

Minutes
Monthly Meeting for Business
Damariscotta, Third Month 18, 2007

Clerk Pete Haviland opened the meeting with moments of silence. Fifteen Friends were present. (Later we were delighted with the arrival of Nancy Booth who had been shut in.)

Todd Garth opened a period of worship sharing on **‘the state of the meeting for 2006’**. A good number of reflections on the joys and sorrows of the meeting’s past year were shared.

Treasurer’s Report – Paul Diamond reported (see attached). Committee clerks will please begin planning budget requests for 2007-2008. The budget should be finalized at the May monthly meeting. It is also time to plan “worthy needs” donations by the meeting. The total available at present is \$600 (we have already used \$200 of the \$800 budgeted toward the Homeless Theatre production.) Todd Garth, Jack Boak, Linda Cote-Small and Nancy Booth volunteered to serve as a Worthy Needs Committee. Paul noted that gifts to the meeting in the form of stock are beneficial for both the donor and the meeting.

Ministry & Counsel – Linda Cote-Small reported. She read a proposed **memorial minute** for Charlotte Ritter. Friends expressed appreciation for the writing, made minor suggestions and approved the minute. Friends who want to attend the retreat on “Testimonies – History and Relevance for Today” on April 21 should tell Linda Cote-Small soon. It will eventually be opened to the public. A Friend suggested we invite Viki Diamond to repeat as a fundraiser during May the performance she will soon be presenting in Belfast. The final event of the Spring series will be a poetry performance, open to the public, on June 10, 12:30 p.m.

Peace & Social Concerns – Carmen Lavertu reported. Militarism was the focus of the committee’s recent meeting. The next step in establishing our Peace Center is to firm up a Steering Committee. For this purpose a meeting will be held on April 1 at 8:30 a.m. Meetings for May and June will be on the first Sunday either before or after meeting for worship. There is interest in having regular meetings. The committee hopes to invite the entire meeting as soon as they are organized. The meeting decided in favor of having a Good Friday (April 6) Vigil again this year.

Outreach – Jean Crawford reported. Articles on our public events have been widely viewed. Now the meeting would like articles on other topics of interest to the public. One suggestion is an article on the energy saving steps the meeting has taken. Another is an article on the history of the meeting from its origins in Camden. Jean will look into the possibility of having free notices of children’s programs appear on the Religion page of the local paper. Linda Cote-Small will ask Andy Burt about writing a paragraph for the Newsletter about the possibility of the Meeting participating in a Community Supported Agriculture (C.S.A.) plan with local farmers.

Religious Education – Deb Haviland enjoyed impersonating Margaret Fell for First Day School. “George Fox” is scheduled to appear this Spring.

Meetinghouse & Grounds – Paul Diamond reported. The committee continues to research security devices to protect the meetinghouse against damage from heat loss, smoke, or fire. Ways to enhance the lighting of the parking lot, including solar, are being discussed.

Other Business – Friends responsible for coordinating greeters and closers of meeting for worship during the next three months were reviewed. Jean Crawford agreed to write notices for the newsletter about the need for greeters/closers and about the need to keep cellular phones and alarm watches out of meeting for worship. Upcoming events include the All-Maine Meeting of Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting on April 28, the New England Yearly Meeting Committee Day here on June 9, and the Quaker Initiative to End Torture (QUIT) Conference in early June at Guilford College, Greensboro, NC.

No further business coming before the meeting, it was adjourned, planning to meet next on Sunday, April 15 at the rise of meeting for worship. All are welcome. Please bring a bag lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Haviland, Clerk

Jean Crawford, Recording Clerk