

MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS

Minutes

January 15, 2011

The meeting opened with fifteen Friends present after a period of silent worship. The minutes of the December 18 Meeting for Business were approved.

Clerk David Cadbury announced that **Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting** on February 4 will be hosted by Acadia Meeting on Mount Desert Island. Friends have been invited to come for the weekend. Carmen Lavertu will be going, and others are encouraged to do so.

Gifts & Leadings: A list of officers and committee members for 2012 has been circulated, but some corrections to that list are required. An amended text will be handed out at the February Meeting for Business.

Hospitality Committee: Karen Cadbury proposed that in place of “Friendly Eights,” two or three “Home Dinners” be held by volunteers to which all members would be invited (up to an agreed limit of participants) along with one or two breakfasts at the meetinghouse. She also suggested that the regular monthly potluck meals have a presentation afterward by a volunteer from the Meeting. The committee will prepare written guidelines for kitchen clean-up each Sunday.

First-Day School: When Coastal Kids Day Care moved out in December, they may have taken books and other materials belonging to the meetinghouse. These items should be found or replaced, especially the Quaker-themed books. Discussion turned to financial matters between the meeting and Coastal Kids; e.g., their December rent was not paid (yet) but neither has the Meeting refunded their initial security deposit. Deb Haviland and George Waldman will speak with day-care staff to clarify both finances and the status of the missing items. Funds are available in Meeting accounts to pay for new books or toys as may be required.

Finances: Bill Spock noted that a proposed special gathering to discuss setting up an endowment fund for the Meeting was not held due to lack of interest. Such a session may be re-scheduled. Martin Imm reported that overall Meeting finances are in good shape. Letters will soon go out to members to document contributions during 2011. Some \$163 raised at a Christmas event in 2010 has been given to the local Food Pantry, which faces everincreasing demand this year.

It was suggested that a donation basket for the Food Pantry be put out at our common meals. Friends were encouraged to support this local effort to meet the needs of our neighbors. Donations can be sent to: Ecumenical Food Pantry, P.O. Box 45, Newcastle, ME 04553.

It was agreed that prior to the potluck meal on March 4, Jim Matlack will lead a Priority-Sorting Session on issues before the U.S. Congress so that the results can be sent to the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

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