

MINUTES—MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS—May 20, 2012

Co-clerk David Cadbury opened the session with a few moments of silence. Minutes from the previous Meeting for Business were approved. The **annual statistical report**, prepared by Diane Kirkman, was distributed. Friends agreed to review the report and send any corrections to David Cadbury during the following week. When corrections are completed, the report will go to NEYM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Bill Spock reported that the Finance Committee feels that it is premature to have further discussions about **endowment** at this time. The Committee will focus on this issue later this summer. Martin Imm presented a summary of **this year's income and expenses** to date and projected a possible small shortfall. He reviewed a **projected budget for fiscal year 2013**, which also included a possible \$2,500 shortfall. Several opportunities for **adding income and reducing costs** for 2013 were identified. Options which would potentially affect the budget have been summarized by the Finance Committee and are attached as an addendum to these minutes. Pat Spock, Deb Haviland, and David Cadbury agreed to meet to **review the membership** list and make recommendations to the Finance Committee about NEYM membership fees.

Meetinghouse & Grounds Committee: Lawn mowing services have been contracted for the summer. A separate cost of \$400 for **refurbishing the planting bed** in front of the meetinghouse will be accomplished with a generous contribution from Guy Marsden. Friends thanked Guy for his generous contribution. Guy spoke about having acquired an electric car. He will, at his expense, install a plug for charging the car's battery on a porch post with a sign **saying "Electric Vehicle Charging Station."** He hopes this will become part of the Meeting's environmental message. The meeting approved Guy's proposal.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee: After the formation of the Peace Center was undertaken by the Meeting, the Peace Center absorbed certain functions of **the Peace & Social Concerns Committee**. Largely because of the overlap of interests and programs the Peace and Social Concerns Committee was then laid down. Carmen Levertu and Gretchen Hull expressed concern that without this committee the Meeting had lost its ability to effectively express its concerns to the wider community. Gretchen and Carmen asked the meeting to re-institute Peace and Social Concerns to augment the work of the Peace Center. Gretchen volunteered to clerk the Committee and Carmen agreed to assist. Friends approved this proposal.

NEW BUSINESS:

Suzy Hallett reported that she had received **a request from the United Unitarian Church** in Damariscotta for Midcoast Monthly Meeting to consider building a room onto the meetinghouse for the Unitarians to use under a long-term lease arrangement for their place of worship. It was decided that an ad-hoc committee will meet to explore the benefits of the proposal for the Meeting and report on its discussions at the next Business Meeting.

CLOSING: With no further business coming before the Meeting, the session was adjourned with moments of silence.

--Respectfully submitted, David Cadbury, Co-clerk; Karen Cadbury, Recording Clerk, Pro Tem