

First Month

MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING
 OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
 Damariscotta, Maine
NEWSLETTER

January 2009



I by my works will show you my faith.

– James 2:18

It is not what we do that is important, but how much love we put into what we do: we should do small things with great love.

– Mother Teresa

January

Sunday	Jan. 4	Rise of Meeting	Potluck Lunch
Wednesday	Jan. 7	5:30 p.m.	Ministry & Counsel
Sunday	Jan. 11	8:30 a.m.	Book Discussion Group
Friday	Jan. 16	12 noon-3:30 p.m.	Open House, Friends School of Portland Mackworth Island, Falmouth, Maine [see Dec. newsletter]
Sunday	Jan. 18	Rise of Meeting	Monthly Meeting for Business
Sunday	Jan. 25	8:30 a.m.	Book Discussion Group

February

Sunday	Feb. 1	Rise of Meeting	Potluck Lunch
Sunday	Feb. 15	Rise of Meeting	Monthly Meeting for Business

*Look inside for more information regarding these items.

~Calendar events are held at the meetinghouse, unless otherwise noted.~

Sunday Meeting for Worship is held at the meetinghouse, 77 Belvedere Rd., Damariscotta, 10:00 a.m.
 Meetinghouse phone: 207-563-3757. Directions: Take US Route 1 to Damariscotta and turn onto Belvedere Rd.
 (left if coming from the south, right if coming from the north–Miles Home Health Care building on the corner).
 The meetinghouse is the second building on the right, .2 mile from the corner.

Moving? Changing your e-mail address? Don't forget to let us know. Please remember that when you receive the newsletter by e-mail, you save the Meeting money and you lighten our workload. To receive the newsletter by e-mail, kindly send a request to Diane Kirkman at diane_kirkman@hotmail.com. Thanks!

For newsletters, important links, & a current calendar, visit our website: www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org.

Highlights

Monthly Meeting for Business—Twelfth Month 21, 2008

Ministry & Counsel reminds each committee to submit a report that can be used to write the State of the Society report. Please send these by February via e-mail to Linda Cote-Small at chezcote@roadrunner.com.

Pastoral Care has learned of a Friend in the area in need of a donor for a kidney transplant. The donor needs to be an adult in good health and then be checked for six "markers." For further information, please contact Jean Crawford.

Attendance at **First Day School** has increased. Needed items will be noted in the newsletter—also items needed for the kitchen and **Hospitality**.

Hospitality—the new sign-up sheet for refreshments for 2009 is posted on the bulletin board for all to use.

Peace Center—Climate change on the local, state, and federal levels will continue to be addressed. Community outreach will continue. The \$200 honorarium for the Woolman presentation has been reached with an additional \$15, which will be placed in a fund for the Peace Center.

Gifts & Leadings—Linda Cote-Small distributed a list of proposed officers and committees for 2009. The list was welcomed and approved. [*Ed. note: You'll find the complete roster in this issue of the newsletter.*]

New Business—The Christmas Fair raised \$165.

Other Concerns:

- Friends were saddened by word of Viki Diamond's serious injury in an auto accident.
- The New Year's Eve candle-lighting ceremony will begin at 5 p.m. There will be a potluck meal after the service.
- Linda Cote-Small is facilitating a program for prisoners on alternatives to violence. She will present a program on this project at the Meetinghouse in 2009.

The next meeting for business will be Sunday, January 18. All are welcome. Please bring a bag lunch.

The complete pending minutes are posted on the Meeting's website at www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org and on the bulletin board at the meetinghouse.

"All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ."—*Rule of St. Benedict*

~From the Hospitality Committee~

The Hospitality Committee invites everyone to start the new year off right by signing up to help out with providing hospitality to Friends and visitors after meeting for worship. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, and the responsibilities include making coffee and setting up refreshments—and you can contact anyone on the committee for further clarification. [*Ed. note: At the time this newsletter went to press there was no one signed up to provide hospitality in 2009!*]

Also: If you are the kindly soul who took the meetinghouse tea towels home to launder them, thank you. Could you now please bring them back?

