

Minutes  
Midcoast Monthly Meeting, Damariscotta, Maine  
Second Month 15, 2009

In Attendance: 13

Opening Worship: Deb Haviland, Co-clerk, read from Daily Readings

Gratitudes expressed

Minutes from January 25, 2009 were approved with one change

**Correspondence:** The clerk has received a letter regarding the State of the Meeting from the New England Yearly Meeting (NEYM). This will be passed on to M&C. George Sparks' daughters have been contacted about the progress on memorial stones. A card had been received from Rob & Sally Pedrick who spend Spring and Fall in Canada and have asked to have their names off the newsletter mailing list.

**Committee Reports:**

**Statistics:** The clerk read Diane Kirkman's statistical report on Meeting attendance broken down by age, sex, and including lost and new members. A suggestion was made to ask NEYM why there is no category for ages 25 thru 65. It was also suggested that the Meeting make an effort to find out why some members are inactive. This will be referred to M&C and Pastoral Care. The report was approved with these recommendations.

**Finance/Treasurer:** no report. Paul Diamond has been contacted and asked to send the Holiday Fair money of \$165 to Heifer International for ducks.

**Meetinghouse and Grounds:** no report

**Ministry and Counsel:** Thomas Steele-Maley reported that the committee has received a report from the Hospitality Committee for the State of the Society report. Other committee reports are still due. Please send your reports via e-mail to Linda Cote-Small.

**Meetinghouse and Grounds:** no report

**Pastoral Care:** no report

**Peace Center:** When Brewster Grace returns from Florida, this committee and the Peace & Social Concerns Committee will have a joint meeting to discuss the possibility of becoming one committee. The Peace Center meeting for Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> is on hold.

**Religious Education:** Karen Cadbury reported that the committee is researching outdoor playground equipment to buy for the children. It was decided to focus on that rather than tables and chairs.

**Hospitality:** Mallory Waldman asked if members would consider bringing their own dishes, mugs and silverware to potlucks rather than continuing the practice of washing dishes. In reply to the comment that we run out of hot water, Pete Haviland said that the key to having hot water throughout the dishwashing process was to keep the

water flowing at all times. When the water is turned off, the process of heating the water on demand must start again and the water is not hot at that point.

It was agreed that the members would be asked to think about whether they would like to:

- bring their own dishes
- have the Hospitality Committee provide paper plates
- bring their own plates but have their mugs left in a special mug rack mounted on the wall. Kate Nordstrom volunteered that she and Aaron would make a mug rack.

There was a concern expressed about the environmental impact of paper goods and the suggestion that the Meeting consider this when deciding these other questions. Friends are asked to consider these options which will be on the agenda for the next monthly meeting.

**Gifts and Leadings:** Please add Katlin and Chris Wagner to the Library Committee and delete Martha Brown from the Hospitality Committee.

**Old Business:** Jean Crawford has been in touch with Lisa MacKeeman who is expected to need a kidney transplant soon and has asked the Meeting to help pass the information on to Friends in the Quarter. Carmen brought this up at Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting and passed out the article that Jean Crawford had written. The article will be in our newsletter and will also be sent to Meeting contacts in the Quarter

**The Called Meeting to discuss the NEYM Peace Minute** will be the weekend of April 17-19 in Portland. More information will be forthcoming.

**Other Concerns:** Alice Lacy told us of her concern and wish to start a group for women of any age who need assistance. Carmen will help Alice write this for the Newsletter. Alice also asked if she could have a book signing in the meetinghouse after her book has been published. No date has been set but it was agreed it would be a fine to do this. Carmen announced that she will be leading a class for the Coastal Senior College during the Spring term, starting March 26. It will be a Thursday afternoon seminar on pacifism, "Is There a Good War?"

The Meeting closed with silence, to meet again on Sunday March 15, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Haviland, Co-clerk

Mallory Waldman, Recording Clerk Pro Tem