

# MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS

## SEPTEMBER 19, 2010

Clerk Deborah Haviland opened the meeting with a reading from Faith and Practice followed by silent worship. Fourteen Friends were gathered. Several gratitudes were expressed.

The Minutes of Business Meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup> were approved.  
The piano has been moved out of the meeting house.

Texts of position descriptions for the Clerk and the Recording Clerk were discussed and approved.

Meeting House and Grounds Guy Marsden reported on a new timer switch installed on the lights for the parking lot. Deep appreciation was expressed to Guy for all that he has done to assist the childcare group in their use of the meeting.

George Walden noted trimming of branches at the driveway entrance and also the challenge posed by sustained maintenance of the garden areas. The issue of renewing the gravel on the driveway and parking areas was raised for discussion. Choices of cover materials and costs were reviewed. The Reserve Fund for Capital Expenditures was noted. In the end a decision to go forward with a new covering with re-cycled pavement material was approved.

Coastal Kids Pre-School The pre-school started the first week in September and all is going well. Some questions were answered and clarified by Guy Marsden and Rachel McGinness of the ad hoc committee. The contract has been signed by the school and the meeting for the period through December 31, 2010. It was noted that snow plowing during the week was the responsibility of the school. Rachel noted that when she took our children out that Sunday that the preschool made our room a very inviting space for our children

Brewster Grace gave the Peace Center report. At a recent meeting agreement was reached to go forward with four projects:

- A talk on "Sustainability" by Guy Marsden not yet scheduled.
- "Fishes and Loaves" series led by Andy Burt this Fall
- A series of Talks on Conflict Countries (e.g. Iran, North Korea, Central America/Mexico) to be staged in Spring, 2011. Speakers will likely be former AFSC staffers.
- Perhaps a Film Series. These may be offered one at a time as support is manifest.

The Pastoral Care Committee will meet on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Gifts & Leadings The G&L committee will be featured at the October monthly meeting.

The proposed Worship Sharing Session at the rise of meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup> was approved.  
A regular Potluck meal will follow at Noon or after.

Carmen Lavertu reported on Vasselboro Quarterly Meeting held recently. A lively session without the usual full committee reports had been staged to celebrate the 350<sup>th</sup> year of New England Yearly Meeting. The Quarterly Meeting will also be returning some funds to Midcoast Meeting along with asking for a reduced assessment this year. No date could be agreed to for a proposed visit to Midcoast Meeting by the Ministry and Council Committee of the Quarter.

The next Monthly Meeting for Business will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Deborah Haviland, Recording Clerk Clerk Jim Matlack