearly meeting events and invite others in their meeting to do likewise.

56. The committee also challenges other yearly meeting committees to consider what sort of outreach would find and attract Friends with the appropriate gifts to get involved with your work. Committees may consider regional events that may interest Friends not previously involved with the yearly meeting.

Field Secretary Report
57. Paul Buckley reported on his activities as Field Secretary. He has visited several meeting since annual sessions. Paul has also worked on the FWCC Salt and Light programs for October and November including finding dates and sites. The events thus far have been very well received and a delight for all. Additionally, some needed money has been raised at the events to pay for these programs.

58. Paul reminds Friends about his traveling bookstore that he carries with him. He is accepting donation books that still have value from meetings and individual Friends. Paul will distribute them to meetings in need.

Site Envisioning Committee
59. Chip Rorem reported for the Site Envisioning Committee (SE). The committee has met one time since annual sessions and had a conference call. SE does not have a unified sense of the meeting of our direction but is hearing a lot of voices with different ideas.

60. SE identified influences on the site envisioning process including the following: financial obligations especially with the additional six acres, ongoing maintenance list especially from the Capital Asset Management Plan, vision of the Environmental Concerns Committee, programs, Finance Committee concerns, and the absence of a Development Committee.

61. SE is asking for written reports from different interested groups including Environmental Concerns Committee, Maintenance and Planning Committee, Ministry and Advancement Committee, Peace Resources Committee, Finance Committee, Religious Education Committee, Quaker Volunteer Service, Adult Young Friends, High School Friends, monthly meetings and

worship groups. SE is looking for different perspectives of these groups when considering the future of our site and are looking for them by the end of the year.

62. SE is considering a general meeting in January 22, 29 or February 19 either for committees or individuals. The committee is also considering having another yearly meeting survey similar the one done by Matthew Smith some years ago.

Ad Hoc Committee for the Mills Property

63. Beth Schobernd reported for the ad hoc Committee for the Mills Property. The committee has met once since annual sessions to work on preparing guidelines for the use of Clear Creek House. The committee expects that the guidelines it develops are only for the period of time between now through annual sessions 2011. After that the guidelines will need to be reviewed and revised, depending on what worked and what didn't, as well as what additional improvements are planned for or made to the property. The committee hopes in the next few weeks to post a draft of these guidelines on the website for comments.

64. There are currently no beds in the house. Funding for the purchase of beds is unclear. Until there are beds, the house will be available for day use only. The kitchen is in rough shape. While the cook top is functional, the oven, dishwasher and microwave shouldn't be used. This would need to be taken into consideration by any group using the house.

65. The ad hoc committee projects the following as being possible uses for the house in the coming year: use by Clear Creek Monthly Meeting, meetings of ILYM committees, Retreats/workdays by ILYM committees or monthly meetings, Women's Weekend, Memorial Day Work Weekend. At this time, these will only be for day time use.

66. During annual sessions the Clear Creek House could be used for committee meetings, workshops/worship sharing, bathing, storing food for special use/auxiliary kitchen, respite from weather/heat for babies, children and adults, sleeping (if there are beds) by request and with selection criteria. The ad hoc committee envisions the selection criteria for sleeping at 2011 annual sessions to be adults with self reported health issues (need for more comfortable accommodations, air-conditioning, access to restrooms), adults with mobility issues (house is not fully accessible and most sleeping rooms are on second floor), adults with a need for quiet sleeping space, parents with very young infants may be considered. The ad hoc committee envisions the house being used as a quiet sleeping space for 2011.

67. The ad hoc committee welcomes comments on our draft guidelines as soon as they are up on the website. The Continuing Committee approves having the ad hoc committee implement revised guidelines through annual sessions 2011 when the committee feels they are ready. Reservation for use of the house will be through the Administrative Coordinator as is the case for all uses of the yearly meeting property.

Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC)

68. Noel Pavlovic reported for the Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC). The committee met at McNabb on October 7 and 8, 2010, for worship, fellowship, and work! ECC continued the work of clearing brush and debris from the new property. The bat house was placed on the front side of the barn. ECC planted two bur oak trees donated by Urbana-Champaign Friends Meeting (UCFM) on the northwest side of the property south of the road where there is open lawn. A chinkapin oak donated by a UCFM neighbor was also planted in line with the bur oak and parallel to the road. Bur oak acorns were also planted on the south side of the barn and in the fence row west of the

campground. Weeds were cleared around the meetinghouse and daffodils were planted mostly along the redbud row on the campground side of the property. ECC is creating a “green” roof for the meetinghouse kitchen with support from a Quaker Earthcare Witness mini-grant of $250 and matching funds from ILYM. ECC will be doing a trial with different trays. The committee has written an article about this experiment in the next issue of *Among Friends* with a follow up with the results in a future issue of *Among Friends*.