ADVICES

MEETING FOR WORSHIP--Consider with care how God reaches us in meeting for worship. To every Friend is given a share of responsibility for the meeting. Friends are advised, therefore, to be diligent in attendance at meetings and in inward preparation for them. Let us be concerned to enter reverently into communion with God and with one another, to yield ourselves to the influence of the divine presence. Then what is evil in us may be weakened and the good raised up. God calls each one to the service of the meeting; let us be obedient and faithful, whether by word, by song, or by silent waiting, and let us receive the messages of others in a tender spirit.

Officers and Committees 2009

Approved December 21, 2008

OFFICERS

Co-Clerks of Meeting:
Karen Cadbury & Deborah Haviland
Recording Clerk: Jean Crawford
Treasurer: Paul Diamond
Statistical Recorder: Diane Kirkman
Archivists: Pat Spock, Carolyn Miller

Representatives to:

Quarterly Meeting: Deborah Haviland
New England Yearly Meeting (NEYM)
NEYM M&C Com:
NEYM Peace & Social Concerns: Carmen Lavertu
NEYM Finance: Bill Spock
NEYM China Camp: Thomas Steele-Maley
Friends Committee on Maine Public Policy:
Jim Matlack
CHIP: Nancy Booth

COMMITTEES

Ministry & Counsel

2009 Rowan Rowntree (summer/4 months)
2009 Willow Rowntree (summer/4 months)
2009 Peter Haviland
2010 Brewster Grace
2010 Rachel McGinness
2011 Suzy Hallett
2011 David Cadbury
2011 Thomas Steele-Maley

Pastoral Care

Jean Crawford, Clerk
Nancy Booth
Deborah Haviland
Carmen Lavertu
Carolyn Miller
Maria Reardon

Peace & Social Concerns

Carmen Lavertu
Jim Matlack
Brewster Grace
Rachel McGinness
Nancy Booth
Ernie Foust
Thomas Steele-Maley
Wendell Stephenson (Food Pantry)

Peace Center Steering Committee

Brewster Grace, Clerk
Karen Cadbury
Andy Burt
Suzy Hallett
Rachel McGinness
Linda Cote-Small
Carmen Lavertu
Nancy Booth
Jim Matlack
Ernie Foust
George Waldman

Religious Education

Karen Cadbury, co-clerk
Sally Tukey, co-clerk
Rachel McGinness
John & Kathie Gass
Lisa Steele-Maley

Finance

Bill Spock, clerk
Paul Diamond
Bill Hallett

Communications (Directory/Mailing/E-Mail chain)

Outreach - Jean Crawford / Linda Cote-Small
E-mail chain - Diane Kirkman
Directory, Database – Pat Spock
Meeting Clerks, ex officio

Audio Visual Program Support – Guy Marsden

Newsletter/Web site

Diane Kirkman, edit/prod.
Guy Marsden, web site
Sally Tukey, circulation & mailing
Nancy Terrell Hall, mailing labels

Gifts & Leadings (Nominating)

2009 Linda Cote-Small
2009 Deborah Haviland
2010 Willow Rowntree
2011 Karen Cadbury
2011 Mallory Waldman

Meetinghouse & Grounds

Paul Diamond, Clerk
Claire Darrow
Dick Harris (Meetinghouse access)
Suzy Hallett
Anne Spencer
George Waldman
Steve Gorry, Advisory
Guy Marsden, Ad Hoc

Meetinghouse Use

Jean Harris
Meetinghouse Committee representative

Hospitality

Anne Spencer, Co-Clerk
Mallory Waldman, Co-clerk
Pat Spock
Viki Diamond
Martha Brown

Library

Deborah Haviland
Suzy Hallett
Kate Nordstrom
Willow Rowntree (summer/4 months)

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

We have several new books in the library that you may want to take out and pursue. The Library Committee encourages everyone to look over the shelves and find some good winter reading. The committee also welcomes any ideas for new purchases. If anyone would like to write a review of a book for the newsletter, please feel free to do so. We are fortunate to have a diverse selection of reading materials, so take advantage of it. The new books are:

Friends for 350 Years by Howard H. Brinton, with historical update and notes by Margaret Hope Bacon

Introduction from Quaker Spirituality by Douglas V. Steere

On Living with a Concern for Gospel Ministry by Brian Drayton

A Light that Is Shining by Harvey Gilman

Listening to the Light by Jim Pym

Quaker Faith & Practice, 3rd Ed., Britain Yearly Meeting

