

Midcoast Monthly Meeting for Business

February 23, 2014

Meeting began with **silent worship**. 12 people were in attendance.

January Minutes were approved.

Ministry & Counsel: Sue Rockwood reported that the Committee has rescheduled its February meeting due to weather, and invites everyone to speak to committee members if they have items for their attention.

Quarterly Meeting: The Memorial Minute for Peter Haviland was approved during Quarterly Meeting, with certain stylistic revisions which have since been made. Deborah Haviland will send the finalized Minute on to David Cadbury, who will forward it to the Quarter and the Yearly Meeting. Deb will also send it to Guy Marsden for posting on the Midcoast website and she will contact Friends Journal. Business Meeting minutes from the Quarter have already been circulated. Leslie Manning requested feedback for the new practices of administering Quarterly Meeting and a brief discussion followed. The Quarter's Finance Committee will be meeting soon.

Library Committee: Rachel Mcginness sought guidance on disposition of songbooks and altering the credenza – someone from the House and Grounds committee will discuss possibilities for the lobby area with the Library Committee and the Outreach Coordinator.

Pastoral Care: Carmen Lavertu shared that she has asked Ministry and Counsel to meet with this committee as a check-in. Periodic joint meetings were part of the original committee charge. She will also undertake to update our emergency contact information forms. In addition to direct calling of members, blank forms will be available through the web and the Meeting's Newsletter.

Outreach: Its most recent meeting was postponed due to inclement weather, but the committee will meet shortly. In the meantime, cable internet will be installed at the Meetinghouse on March 1st. Wireless access will also be provided.

House and Grounds: Guy Marsden related that we no longer have a rug for the social room, which used to protect the floor from chair scrapes. He had samples and quotes for a replacement rug, and Stephen Gorry reported that he had obtained a sample of felt that may be applied to the chair runners to prevent their damaging the floor. The felt will be tried as a first step. Guy will look into various questions about the existing garden, plantings, and fruit trees. Finally, Guy reported that he wishes to donate a fresh face for the Meetinghouse sign structure. He would cover the existing wooden sign front with a sign made from longer lasting materials. He will share pictures of the design at our next Business Meeting.

Request from Maine State Prison: Leslie Manning brought forward a request to have Meeting for Worship held at the prison in Warren. While many in the Quarter might be led to join the effort, as the nearest Meeting to the prison facility it seemed logical to her to ask if Midcoast might take up the care of such a worship group. The issue was sent to Ministry and Counsel for its discernment.

The meeting closed with a period of **silent worship**.

Recording,

Susan Rockwood