69. Other activities by ECC include the following. ECC continues to advance the writing and editing of short biographical memorial statements concerning the Friends associated with the memorial trees. The committee is considering assisting the ILYM representatives to FWCC to bring Global Change meetings to the yearly meeting. Nancy Halliday wrote a statement concerning environmental toxins. The article that was published in *BeFriending Creation* is being submitted to *Among Friends* for reprinting. ECC recently learned there is a Putnam County effort at recycling. ECC plans to find out more so that the impacts of this program on recyclables produced at the Clear Creek grounds can be discerned.

Nominating Committee Report

70. Sara Pavlovic reported for the Nominating Committee. The current Nominating Committee consists of Mike Dennis, Sarah Pavlovic (clerk), and Mira Tanna. The committee is grateful that Judy Erickson and Sue Styer have continued to serve during the past four months, even though their terms were up at the end of annual sessions, while the Naming Committee worked to fill their positions.

71. The committee reports the following resignations with gratitude for their service: Brad Ogilvie from Nominating Committee, Joan Pine and Patricia McMillen from Handbook Committee, Angie Reeks from Ministry and Advancement. Continuing Committee accepts these resignations. Nominating Committee appreciates communication from Friends when they are no longer able to serve.

72. The committee recommends the following nominations. Mira Tanna as Assistant Recording Clerk and then Recording Clerk. Friends approve. Janet Means Underhill to Site Envisioning Committee. Friends approve. Katherine Young and Elke Narkiewicz – co-clerks of Religious Education Committee. Friends approve.

73. Nominating Committee has been seeking Friends willing to serve on the recently approved Development Committee. One member has been confirmed, and the committee is in conversation with several other Friends about their willingness to serve. Nominating Committee welcomes suggestions.

74. Nominating Committee was asked to bring forward the names of four Friends to represent Illinois Yearly Meeting at the World Conference of Friends to be held in Kenya in April 2012. In response to the call for delegates, the committee received seven compelling and Spirit-led responses to a query about the leading felt by each one to consider this work. To the joy of the committee, three of these came from adult young Friends. FWCC has asked that we consider sending a delegation with balance in gender, age and level of experience with international groups of Friends. The decision was not an easy one, for the committee felt that the participation of each of the candidates would enrich the gathering and the yearly meeting. After deep and lengthy consideration, the committee submits the following names for approval: Delegates: Mark Amos, Rose Dennis, Adrian (Meg) Nelson, and Greg Woods. The committee also asks the following Friends to consider themselves to be alternates, that is, to remain prepared to attend the World

Conference in the event that one of the four delegates finds themselves unable to do so, or to apply for one of the Conference open places. Alternates: Janice Domanik, Dawn Rubbert, and Mira Tanna. Nominating Committee asks the yearly meeting to support these Friends in their leadings to attend the 2012 Friends World Gathering, both the four named delegates and any who might attend through an open place, with our financial support as well as our spiritual support. Friends approve.

Publications Committee

75. Judy Erickson reported for the Publications Committee. The minute book is printed and ready for use. Friends are asked to distribute these to Friends in the monthly meetings and worship groups.

76. The *Among Friends* editor has extended the deadline for the winter issue for submissions to November 22. The Plummer Lectures from 2009 and 2010 are on the website. Soon the Publications Committee expects to print and distribute both Lectures. The Administrative Coordinator reminded Friends about our website which has a lot of information about the yearly meeting including our calendar.

Regional Planning Groups for the 2011 Annual Sessions

Site Prep Report

77. Sue Styer reported for the 2011 Site Prep and Housekeeping Committee by Chicago South. The coordinator positions are filled. The Overall Coordinator is Sue Styer. Site Prep will be coordinated by Judy Erickson. The food service during Site Prep will be served up by Bridget & Chip Rorem (cooks) and Sarah & Noel Pavlovic (clean-up), Kate Gunnell & Chris Goode will handle purchasing. Pam Timme & Brad Laird will be in charge of housekeeping during sessions. The Final clean up will be coordinated by Sue Styer with Adrian Fisher assisting.

