

[PENDING]
MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS
DECEMBER 19, 2010

Clerk Deb Haviland opened the meeting with a reading from Faith and Practice followed by silent worship. Several gratitudes were expressed, especially for the role that Coastal Kids Pre-School has played in sharing use of the meeting house.

The Minutes of the Business Meeting for November 20th were approved.

A notice was received from St. Andrews Church in Newcastle announcing a dinner to be held on February 11th in support of work in Haiti. Friends were invited to participate. Nancy Booth and Carmen Lavertu will join the group planning this event.

MEETING HOUSE AND GROUNDS Coastal Kids Pre-School has asked to extend their rental use of the meeting house until June 24th (with a possible summer program to follow). This would require meeting approval of a slightly revised contract to cover the extension. An increase in the monthly rental fee from \$500 to \$600 has been proposed. While a final decision awaits drafting of the extension contract, after full discussion it was agreed to go forward with arrangements for such an extension of the pre-school occupancy and to allow the rental charge to be reduced below \$600 if necessary. The Ad Hoc Committee previously appointed to supervise liaison with the pre-school staff will continue throughout the period of shared occupancy.

The Social Room Floor needs to be resurfaced. The new surface will be bamboo wood; estimated cost will be \$4,500 for which funds are available. Approval was expressed for this project. The new flooring will probably be installed during the February school break.

Diane Kirkman explained how she prepares the Monthly NEWSLETTER. She encouraged Friends to submit relevant items for inclusion. Some additional discussion focused upon appropriate uses of the E-Mail List of meeting members. Circulation of specific items requires approval by the Clerk. Diane was thanked for her faithful service in producing the Newsletter. Similar appreciation was also expressed to Guy Marsden for his role in maintaining the Meeting Web-site.

GIFTS And LEADINGS The full list of new officers and committees will be distributed in January. David Cadbury and Suzie Hallett have agreed to serve as Co-Clerks. Jim Matlack will continue as Recording Clerk. Deb Haviland will be Interim Treasurer and Martin Imm will be Assistant Treasurer. These five officers were approved for service.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Bill Spock gave a brief report and Martin Imm presented detailed budget charts. Both saw the meeting operating on a sound financial footing in the current year. Deep appreciation was expressed to Martin Imm for picking up the budget work so successfully following Paul Diamond's departure for California.

PASTORAL CARE Carmen Lavertu reported briefly on pastoral visits and noted that Betty Zisk is in failing health in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

PEACE CENTER Brewster Grace reported on successful Autumn programs—the “Fishes and Loaves” series and Guy Marsden's talk on “Sustainable Living.” Grace outlined a Winter/Spring Speaker Series with presentations on Iran, North Korea, and Central America. These events will be held after pot-luck lunch on the first Sundays in February, March, and April. A grant for \$715 has been received

to support this series. Over half of the matching funds to be raised by the Meeting have already been pledged. Several ideas were shared about ways in which the balance of the funds might be solicited.

Clerk Deb Haviland noted that the Christmas Fair had raised \$153 with some additional funds expected.

A new Handbook for the Meeting is overdue. Revised texts describing committee functions and other relevant operations have already been assembled. Claire Darrow and Deb Haviland volunteered to prepare a draft document for review and approval by the meeting.

A Minute of Appreciation for Deb Haviland was heartily approved as follows:

At this last monthly meeting of Midcoast Friends for this year, we would like to express our gratitude to someone who has given of herself in service to the Meeting for many years. We ask that it be recorded in the minutes today that we appreciate her gifts of administration, stewardship, and generosity and her unstinting sharing of these gifts with the Friends of Midcoast Meeting, especially in her role as clerk. Thank you Deborah Haviland

Twelfth Month, 2010

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Deborah Haviland, Clerk

James Matlack, Recording Clerk