

**Minutes**  
**Midcoast Monthly Meeting, Damariscotta**  
**November 18, 2012**

The monthly session was convened with a moment of silence by Co-clerk David Cadbury. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with additions and corrections: the heading Gifts & Leadings will be changed to Interdenominational Committee on Homelessness; George Chappell will represent the meeting on this committee. In the paragraph on quarterly meeting the name will be changed from Falmouth to Vassalboro.

Friends approved a minute thanking George Waldman for his painting of exterior trim on the meetinghouse.

The clerks will ask Pat Spock if the supply of meeting directories needs replenishing.

**Committee Reports:**

Peace Center Steering Committee – Brewster Grace reported on the two-part seminar on Farming, Fishing and Climate Change: Global Challenges and Local Responses, to be co-sponsored by the First Congregational Church of Camden and Midcoast Meeting. A film series at the meetinghouse during March and April will be followed by a day long program on May 4 at the Camden church. Organizers are Andy Burt, Brewster Grace, Bruce Cole, John Hufnagel and the Peace Center Steering Committee. The moderator will be Molly Anderson. The organizers are now working on finding grants to cover anticipated expenses of \$8,550. A Friend suggested a reading list be made available.

**Assistant Treasurer's Report** – Martin Imm reported that first funds from the NEYM (New England Yearly Meeting) pooled fund have been received. Monies received through Peace Center events will be listed under special projects. Other contributions are listed in the general fund.

**Ministry & Counsel** – no report

**New Business:**

Interdenominational Committee on Homelessness – George Chappell reported the committee assisted a woman with housing. It is looking into the possibility of setting up a soup kitchen in Lincoln County and/or forming a 501C3. A clearing house on assistance for the homeless in the area is another possibility. A Friend suggested information on available social services be made available to attendees at the soup kitchen when/if it becomes a reality.

Outreach Coordinator and Program – Karen Cadbury reported. Since April the committee has worked toward having the meetinghouse used more on weekdays and weekends for events and activities that help the meeting become a more vital and dynamic force in the community. The committee recommends an Outreach Program be established and a part time coordinator be hired. After reviewing the committee's proposal Friends asked it to reconvene at their convenience to entertain suggestions and questions raised, including the need for thorough discussion with meetinghouse scheduler Jean Harris. The meeting encouraged the committee to move ahead. N.B: when Friends schedule events/activities with Jean Harris please also post Guy Marsden for the Newsletter calendar.

**Report on meeting of the Permanent Board of NEYM** – Carmen Lavertu reported on the meeting

held in the meetinghouse yesterday. Friends considered ways they use and spend money. They discussed possible ways forward as a society of Friends.

**Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting** – Carmen Lavertu reported on the recent meeting at Cobscook. A suggested topic for the coming year is Rufus Jones on the 100th anniversary of his birth. The midyear quarterly meeting will be March 23 in Portland. A program by Stephen Chase, author of Letters to a Fellow Seeker, and transition towns is under consideration.

**Peace & Social Concerns Committee** – Carmen Lavertu reported. The committee hopes Sr. Marjorie Raphael, formerly of Haiti, will visit the meeting. The sale of Singing Rooster coffee is discontinued. A Christmas gift from the meeting to the Heifer Project is hoped for.

Request regarding announcements at the rise of meeting for worship - Karen Cadbury requested that, because the announcement period tends to be long, Friends (a) be more careful to be succinct and (b) announcements be submitted in advance to be made available in printed form. Friends encouraged Karen to submit her request to Ministry & Counsel.

There will be an item in the Newsletter encouraging all in the meeting community to sign up for service to the meeting during 2013. Anyone who is unable to sign up on the easel in the vestibule will please contact any member of Ministry & Counsel.

No further business coming before the meeting it adjourned, planning to meet next on December 16 at the rise of meeting for worship. All are welcome. Please bring a bag lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

David Cadbury, Co-clerk

Jean Crawford, Recording Clerk Pro Tem