

Midcoast Monthly Meeting for Business—September 21, 2014

After a period of silent worship, Co-Clerk David Cadbury asked for additions to the agenda. The Pastoral Care and Hospitality Committees requested to give reports. The draft minutes of the July Business Meeting were approved as submitted.

The first report was from the **Ministry & Counsel** Committee, which is planning to meet with the Pastoral Care Committee to discuss who is responsible for writing **Memorial Minutes for Barbara Faust and Lee Coolidge**. Deb Haviland said she knew Lee Coolidge well and would volunteer to draft the Memorial Minute for Lee Coolidge. Member Guy Marsden said Profiles and Obituaries available on our website could be used as a starting point for writing future minutes. Deb Haviland asked about the wedding held ere this summer, and Sue Rockwood stated that a wedding photograph and copy of the signed wedding certificate had recently arrived in the mail. She then read a thank-you note from Liz and Petra. Karen Cadbury then thanked all the volunteers who had trimmed the bushes, cleaned the grounds and otherwise helped out in preparation for the wedding. A second report was from Ministry & Counsel.

Sue Rockwood distributed a written report on the activities associated with creating the **Outreach & Peace Center** and the events and activities sponsored to date [see p. 5]. She thanked Guy Marsden for creating a better Google Maps presence with nice photos for the Meeting on our website. She has started a blog and updated the messages on the answering machine. Sue and Karen Cadbury met with the editor of the *Lincoln County News* to discuss the Outreach & Peace Center. The Center has received coverage from both the *Boothbay Register* and *Lincoln County News*. *Fliers* have been put up in the post office, the Rising Tide Food Co-op, and the Damariscotta Library to let people know about upcoming activities. Jim Matlack's presentation on his participation in the 1964 Freedom Summer and the Memorial Service for Michael Brown are two recent events sponsored by the Peace Center. (The Portland NAACP told us we were the only church in Maine to have held a memorial service for Michael Brown.) The planning committee is working on arranging future speakers. Rachel McGinness has held two "Elderwalks" on Thursdays with soup and exercise, and she is working on publicity and contact with local people to increase attendance. Karen Cadbury reviewed the expenses and revenues of the Outreach & Peace Center, and said that she is currently in contact with two Quaker foundations, one associate with PYM and one with NEYM. Willow Roundtree asked about hosting gatherings for young parents, and Suzy Hallett indicated she is working on planning such events.

The **Library Committee** reported that they are reorganizing the library by category and then alphabetically by author within each category.

The **Pastoral Care Committee** reported that the **Emergency Fund Committee** has traditionally been made up of the chair of Pastoral Care and two members from the Meeting at large. Deb Haviland has spoken to Claire Darrow, who agrees that she can no longer serve on the committee. Deb recommended appointing George Chappell and Carmen Lavertu to be members at large on the Emergency Fund Committee. The Meeting accepted this proposal. Guy Marsden will update the committee lists on the website to reflect these changes.

The **Hospitality Committee** asked for clarification about who is responsible for emptying the recycling barrels in the social room. Suzy Hallett volunteered to do this. The Hospitality Committee also asked if the credit card for their use was available yet. Deb Haviland explained that the bank had not followed through yet on her application. She will call the bank to follow up on the application and to find out when the card will be available.

Martin Imm distributed and reviewed the **current financial statement**. He indicated that the Meeting's finances are within the Committee's expectations. The Committee was thanked for this update.

Under **New Business**, David Cadbury indicated that **two officers for the next three years** need to be selected. **Jim Matlack had agreed to be clerk, Deb Haviland treasurer, and Bruce Rockwood recording secretary.** Deb Haviland indicated that she only wished to serve for one additional year as treasurer. The Meeting accepted

the three proposed officers with the understand that we would seek a new treasurer after one year.

Also under New Business, George Chappell has **proposed a memorial path or bench in memory of Earnie Foust**. Following a broad discussion on the topic of special memorials for individuals, David Cadbury suggested that the topic be a matter for further consideration at a future time.

The being no further business, the meeting closed after a moment of silence

—David Cadbury, Co-clerk; Bruce Rockwood, Acting Secretary

The next monthly meeting for business will be Sunday, October 19. All are invited. Please bring a bag lunch. All past minutes are available at www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org and the meetinghouse bulletin board.