

Minutes

Midcoast Monthly Meeting, Damariscotta
Twelfth Month 30, 2007

Clerk Peter Haviland opened the session with moments of silence. There were 14 Friends in attendance.

Treasurer's Report – Paul Diamond presented two semi-annual financial reports. We need to finalize plans for Worthy Needs contributions soon. Unlike past years there is concern that actual contributions may not measure up to pledged amounts. Paul will prepare an item for the Newsletter reminding Friends to fulfill their pledges and that it is not too late to make a pledge. We are still waiting for the bill for parking lot light installation. We are also waiting for Meetinghouse & Grounds to prioritize their wishes for expenditures and confer with the Finance Committee.

Meetinghouse & Grounds – There was not a committee report. Paul recalled that projects under consideration in order of priority have been: 1) railing, 2) parking lot lights, 3) protection from frozen pipes, etc. and 4) solar power, an instant hot water system, then other energy efficiency measures.

Andy Burt described her written proposal for solar energy for the meetinghouse. The treasurer spoke to the need for the Meetinghouse & Grounds Committee to prioritize a project list. Then the Finance Committee could make recommendations on sources of funding. Appreciation was expressed to Andy and Guy with heartfelt hope that the Meeting will discern a way forward. Some spoke of spending prudently and others spoke of taking risks for important causes such as this. The idea of specifying that half the funds would be raised through benefit activities was accepted. The meeting gave general approval to the proposal.

Gifts & Leadings – Carmen Lavertu presented the committee's proposed roster for 2008. The meeting **approved the proposed officers and representatives: Karen Cadbury and Deb Haviland will serve as co-clerks.** The roster of committees will be completed next month. **There are still vacancies on several committees and Friends are encouraged to volunteer.**

Peace & Social Concerns – A meeting to get moving on the Peace Center is scheduled +for January 6th at the rise of meeting for worship. During the Gifts & Leadings process there were many mentions of interest in working on this project. The Steering Committee established in July, 2006 will be the basis of planning for the future.

Ministry & Counsel – Linda Cote-Small reported. We will consider a small amendment to the memorial minute for Jerry Wood at our next meeting. The committee is still hoping for proposals for presenters on Quakerism for its winter series. The need for a new edition of the handbook was raised. Karen Cadbury, Deb Haviland and Linda will confer and bring to a future meeting a recommendation for handling this need.

Religious Education – Karen Cadbury reported on progress in assigning teachers for weeks of the month and planning curriculum packets. A newspaper ad is under consideration.

Pastoral Care – Carmen Lavertu and Deb Haviland reported. Christmas gifts were sent to the young people of the meeting. Annual letters are being written by the committee to friends we have not seen in a while.

New Business – The clerk read the letter he sent to the clerk of Charlottesville (VA) Meeting thanking them for their loving support of Sally Wood, her family and friends.

Nancy Booth raised the question of contributing funds to CHIP (Coastal Housing Improvement Program) to help local families with the high cost of heating fuel this winter. The meeting decided to send \$627 to CHIP. (This includes \$400 from the Worthy Needs account, \$42 designated at the Christmas Party for CHIP and \$185 from the general funds raised at the Christmas Party). Also from the Christmas party funds it decided to send \$100 to Jayne Dwyer's son Aaron who is doing service in Mississippi and beyond.

No further business coming before the meeting it adjourned following a period of silence planning to meet next on Sunday, January 20, 2008. All are welcome. Please bring a bag lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Haviland, Clerk

Jean Crawford, Recording Clerk