

Pending Minutes
Midcoast Monthly Meeting, Damariscotta
September 16, 2012

Clerk David Cadbury opened the session with a moment of silence. There were twenty-one members and attenders present. Minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee – Assistant Treasurer Martin Imm distributed a report for the first three months of the fiscal year, beginning June first. Activity was limited over the summer; there is a small surplus. Investment income is expected to increase \$2600 this year. We are transferring \$500 per quarter from investments until pledges catch up. Treasurer Deb Haviland reported we have so far received \$8,740 in pledges from 20 members and attenders.

Peace Center – Karen Cadbury reported the steering committee is planning a series on farming, fishing and climate change for early 2013.

Peace & Social Concerns – Gretchen Hull reported the committee was reinstated last May.

Meetinghouse & Grounds – George Waldman reported he and Guy Marston will repair the deck and paint the worst sections of the trim. The entire trim should be painted in the spring for which funds should be allocated. Friends need to consider if we need/want a full-time gardener. Our long-term plan is to transition to lower maintenance landscaping but volunteer or hired help is needed for the transition. The vegetable garden utilizes a no-till method of meadow conversion which takes place over a period of years.

Ministry & Counsel – Mallory Waldman reported. The committee received a letter requesting membership from Linda Murray. A clearness committee has been appointed and will meet with Linda soon. Ministry & Counsel has sent 14 letters to members we have not seen for a long time in an effort to update the membership list. After discussing the relationship between the number of members and our yearly contribution to NEYM (New England Yearly Meeting), Friends felt that NEYM is not strict about the amount we contribute and little alteration of the list is called for. They referred the matter to Ministry & Counsel for consideration and consultation with others.

Other new business – Karen Cadbury reported the Peace Center steering committee has discussed keeping the meetinghouse open for periods of time during the week. They favor the idea. After discussion, the meeting established an ad hoc committee to facilitate this. Volunteers to date are: Cynthia Thomas, Carmen Lavertu, Rachel McGinness, Nancy Booth, Willow Rowntree, Gretchen Hull, Sue Rockwood, Suzy Hallett and Bruce Rockwood.

Old Business:

- Letter from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting requesting scholarship support for the Ramallah Friends School: The Ramallah Friends School was founded by Rufus and Sybil Jones, members of our Quarter. Friends requested the letter be published in the Newsletter with information that, in addition to the Meeting's yearly contribution to the Quarter, one-time private donations may be made out to Midcoast Monthly Meeting, earmarked Ramallah Scholarship Fund, and sent to Deb Haviland. Gretchen Hull suggested that Peace & Social Concerns could organize a yard sale here to benefit this cause.
- Universalist-Unitarian Church's need for worship space – Suzy Hallett reported that the Hospitality Committee has invited any members of the UU congregation to worship with us and stay for potluck on February 3.

New Business:

Holly Baldwin's request for hospitality – The meeting received a letter from former member Holly Baldwin, presently clerk of the Permanent Board of NEYM. Holly requests hospitality for a day-long meeting of the Permanent Board on Saturday, October 17. Refreshments during the day would be needed. Some overnight hospitality may be needed. The meeting approved the request. Volunteers to date include: Carmen Lavertu, Sue Rockwood and Pat Spock. An item in the Newsletter was requested.

Letter from Lincoln County churches – A letter concerning support for the homeless was deferred to the next meeting for business.

Communication from Linda Cote-Small – Former attender Linda sent greetings and word that she and Edward are moving to Belfast. Friends remembered Linda's many contributions to the work of our meeting, especially for non-violent communication and Alternatives to Violence. It was suggested that Ministry & Counsel send Linda a note of appreciation.

Meeting representatives to handle NEYM and Quarterly Meeting matters: Carmen Lavertu spoke of the need for more interest in these worthwhile happenings. There is a Conference Fund in the budget for whoever could use financial assistance with travel and attendance. The next Quarterly Meeting will be the first Saturday in November.

No further business coming before the meeting, it adjourned after moments of silence, planning to meet next at the rise of meeting for worship Sunday, October 21. All are welcome. Please bring a bag lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

David Cadbury, Co-clerk

Jean Crawford, Recording Clerk Pro Tem

