

Mid Coast Monthly Meeting of Friends

Minutes – Monthly Meeting for Business - April 17, 2011

The Business Meeting opened with a period of silent worship.

Minutes from the March 20th, 2011 Business Meeting were approved.

New Business

Renewal of the advertisement in Mid Coast Meeting in the Friends Journal was reviewed and minor changes in wording were made. Nancy Booth will continue as a contact person and Suzy Hallett will be asked have her name included as a contact.

Old Business

- Statistical reports on the meeting prepared by Diane Kirkman were distributed. Discussion of the statistical reports will be on the agenda of the next Meeting for Business.

- Coastal Kids The Meeting is pleased to have Coastal Kids as tenants in the Meeting House. Coastal Kids has verbally requested an extension of their rental contract with the Meeting until the end of December 2011. The present contract runs until the end of June. Some members expressed concerns about conflicting space use by Coastal Kids, the First Day School and the library. Another concern expressed was the need for a firm deadline for the contract. This issue of a firm contract deadline has become more important since alternate uses for the space have been proposed. It is not clear about the status of Coastal Kids' plans for building a new structure to house the school permanently. Is December 2011 a realistic deadline?

We may want to contract for the "Summer Camp" program in July and August, independently of a contract through December. To contract for the summer program we need further information on what the program entails. The Meeting felt that we needed further information from Coastal Kids to plan for the use of the rental space. The Ad Hoc Committee, which originally arranged for the contract with Coastal Kids will meet promptly with them so that both the Meeting and Coastal Kids can proceed with clarity. The Ad-Hoc Committee will report on their discussions at the next Business Meeting

Committee Reports

- The Finance Committee presented a year-to-date budget. Discussions of next year's budget included: members contributions; contributions to New England Yearly Meeting; upcoming capital expenditures; a request for a \$50 budget for the gifts-and-leading Committee; an increase in conference funds and a \$2,000 emergency fund as part of the budget.

- Ad-Hoc Handbook Committee Each Committee of the Meeting has produced a description of its functions. Submitted descriptions have been compiled into a draft handbook by the Ad-Hoc Committee and will be given to committee-heads for final review and corrections. The Ad-Hoc committee would like to finish by the end of June.

- Ministry and Counsel Deborah Humphries, who had hoped to visit Mid Coast Monthly Meeting as part of her traveling ministry in Vassalboro Quarter, will not be able to join us because of scheduling conflicts.

- Meetinghouse and Grounds Committee Members of the committee have been removing the branches, which fell from the white pine tree adjacent to the play area. A problem has been resolved with the hot water system with the main boiler. Hot water will be unlimited on Sundays. The solar collectors are generating power on a regular basis. If

needed, a manual for the operation of the meeting room thermostat is in a red binder by the telephone. Research on the issue of correcting water drainage in the parking lot continues.

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