

MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS
JULY 18, 2010

Clerk Deborah Haviland opened the meeting with a devotional reading followed by a period of silent worship. Seventeen Friends were gathered. Several gratitudes were expressed.

The Minutes of Business Meeting on June 20th were approved.

Arrangements are being made to move the piano out of the meeting house.

Guy Marsden followed up a visit by the Fire Marshall to make needed changes to prepare the building for use in the Fall by Coastal Kids Pre-School. Special appreciation was expressed for Guy's work.

The "featured committee" was Ministry and Counsel. Suzi Hallett reported for the committee.

A fresh re-statement of the charge for the committee listing its responsibilities and functions was approved.

Willow and Rowan Rowntree were welcomed into membership.

A one-page statement *Welcome to Midcoast Friends Meeting* has been prepared to be handed to visitors and first-time attenders at meeting for worship. After discussion it was agreed that copies of the draft statement would be printed up for use over the summer and dated "July 2010." The committee will reflect on possible changes to the text at its next meeting.

Willow Rowntree will coordinate an effort to have a childcare volunteer on hand each Sunday through the summer.

A Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel group wishes to visit Midcoast Meeting. It was agreed that they should pick a date for such a visitation in the Fall. Carmen Lavertu will be in touch with them.

Memorial Minutes were read and approved for Henry Beerits and Sally Wood. A few additions will be made to Henry Beerits' by Deborah Haviland.

The next issue of the Newsletter will be issued by September 1st.

Paul Diamond reported for the Finance Committee that the budget total of roughly \$15,750 had been more than covered due to reductions in expenditure and increased revenues. The transfer of a balance of \$2,568 to the Reserve Fund was approved. Overall financial assets of the meeting now stand at roughly \$117,000. To the regret of all present Paul indicated that he and Viki will be moving to California later in the year.

Brewster Grace briefly reviewed upcoming activities under the sponsorship of the Peace Center including a series on "Fishes and Loaves," several Peace Dialogues, and a talk on sustainability by Guy Marsden.

No report was given by Meeting House and Grounds but the perennial concern over the surface of the driveway was raised. Several persons spoke against possible paving of the driveway. Members of the meeting should ponder whether any change is warranted in maintenance of the driveway surface.

The Lacey family is searching for a suitable setting in which John and Alice could live together with needed assistance on hand.

There will be NO MEETING FOR BUSINESS in August.

The next Monthly Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 19th.

Deborah Haviland, Clerk
Jim Matlack, Recording Clerk