

MIDCOAST FRIENDS MEETING

MEETING FOR BUSINESS --- JANUARY 19, 2014

The meeting opened with silent worship. Clerk David Cadbury welcomed thirteen Friends in attendance. The Agenda was reviewed and MINUTES from the November Meeting for Business were approved.

FCNL PRIORITY-SETTING SESSION Jim Matlack requested an opportunity at the rise of regular meeting for worship in February or March to lead a Priority-Setting discussion on behalf of Friends Committee on National Legislation. Every other year FCNL solicits the views of Quaker meetings as to which issues should be given priority in legislative advocacy during the next Congress—in this case during 2015-2016. February 9th was chosen as the date for this session.

QUARTERLY MEETING Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting will gather at Midcoast Meeting on Saturday, February 1st. After morning worship and a business session and then a pot-luck lunch the afternoon will be devoted to the Restorative Justice Program in midcoast Maine. Sarah Maddox will lead the latter session. Further sign-ups are encouraged both for overnight hospitality and for pot-luck food items. It was agreed that an information table will be set up for the Portland Friends School.

FINANCE Martin Imm shared a printed report which showed healthy balances in meeting accounts. Roughly 75% of pledged contributions have been received. It was noted that some provision should be made in future budgets for the costs associated with special events at the meeting house such as weddings, memorial services, and Quarterly Meeting gatherings.

OUTREACH Karen Cadbury described the progress made by the steering committee giving oversight to the emerging Outreach Project. A job description has been drawn up for a part-time Coordinator position. Recruitment of candidates and selection of a Coordinator are expected to go forward in March. Fund-raising has been successful--\$8,650 out of a two-year goal of \$12,600 has been raised. Additional grant solicitations are planned.

The merger of oversight committees for the Peace Center and the Outreach Project was approved. Transfer of Peace Center funds in the amount of \$785 to the unified Outreach/Peace Center account was approved. The current Steering Committee will bring further clarifications to the February Business Meeting. An ongoing Steering Committee of six members is expected to be formed.

MINISTRY AND COUNSEL Sue Rockwood reported on the Clearance Process for the wedding of Petra Doan and Liz Kamphausen under the care of Midcoast Meeting. Approval was given to hold this wedding on Sunday, July 20th at 3 p.m. in the meeting house. The reception will take place elsewhere. Sue Rockwood, Brewster Grace, and Jim Matlack were named to an oversight committee for this ceremony.

A Memorial Minute for Pete Haviland was read and approved.

[The next MEETING FOR BUSINESS will be held on FEBRUARY 16th.]

David Cadbury, Clerk Jim Matlack, Recording Clerk