

MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS

May 19, 2013

Co-clerks David Cadbury and Suzy Hallett began the meeting with a period of silent worship. Thirteen Friends were present. Additions to the Agenda were offered. Friends congratulated Nancy Booth on her 90th birthday.

Linda Murray explained that she would like to move her Sierra club activity, a a monthly light supper and a movie, to the Meeting House. She would handle the advertising, use of the building, and AV equipment. The Meeting approved.

Linda also reported that she has arranged for a donation of 3 fruit trees and would like to start a collection for an additional 3 trees. Linda volunteered to care for the trees herself. She will meet with the Meeting House and Grounds Committee to decide on locations for planting the trees.

Carmen Lavertu reported on the recent Quarterly Meeting at Vassalboro. The Peace and Justice Committee will have a table at MOFGA and volunteers interested in staffing the table can contact Mark Raines or Carmen. Carmen asked if Ministry and Counsel might wish to show our copy of the film on Rufus Jones. George Chappell stated that he will be submitting a report on our series of Rufus Jones talks to the alumni newsletter of the Moses Brown School. Carmen recounted that Quarterly Meeting's Ministry and Council Committee wondered if the Quarter might gain some vitality through inter-visitation. The Midcoast Meeting Newsletter will contain a query asking for individual feedback on this question. Discussion of an excess of funds collected for the Ramallah School Scholarship resulted in the following Minute:

It is our suggestion that excess funds collected for the scholarship be sent to the school as soon as possible for the school's use, rather than having any excess funds kept toward ther next annual donation.

Carmen reported for THE Pastoral Care COMMITTEE relating that Peter Haviland is in good spirits, although he is quite weak, and Claire Darrow has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. It was agreed that the Meeting has benefited greatly from the vitality of active members such as Pete, Claire, and Ernie Foust.

Martin Imm presented the Finance Committee report, including a draft of the annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget remains preliminary as some committees have yet to give feedback and because we don't have final figures for exterior painting and carpentry repairs. Martin will bring the 4 Directions Corporation's annual report to the next business meeting. Martin will set up a Special Project line item for earmarked contributions for fruit trees. The Finance Committee encourages those still waiting to contribute to note that checks should be made out before the end of May because our fiscal year ends this month.

Two estimates were presented by THE MEETING House and Grounds COMMITTEE for exterior scraping, painting, and repair of rotted wood. There was discussion of the need to schedule contractors, before they are committed to other jobs for the summer. The Finance Committee needs

time to determine how to fund this expense. It was agreed that the Meeting House and Grounds Committee will go ahead with getting firm bids and booking a contractor. The Finance Committee will meet to discuss how to pay for the repairs, with consideration given to Bruce's suggestion to have a set aside amount included in the budget to pay for future major expenses

Friends were grateful that our solar panels are keeping other building expenses down.

There was no report from the HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The OUTREACH COMMITTEE hopes to have a report by next month.

Suzy reported that the NEYM representatives will be visiting us for the June pot luck, prepared to answer questions and discuss finances.

Carmen suggested that be sent a condolence note to Lee Rushmore's sister on behalf of the Meeting. The Clerks will follow up on this suggestion.

The Next Business Meeting will be June 16Th.

The Meeting for Business ended with a period of silent worship.

Susan Rockwood, recording