Program and Food

78. Chicago North Planning Group met at Evanston Meeting on June 27. Sue Tursman is the overall coordinator. The theme will be: "As way opens - discerning our path forward in the Light." The evening program will be as follows. On Wednesday night: Mary Garman (Professor of Religion at Earlham College and once a member of Evanston Meeting) will speak. On Thursday night, we are planning a poetry, song, or drama night given by ILYM Friends (this is being coordinated by Phyllis Reynolds.). On Friday night, we'll have the usual square dancing coordinated by FUN Committee. Saturday night's speaker will be Vanessa Julye (Friends General Conference and Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting). Dick Ashdown will be giving the Plummer Lecture on Sunday morning. Additionally there will be worship-sharing (Pam Kuhn coordinating) and workshops (Ted Ehnle coordinating) to be facilitated in the spring. Janice Domanik and Elizabeth Mertic are responsible for food coordination.

FUN and Recreation Committee

79. Blue River Quarterly is planning the FUN and Recreation Program. Steve Tamari is coordinating the planning. Most of the teachers and positions have been filled.

80. The Continuing Committee thanks Evanston Meeting for hosting our CC meeting and providing us with delicious food, lodging, childcare, and good cheer.

81. The next meeting of Continuing Committee is March 5, 2011, tentatively at Downers Grove Monthly Meeting.

82. We closed with worship and joy of our time together.

Friends who signed in at Continuing Committee: Peter Albright, Upper Fox Valley; Wil Brant, 57th St; Paul Buckley, Field Secretary; Helen Dickinson, Oak Park; Judy Erickson, Oak Park; David Finke, Columbia; Nancy Finke, Columbia; Cathy Garra, Lake Forest; Mariellen Gilpin, Urbana-Champaign; Christopher Goode, Downers Grove; Sharon Haworth, Urbana-Champaign; Roxy Jacobs, Duneland; Judy Jager, Evanston; Margaret Katranides, St Louis; Barbara Kessel, Urbana-Champaign; Pam Kuhn, Lake Forest; Brad Laird, South Bend; Jinny Laughlin, Evanston; Roger Laughlin, Evanston; Peter Lasersohn, Urbana-Champaign; Melanie McAllen, Northside; Janet Means, Lake Forest; Elizabeth Mertic, Evanston & Lake Forest; Grayce Mesner, Clear Creek; Neil Mesner, Clear Creek; Noel Pavlovic, Duneland; Sarah Pavlovic, Duneland; Bridget Rorem, 57th St; Chip Rorem, 57th St; Beth Schobernd, Clear Creek; Monica Tetzlaff, South Bend; Bobbi Trist, Urbana-Champaign; and Sue Tursman, Evanston

Quaker Volunteer Service Report

The ad hoc committee appointed to make recommendations to ILYM regarding support for voluntary service suggests that the answer does not lie in appointing a new committee. Instead, we recommend that our energy be directed to *instilling a culture of volunteerism* throughout ILYM. We further recommend that:

- ILYM make an intentional effort to support leadings to volunteer, whether through financial support and/or other forms of support, spiritual, emotional or other.
- ILYM, Monthly Meetings, and individual Friends be encouraged to offer spiritual, participatory and financial support as possible to emerging volunteer efforts like the Quaker Volunteer Service: Chicago, and workdays QVSC plans to sponsor as fundraising and voluntary service opportunities. [These workdays are being planned as "mini-workcamps" in which participating Friends would be encouraged to make a financial contribution and contribute one day of labor to a project consistent with Friends' testimonies, planned in partnership with a community organization, ending with a celebratory potluck and entertainment.]
- ILYM encourage volunteerism through mentoring by those among us who have expressed their Quaker spirituality through volunteerism.
- ILYM collect the stories of these mentors and others who have volunteered. For instance, time could be set aside during each annual session for these folks to be interviewed and their stories recorded.
- These stories be used as the basis for a curriculum to instill the tradition of Quaker volunteerism among young and older Friends.
- A more intentional effort be made to create a network through which ILYM Friends can access volunteer opportunities through ILYM representatives to AFSC, FCNL, FWCC and other organizations.
- Other volunteer opportunities be explored and made known to ILYM Friends through existing ILYM committees.
- ILYM consider writing a Minute committing itself to creating a culture of volunteerism and encouraging ILYM Monthly Meetings to do the same.