

Minutes
Midcoast Monthly Meeting
Eleventh Month 20, 2010

Clerk Deborah Haviland opened the session with a reading from Elizabeth Gray Vining and moments of silence. There were eighteen present. Gratitude was expressed by several.

Minutes of the previous month's meeting were approved.

Correspondence: The Maine Humanities Council has granted \$715 toward the Peace Center's winter-spring program, Cultures and Conflicts. The meeting is expected to match this amount. The meeting received a note of thanks from Pat Spock for flowers and notes. New England Yearly Meeting sent information on four offerings at Woolman Hill. A letter from George Chappell requesting membership in the meeting was welcomed and referred to Ministry and Counsel.

Meetinghouse and Grounds – Bill Hallett reported. The flooring in the social room needs replacing. The committee is considering six bids. The committee will meet for further discussion and then pass its recommendations on to the Finance Committee. Meetinghouse and Grounds expects to have a final recommendation at our December meeting. The meeting approved the project in concept. Rachel McGinness' report on the Coastal Kids Preschool was read. We will request the use of "blue tack" for posting the children's artwork on the walls.

Old Business – Notes on the worship sharing on the health of the meeting will be reviewed at Ministry and Counsel's meeting, January 12, 10 a.m. at Mallory Waldman's home. Any member or attender is welcome to attend this discussion. The notes will be published in full in the Newsletter.

The First Day School was the featured committee this month. Kathie Goss read queries and distributed a mission statement. The committee may consider hiring a teacher. A Friend encouraged interaction between the children/young people and adults. We are reminded to consider the needs of the older youth to relate to the wider Quaker community, such as Quarterly and Yearly meetings.

Friends approved Carmen Lavertu's offer to buy coffee from the Haitian relief organization, Singing Rooster and sell it at our Christmas Fair or another time.

Finance Committee – Proceeds of a recently matured CD will be used for driveway paving and floor replacement.

Ministry & Counsel – Mallory Waldman reported that a new welcome brochure is being printed.

Pastoral Care – Carmen Lavertu reported on new Guidelines for the Emergency Fund. There was discussion and the new guidelines will be printed in the Newsletter. Gifts and Leadings fills vacancies on this small committee. Confidentiality is respected whenever a gift is made.

A Christmas Fair and Party will be held on Sunday, December 12. Friends are asked to bring lightly used items for sale and special foods for gift giving. The First Day School students will also have items for sale that they have made and will, as usual, decide on a charity to receive the proceeds. Sylvia Tavares will also be there with her lovely jewelry. Friends are also asked to bring finger food for the refreshment table.

A New Year's candle lighting ceremony will be held Sunday, January 2, 10 a.m. instead of regular meeting for worship. The format will be candle lighting with worship sharing.

Rachel McGinness' report on the area Clergy Group was read. The group is investigating the area's homeless situation.

No further business coming before the meeting it adjourned, planning to meet next on Sunday, December 19 at the rise of meeting for worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Haviland, Clerk

Jean Crawford, Recording Clerk Pro Tem