

Midcoast Friends Meeting
Minutes, Monthly Meeting for Business, February 19, 2012

Co-clerk David Cadbury opened the session with moments of silence. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Communications were announced.

Library Committee – Deb Haviland reported; the committee recommends we discontinue our subscription to Friends Journal for budgetary reasons. After discussion the Meeting asked the committee to increase its annual budget request to cover the cost of the Friends Journal subscription. There is some space for back issues in the book shelves in the all purpose room. There is a backlog of Newsletters in the wall rack between the restrooms.

Finance Committee – Bill Spock asked committees to submit their budget requests soon as preparation of the annual budget has begun. Discussion of the question of establishing an endowment fund will take place in April or May. Also to be discussed: do we do enough to encourage bequests?

Gifts & Leadings – The 2011 Committee submitted a written report on difficulties it encountered last year. The report requests a process for “exploration in an open and deliberate manner the concerns ... especially the need for a commonly understood manner of dealing with conflict as a loving community of Friends.” Mallory Waldman asked for a meeting of all interested individuals on March 25 to discuss Quaker methods for resolving differing viewpoints. Other concerns include: The proper relationship and functioning of committees; The absence of volunteers for the 2012 Gifts & Leadings Committee; Does the Meeting want to advise the committee on how best to communicate with member / attenders? Should the name Gifts & Leadings Committee change to Nominating Committee?

Coastal Kids Preschool – George Waldman reported all issues have been resolved. The Meeting will send a letter to the Editor expressing appreciation for the preschool’s presence in our Meetinghouse.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting – Carmen LaVertu reported on the recent quarterly meeting at Acadia Monthly Meeting, Bar Harbor. At Acadia there is continued involvement with the Kakamega Orphan Project in Kenya and participation by students from College of the Atlantic.

No further business coming before the meeting it adjourned with moments of silence, planning to meet next on Sunday, March 18 at the rise of meeting for worship. All are welcome. Please bring a bag lunch.