

MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS

JULY 21, 2013

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship. Clerk David Cadbury welcomed seventeen Friends in attendance. The agenda was reviewed and the Minutes for the June 16th Meeting for Business were approved.

FINANCE and BUDGET Martin Imm presented the proposed BUDGET for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Due to an expectation of fewer members/contributors, anticipated meeting expenditures were reduced from \$16,500 to \$15,500. Some \$2,000 will be drawn from the investment account. There will still likely be a shortfall to make up. A major capital expense is recommended to paint and repair the exterior of the meeting house at a proposed cost of \$6,100. These funds are to be advanced from reserves and will be repaid at a rate of \$650 per year for ten years.

Operating expenses will be roughly the same as the previous year. Reductions are proposed in contributions to A.F.S.C., F.C.N.L., and CHIP. In the discussion it was agreed to arrange for special collections for additional funds to donate to these recipients as well as to the Ecumenical Food Pantry. Further discussion focused upon the count of actual meeting members (active and non-resident) as well as the amount to be contributed to New England Yearly Meeting. This aspect of the Budget will be clarified at the September Meeting for Business. Friends expressed appreciation to Martin Imm for his work on the budget presentation.

HOSPITALITY Karen Cadbury noted that the current Hospitality Committee with only three members is stretched thin and needs assistance in handling their tasks. More volunteers will be crucial to ongoing coverage in the months ahead. After discussion it was agreed that whoever is "greeter" on a given Sunday morning will arrive early to open up and will bring fresh cream and start the coffee-maker. She or he will also be sure to run the dishwasher at the end of Social Hour. A sign-up sheet will be posted in expectation of wider participation in these roles. Karen will also draw up a list of tasks to be carried out each Sunday so as to instruct volunteers. The list will be posted in the Social Room and in the newsletter.

MINISTRY and COUNSEL Brewster Grace shared the Minutes of the most recent meeting and noted the Memorial Meeting for John and Alice Lacy to be held on August 18th. Brewster asked for guidance from Friends on how two tasks should be accomplished: the selection of meeting officers and the filling out of committee membership lists. Was a separate Nominating Committee required? After discussion it was decided that no additional committee would be created. Voluntary sign-ups for committee service would be carried out. Selection of meeting officers would be undertaken by Ministry and Counsel augmented by the Clerks and other ad hoc members as needed. This plan was approved. Descriptions of committee roles and responsibilities should be posted on the website and otherwise made widely available.

OUTREACH Karen Cadbury handed out a well-prepared one-page preliminary job description for an Outreach Coordinator position. Friends welcomed this document and the proposed endeavors to reach out in the local community, especially to young families. A proposed budget for a ten-month pilot stage will require at least \$3,000 in raised funds as well as a contribution of \$1,500 from the meeting. Among possible projects to be undertaken is the re-location of the Food Pantry to the meeting house.

Friends strongly encouraged work to go forward on this Outreach proposal. Further developments including fund-raising strategies, creation of a permanent committee for oversight, and clarification of the role of Finance Committee in directed support from the meeting will be taken up at the September Meeting for Business.

ANDY BURT is setting out on a personal project focused upon Environmental concerns, young people, and a Story-Telling format. She already has one small grant to support this work. In order to seek funds from Quaker sources Andy asked for a letter of support from the meeting. The request that the Clerk draft such a letter endorsing Andy's project was quickly and heartily approved.

NEXT MEETING FOR BUSINESS = SEPTEMBER 15th

[No Meeting for Business in August]

DAVID CADBURY, Clerk

Jim Matlack, Recording Clerk