

**Minutes**  
Midcoast Monthly Meeting  
Damariscotta, Sixth Month 15, 2008

Co-clerk Karen Cadbury opened the session with moments of silence. There were 13 in attendance.

**Minutes** of the previous month's meeting were **approved** with the addition that the proposed 2008-09 budget was **approved**. Friends **approved** the Policies and Procedures document as presented by the Finance Committee in May.

**Treasure's Report** – Paul Diamond presented Details of Regular Outflows and a Report June 1, 2007-May 31, 2008. The meeting is in the black, though just barely. Rental income came up this year. Meetinghouse and Grounds had a bigger year than in recent years. Installation of the new solar panels depends upon raising the last \$175.

**Finance** – Bill Spock reported the pledge letter has been mailed out; Friends are urged to be mindful of it. A memorandum on in-kind contributions was distributed with the request that Friends study it in advance of discussion at the next meeting. The memorandum recommends no changes. It is to be submitted for the next Newsletter.

**Ministry & Counsel** – Brewster Grace read a proposed memorial minute for Loraine Beckerman Schmidt and Friends approved with appreciation. Nancy Booth will send it to Loraine's son. Ministry & Counsel will send it to Quarterly Meeting. Ministry & Counsel, in response to our request to consider comments made last month, concluded our 1996 minute on same-sex marriages under care of the meeting covers sufficiently queries 1-8. After wide-ranging discussion Friends decided to consider the 1996 minute sufficient as written and to close the matter. There is less clarity at present on the question of reading queries during meeting for worship: a) Will queries be read once a month? b) Will we add one or more new queries on the subject of vocal ministry as composed and recommended by the committee? c) What will be the logistics of the readings, if instituted? Brewster agreed to bring copies of the proposed new queries to the next meeting. It is possible that the new queries will be combined. It was suggested that whatever Friend is responsible for closing meeting stand in front of the large windows, allowing free movement to and from the worship room. This Friend is also reminded to let the Religious Education teacher know that worship has closed.

**Peace and Social Concerns** – There was no report.

**Religious Education** – Karen Cadbury reported that a volunteer is still needed to cover the third week of the month.

**Hospitality** – There is still a lack of volunteers to bring refreshments for fellowship time following meeting for worship. Friends are thanked for taking tea towels home to launder but please return them. The meeting decided to continue monthly potluck lunches indefinitely. Deb Haviland will oversee the potluck on the first Sunday of July.

**Peace Center** – There was no report.

**Meetinghouse & Grounds** – There is a significant need for a volunteer with experience in garden upkeep to oversee the remaining work hours of the growing season. The new alarm system is up and running.

No further business coming before the meeting it adjourned following moments of silence, planning to meet next on Sunday, July 20 following meeting for worship. All are welcome. Please bring a bag lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Cadbury, Co-clerk

Jean Crawford, Recording Clerk