

Monthly Meeting for Business
Minutes
January 16, 2011

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship. David Cadbury was clerk. Twenty-four Friends were present.

The **Minutes of the Business Meeting for December, 19, 2010**, were approved.

Correspondence was received seeking support for the **Africa Great Lakes Initiative**. After discussion it was agreed that this message would appear in the next Newsletter so as to encourage donations from individual Friends. If anyone is so moved, a Meeting fundraiser might be organized but Meeting funds will not be given directly.

No specific committee was scheduled to report in full at this meeting. Whether to continue last year's practice of having a committee report in depth at each business meeting was discussed at length. In the end it was agreed that committees would be called upon once a year for a background report on their activities but not at great length. As always, any committee can ask the clerk to be put on the agenda for any business meeting.

Brewster Grace reported briefly on the most recent meeting of the **Peace Center** committee. A three-part speakers series is planned for coming months. Notice was also received of a project on Global Change sponsored by Friends World Committee for Consultation. Midcoast Meeting may seek to engage with this project, which has wide participation among Friends.

Mallory Waldman distributed the new list of meeting **committees and leadership assignments**. Clerks are still sought for some committees. Subject to a few additions and corrections, the list was approved

Suzy Hallett reported that the contract extension with the **Coastal Kids Pre-School** has been signed. The lease now extends to June 24. A possible summer extension may be negotiated.

Deb Haviland reported that work goes forward on the new **Meeting handbook**.

Bill Spock spoke for the **Finance Committee** and noted that pledges and contributions have not yet reached the goal set in the budget for the current year.

Rachel McGinness serves as meeting liaison to the local **Lincoln County Ministers Group**. She reported that they are currently facing challenges due to increased numbers of homeless persons. The local Food Pantry also needs additional support to help meet the increased demand.

Announcements: **Friends Committee on Maine Public Policy** will meet in Vassalboro on February 12. Midcoast Meeting is due to host the **Quarterly Meeting** in the fall of this year.

The meeting adjourned with a period of silent worship.
David Cadbury, Clerk Jim Matlack, Recording Clerk