

MINUTES

MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS

TWELTH MONTH 20, 2009

After a short period of silence, Co-Clerk Karen Cadbury opened the meeting with recognition that the gathering snow storm would shorten the session. Not all committees would report. Thirteen Friends and attenders were present.

Minutes of the November business meeting were approved.

Gifts and Leadings distributed the Committee List for 2009/2010 but deferred full discussion until the January business meeting. A list of Resource Persons in the meeting was also handed out. The Committee List was approved. Appreciation was expressed to all those willing to serve.

Meeting House and Grounds noted that the estimated costs for new insulation in the basement were too high for that project to be advisable. Some old insulation had been removed from the basement to prevent mold and infestation. A new lock-box by the front door will allow quick access by the local fire department in case of emergency.

Guy Marsden will offer do-it-yourself workshops after meeting on January 10th and 31st for the construction of simple indoor thermal insulating windows. A letter of appreciation will be sent to Guy.

Quaker Quest Someone from Friends General Conference will visit our meeting on February 7th to explore the possibility of undertaking a full workshop at Midcoast (cost = \$1,000).

Peace Center Minutes of the most recent committee meeting are available. Three issues areas will be emphasized: Militarism and the Afghan War; Food Issues; and Environmental Concerns. Linda-Cote Small described one endeavor—a monthly study group on the book, Right Relationship, that is intended to run from January 24th through June.

The Quakerism Study Group (an outgrowth of Quakerism 101) will continue to meet regularly for sharing experiences rooted in relevant readings and leadings.

Rachel McGinness (who spent the morning working on the Peace Testimony with the young people) now regularly attends the local ministers' group.

The Christmas Party raised \$103. In the New Year Viki Diamond will offer a benefit concert at the meeting house. No decisions have yet been made about where the proceeds of either of these events should be sent.

On January 3rd a Candle-Lighting ceremony will be held in addition to the usual pot-luck after meeting.

Jim Matlack – Recording Clerk