

**Minutes**  
Midcoast Monthly Meeting for Business  
Damariscotta, Fourth Month 20, 2008

Co-clerk Karen Cadbury opened the session with moments of silence. Thirteen Friends were in attendance, including Nate Shedd, Director of Friends Camp, China Lake. Nate was invited to spend the first few minutes with us and say a few words about the camp.

Nate said that regular camp is doing well and Family Camp (one week in late summer) is also doing well. A former Roman Catholic parish property abutting the camp has been purchased.

Minutes of the previous meeting were **approved** as written.

Committee Reports:

**Finance** – Bill Spock presented the proposed 2008-09 budget for Paul Diamond. The total is down approximately \$2000 from 2007-08. While the meeting will probably meet its 2007-08 budget, mainly because several committees did not use up their allotted amounts, the Finance Committee recommends we accept the reality that annual contributions are down approximately 20% and budget for 2008-09 accordingly. Bill next led a discussion of the Finance Committee’s document “Financial Policy and Procedure” previously introduced at the March meeting. The document recommends measures to consolidate the Capital Account, sets aside \$50,000 of the Reserve Account as permanent, and puts off dipping into the remainder of the Reserve Account for at least 5 years while hopefully the meeting adjusts to its changed financial situation. All fund raising suggestions must arise through a committee. The report also recommends that submission to the Meeting of a proposed Capital Account budget be delayed until June or July each year.

**Meetinghouse & Grounds** – Pete Haviland reported. Workdays will be announced soon. The security project is moving forward.

**Ministry & Counsel** – Pete Haviland reported. The committee’s recommendation that Paul Diamond be accepted for membership was enthusiastically **approved**. Two more applications for membership are in process.

**Peace & Social Concerns** – There was no report. A Friend asked that displays on the bulletin boards in the All Purpose Room be made appropriate for children as well as adults.

**Religious Education** – Karen Cadbury and Sally Tukey reported. The committee hopes someone will volunteer to teach one First Day per month.

**Hospitality** - Anne Spencer reminded Friends that the monthly potluck lunches, on trial until June, are a group project. We need to help with set up and clean up.

**Peace Center** – Karen Cadbury reported for Brewster Grace. A flyer on the “War Is Not the Answer Film Series” is ready for distribution. Other current projects include creation of a mission statement and Alternatives to Violence Workshops.

No further business coming before the Meeting it was adjourned following moments of silence, planning to meet next on Sunday, May 18 at the rise of meeting for worship. All are welcome. Please bring a bag lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Cadbury, Co-clerk

Jean Crawford, Recording Clerk