

# MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS

## MARCH 17, 2013

Twenty-one Friends gathered for an opening period of silent worship. Clerk David Cadbury led a review of the Agenda. The MINUTES for the January Meeting for Business were approved.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** Martin Imm distributed a current Income/Expense Tally Sheet with a positive current balance. Some \$4,000 in additional payments due on pledges is hoped for by the end of the fiscal year. A discussion followed in which distinctions between “active” members, “resident” members, and “contributing” members were explored, especially in relation to the annual census reported to the New England Yearly Meeting as well as the accompanying payment made to NEYM. It was agreed that the Co-Clerks will resolve the numbers and status of meeting members/attenders.

Martin Imm reminded members and committee clerks that next year’s full budget will be discussed in April and should be approved at the May Meeting for Business.

It was agreed that the Co-Clerks will try to arrange a presentation by a representative of New England Yearly Meeting to explain the full range of NEYM activities.

**OUTREACH** Karen Cadbury reported on the process of defining the position of Outreach Coordinator who would be responsible for arranging use of the meeting house by community groups as well as making connections with local groups and individuals.

**USE OF THE MEETING HOUSE** Carmen Lavertu described an ongoing seminar or discussion group held under the auspices of the Coastal Senior College. This bi-weekly gathering is led by Winslow Meyer under the title—*The Challenge of Change*. Since several meeting members now participate, Carmen asked the meeting to enter into a partnership with the Senior College as co-sponsors with the result that no charge would be made for use of the meeting house to host the sessions. A \$100 contribution can be expected from Senior College. The proposed co-sponsorship was approved for six months after which an outreach coordinator may be in place.

George Chapel proposed a Creative Writing Course for Veterans to be held at the meeting house. This would provide important service and outreach to veterans to help them tell their stories of wartime experiences. George has been a teacher in such classes. The meeting responded favorably to this project, encouraged George to carry it forward, and approved use of the meeting house for such a class without charge.

A Memorial Minute for ALICE LACY was read aloud and approved.

Sue Rockwood will take photographs of meeting members and mount them on a bulletin board in the meeting house visible to all who enter the building.

The meeting adjourned after a period of silent worship

DAVID CADBURY, Clerk

JIM MATLACK, Recording Clerk