

# MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS

## OCTOBER 20, 2013

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship. Clerk David Cadbury welcomed seventeen Friends in attendance. The agenda was reviewed and Minutes for the September 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting for Business were approved.

DIRECTORY Pat Spock reported that the revised Meeting Directory will be printed this week.

MINISTRY AND COUNSEL Mallory Waldman reported that a Clearness Committee has been appointed to interview Petra Doan and Liz Kamphousen in order to assess their readiness to be married under the care of Midcoast Meeting. Sue Rockwood, Brewster Grace, and Jim Matlack will serve on this committee.

The Memorial Minute for Alice Lacy has been sent forward to New England Yearly Meeting. The slate of current meeting officers will serve for the coming year.

FINANCE Martin Imm handed out a table showing meeting income and expenses. Funds have been drawn from Reserves to cover costs for meeting house maintenance projects. Although repayment is planned over several years, Martin noted that recent positive returns on our investments nearly cover the amount withdrawn.

Further pledges are due and expected during the balance of the financial year.

MEETING HOUSE AND GROUNDS Guy Marsden reported on a number of repairs and improvements that he has made around the Meeting House as in-kind contributions: back stairs fixed; replace broken clock in the social room and add new one above the Meeting Room doors per Suzy's suggestion; the road sign was cleaned; new solar lights on the walkway and 2 flood lights replaced. Guy reminded Friends that a timer switch near the front door will turn on the parking area lights for up to six hours before turning itself off.

Friends expressed appreciation for Guy's skillful service.

VASSALBORO QUARTERLY MEETING Carmen Lavertu noted that Quarterly Meeting will be held in two weeks (November 2<sup>nd</sup>) in Farmington. The session will focus on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission set up to document the abuse of Native American children who were forcibly removed from their families in earlier decades. Carmen seeks others to travel with her to the gathering in Farmington.

Carmen also requests volunteers to join in planning for the Quarterly Meeting sessions to be held at Midcoast Meeting next February.

PASTORAL CARE Carmen reported that Pete Haviland was in the Knox Center in Rockland while Deb is away in Alaska to take part in a daughter's wedding.

OUTREACH Karen Cadbury indicated that the meeting's Outreach Program has a goal of \$11,695 in total funds to be raised. Roughly \$4,000 is now in hand. Several possible grants will be pursued.

Karen raised a possible merger of the Outreach Program Committee and the Peace Center Board. Consolidation might lead to clarity and better focus. Concerns were expressed over liaison with local groups and churches as well as retention of the Peace Center title. Several potential fund-raising schemes were mentioned. One proposed change was an increase in the rental rate for new users of meeting house space.

A revised draft job description for the Coordinator position will be forthcoming.

Friends were reminded that a White Elephant Sale will be held at the rise of meeting on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Friends should bring usable items (including books) for sale that day.

The meeting adjourned after a period of silent worship.

**NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>**

**David Cadbury, Clerk**

**Jim Matlack, Recording Clerk**