

MIDCOAST FRIENDS MEETING MINUTES OF MEETING - JUNE 15, 2014

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship. Nineteen Friends were in attendance. Clerk David Cadbury reviewed the agenda. The Minutes of the May 18th Meeting for Business were approved.

PASTORAL CARE Jean Crawford reported that two new members had joined the committee. Jean and Willow Rowntree will serve as co-clerks. The committee proposed that FRIENDLY EIGHTS be renewed in order for members of Midcoast Meeting to become better acquainted with each other. After discussion it was agreed to move forward on this proposal. Judith Imm will prepare a sign-up sheet as a first step.

There was further discussion about arranging for a “Quaker presence” or “Friendly Ear”—i.e. a volunteer who could receive inquiries or hold confidential conversations with seekers or Friends in need of sympathetic listening. No clarity emerged as to how best to set up such a scheme—e.g. in the Meeting House or at home?; by appointment or with regular hours posted? Pastoral Care was asked to give this idea further seasoning and to return with a specific proposal.

Bill Spock spoke briefly about the current insurance policy and the proposed text for the annual appeal letter to meeting members.

MIDCOAST OUTREACH AND PEACE CENTER Jim Matlack circulated a written report on a PROGRAM COMMITTEE session in which a proposal by Rachel McGinness to initiate a program for seniors and shut-ins in the local area was enthusiastically approved. With little further discussion the meeting heartily endorsed the project. It was noted that current insurance coverage was probably adequate and that the coating on the porch ramp should be renewed to assure traction in bad weather.

Rowen Rowntree received an offer for free mowing of the meeting house grounds. He will consult with Bill Hallett (for Buildings and Grounds) to see whether the offer should be accepted.

Carmen Lavertu plans to attend New England Yearly Meeting (as does Deb Haviland). The sessions will be in Vermont this year. A discussion followed regarding Carmen’s expenses. In the end she was encouraged to seek financial assistance from NEYM but a potential outlay from meeting funds up to a limit of \$400 was approved to assist Carmen.

Rachel McGinness proposed the purchase of an additional piece of play equipment to be added to the swing set and the sand box. An expense up to \$250 from currently designated meeting funds was approved.

The session closed with brief worship in order to reconvene for the Annual Meeting of the Corporation of Midcoast Friends Meeting.

David Cadbury, Clerk

Jim Matlack, Recording Clerk

NEXT MEETING: JULY 20th