

BALTIMORE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, HOMEWOOD

Minutes of January 21, 1990

The Baltimore Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Homewood met for business on January 21, 1990 at 1:10 p.m. with 20 persons present.

The Fifth Query and a part of "When Friends Attend to Business" by Thomas S. Brown, were read during a period of silence.

1-90 The Minutes of the December 17, 1989 Meeting were approved as corrected.

Old Business

2-90 Stewardship and Finance Committee presented two grant requests. Both were approved last month but as they were both more than \$500, they required reapproval.

- a. \$800 to FUM to cover travel expenses for Friends from around the US
- b. \$800 to FGC to reprint the pamphlet "'Friends and the Seeker'"

Both were approved.

The Meeting reviewed the rewritten Minute on Marriage under the Care of the Meeting. It was approved as follows:

1. The same term, marriage, will be utilized to designate the celebrations of commitment for both heterosexual and homosexual couples.

2. The procedure for marriage under the care of the Meeting outlined in Faith and Practice shall be followed for all couples seeking clearness for marriage under the care of the Meeting. Ministry and Counsel is asked to recommend a series of queries for all couples concerning such topics as legal commitments, guardianship of children/parents, and inheritance issues.

3. The Meeting looks to the day when all married couples will enjoy the full range of civil privileges and societal acceptance.

4. The Meeting takes seriously its commitment to couples married under its care, and encourages them to turn to the Meeting for support and counsel.

The committee which drafted the Minute agreed to see to it that copies of the Minute are sent to Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, the Yearly Meeting office, the Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel, Social Order and Faith and Practice Committees, the Yearly Meeting Interchange, Quaker Life and Friends Journal, appropriate persons and committees at FGC and FUM, and others as deemed appropriate.

Jane Bonny reported that Julia French's welcoming was held with only Jane and Nancy Clark attending as Julia was in Baltimore only briefly. Julia is moving to Louisville and has asked that Homewood write to Louisville Monthly Meeting, recommending her as a sojourning member.