

MIDCOAST FRIENDS MEETING MEETING FOR BUSINESS --- NOVEMBER 16, 2014

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship. Clerk David Cadbury welcomed fifteen Friends in attendance. The AGENDA was reviewed. In considering the MINUTES of the October 19th Business Meeting a correction was made. The Pastoral Care report had been approved with clearance for the committee to launch its experiment in “deep listening” but without limiting such workshops to the hour prior to Sunday meeting. [SEE Pastoral Care report below.]

OUTREACH Sue Rockwood reported on recent activities following a successful meeting in early October which codified various committee procedures. A grant check for \$2,000 has been received. A data base is being created to facilitate distribution of press releases and other notices. The meeting may soon be asked to support a local “Diaper Bank” which would provide disposable diapers to those in need including the meeting’s own endeavors to create childcare alternatives.

Sue described the upcoming special program for children and their parents on Sunday, December 7th. The holiday season will be celebrated with the theme of “Light” and craft projects for the kids. Despite the big snow storm for the November session three mothers and four children made it to the meeting house on that Potluck Sunday.

Andy Burt noted that on Sunday, December 7th, world leaders will gather in Lima, Peru to address Climate Change issues. Vigils will be held worldwide. A parallel project will support supplying solar lamps to Africa. After discussion Andy was encouraged to purchase one such lamp to show meeting members after contributions may be solicited. The initial purchase will also fund sending two lamps to Africa.

Karen Cadbury mentioned that additional grant applications are pending to support Outreach programs. Members of the meeting joined in hearty praise and deep thanks to Sue Rockwood for her valuable service as Outreach Coordinator.

FINANCE Martin Imm presented a chart of the meeting’s BUDGET with up-to-date data as of October 31st. Pledges are coming in and the overall situation is positive. Some details of investment income were noted as was the beneficial effect of a recent rise in the equity market.

PASTORAL CARE Jean Crawford presented the following short minute regarding an earlier proposal to set up “deep listening” opportunities:

After careful consideration, the Pastoral Care Committee recommends that a Listening Workshop be held on Saturday, January 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the meeting house. The snow date would be Saturday, January 31. While the October Meeting for Business considered a Sunday morning format, the committee feels that a Saturday format would allow more adequate time to introduce the featured activity and to process it later with fellowship and lunch.

After brief discussion this minute was approved and will appear in the newsletter.

Carmen Lavertu informed Friends that she had received an obituary notice for Betty Zisk, a member of Cambridge Meeting and a regular summer attender at Midcost over recent years.

The meeting closed with a brief period of silent worship.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: DECEMBER 21st

David Cadbury – Clerk Jim Matlack -- Recording Clerk