

MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS
JULY 17, 2011

Suzy Hallett, Co-Clerk, opened the Meeting, calling for silent worship.

The agenda was amended to add reports from First Day School, Finance, and Pastoral Care Committees.

June Minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Guy Marsden reported for Meeting Houses and Grounds on plans for the kitchen and dishwasher. Guy will donate the dishwasher and his labor to install it, including necessary plumbing and electrical changes. A new 30" cabinet will be needed. Guy will work with Bill Hallett and George Waldman to hire a contractor to handle installing the cabinet. Bids could start with the bid Suzy Hallett had previously gotten. Martin Imm thanked Guy and said that his gift and similar gifts would be recorded and letters given to donors to use for the IRS.

Discussion of possibilities for additional storage followed. This part of the kitchen upgrade will be taken up later.

Rachel McGinness reported for First Day School. Since no one had applied for the summer caretaker position, she and Glenn Plyler would take care of any children attending this summer. Discussion followed of how the money allocated for a caregiver might be spent. It was agreed that the committee needed no further permission to use the entire amount budgeted for the year as it wished.

Martin Imm reported for the Finance Committee. He reminded that the Meeting was asking those pledging to consider increasing their pledges by 5%. The Meeting has lost some pledging members; rental income will go way down in 2012 when Coastal Kids vacates; the 2012 budget for committees has increased; and NEYM has asked for an increase, to name some of the financial pressures. The annual subscription to Friends' Journal will be reviewed.

The investment account had made c. \$10M, which had paid for the driveway work and the new floor in the social room. \$40M has been transferred to the investment account, and \$250 to the emergency fund.

Pledges are still coming in.

OLD BUSINESS

Suzy Hallett reported that the new contract with Coastal Kids had been signed, increasing their monthly rent from \$600 to \$650.

Rachel McGuinness reported for the ad hoc committee exploring expansion of the meeting house. Much discussion followed, including financial questions, concern about constraints on the Meeting's use of space for our own needs, desires/responsibilities for sharing what we have with the wider community, as well as the best process for decision-making on this issue. Suzy and Guy will look for the original architectural plans for the Meeting House, which include an additional wing, as a starting point for the ad hoc committee, which will meet next on Aug. 7 immediately after rise of Meeting before the potluck.

Carmen Lavertu reported for Pastoral Care. She said that Ernie Foust's condition had been much worse than his family had thought, prompting them to move him to an assisted living facility in Pennsylvania. The family reports that Ernie is having difficulty adjusting. Carmen encouraged us to write to Ernie. Suzie agreed that Ministry and Counsel would write to the Meeting in Reading, PA, to see if they would visit him.

Ernie Foust
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Carmen also asked us to remember Carolyn Miller as she makes a difficult move. Carolyn can't move into her new home until Aug.15; meanwhile, contractors hired by the purchasers of her current home are working there.

Jim Matlack's program on his recent visit to the Holy Land will be on Aug.7th at 12:30 after the monthly potluck.

Workday is rescheduled for Aug. 21.

Guy will send these date changes plus Jim's description of his program by email chain.

The meeting was closed with silent worship.

Respectfully submitted, Willow Rowntree