

Pending Minutes  
Midcoast Friends Meeting, Damariscotta, ME  
June sixteenth, 2013

Regretting the absence of co-clerk David Cadbury co-clerk Suzy Hallett opened the session with moments of silence. Regretting the absence of recording secretary Jim Matlack recording clerk pro tem was Jean Crawford. Twelve members and attenders were present. The agenda was altered so that reports from Ministry & Counsel and from Hospitality were delayed a month and a Meetinghouse & Grounds matter was added. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Assistant treasurer Martin Imm gave an abbreviated report on general account income and expenses. For the financial year receipts ((\$15,483) were below budget (\$16,500). However, since rental income was up and expenses down, we ended the year with a slight surplus. In the special projects account \$500 earmarked for the Peace Center will be carried over to next year. Overall in special projects there was a small surplus (see attached). The meeting will need to decide how to manage a pattern of declining income (we are already taking \$2,000 annually from our investment fund). Friends thanked Martin and others on the committee for excellent stewardship of our resources.

Meetinghouse & Grounds Committee – There was no committee report. Martin relayed we have accepted a bid for building maintenance to be begun next month, the cost to be spread over 10 years. For the orchard project Linda Murray has received \$20 to date. Six trees have been planted. Friends who wish to donate to this project can make checks payable to the meeting earmarking them for the orchard project in order to be eligible for a tax deduction. A Friend asked should the garden be moved closer to the road another year so that passersby will see the good work? Linda explained that it would be too far from the water supply. We will place two scarecrows in stead. It was suggested an item be submitted to the Lincoln County News. Linda may submit an item for our Newsletter. Friends asked to go on record in appreciation for Linda's generous work on this project.

#### OLD BUSINESS

New England Yearly Meeting (NEYM) – Appreciation was expressed for the informative visit by NEYM representatives to the previous business meeting. A Friend suggested an item in the Newsletter. Carmen Lavertu expressed hope that someone will represent the meeting at New England Yearly Meeting (NEYM) this year. Scholarships are available. Reservations close June 30.

The clearness committee's recommendation that Linda Murray's request for membership be accepted was approved by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS – A Friend raised the question of how best to handle the question of decreased volunteer availability for meetinghouse and grounds work. Should the meeting hire part time help? Friend Steve Gorrey might be available. We will ask the Meetinghouse & Grounds Committee to meet and discuss this idea and report to the business meeting.

Friends were reminded that the budget will need to be finalized at the July meeting.

Co-clerk Suzy Hallett asked Friends to consider holding a special meeting to discuss the overall functioning of committees in light of increasing age and geographical spread.

No further business coming before the meeting it was adjourned following moments of silence planning to meet next on July 21 at the rise of meeting for worship. All are welcome. Please bring a bag lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzy Hallet, Co-clerk

Jean Crawford, Recording Clerk Pro Tem