

Midcoast Monthly Meeting for Business  
Fourth Month 18, 2010

Presiding clerk Deborah Haviland opened the session with a reading and moments of silence. Fourteen were present. Gratitude was expressed. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with a clarification: there will be a work hour following every potluck on the first Sunday of the month.

Friends approved the following minute: At the monthly meeting of the Midcoast Friends Meeting held in Damariscotta, ME on Sunday April 18, 2010, a minute was approved designating Deborah Haviland, Clerk, Paul Diamond, Treasurer and Suzanne Hallett, Ministry & Counsel Co-clerk as designated signees for the Safety Deposit Box 228 at the Damariscotta Bank & Trust.

The Finance Committee was featured for in-depth discussion. Friends approved the committee's recommendation that audits be conducted by someone in the meeting or in Vassalboro Quarter. It was suggested the committee research what is done in other meetings about audits. Clerk Bill Spock distributed summaries and charts and led a discussion of: Handbook descriptions for Treasurer and Finance Committees, Financial trends, Current results and budget for 2010-11 and Asset allocation. He began a discussion of long term perspective asking Friends to ponder what should be done about the Meeting's financial constraints. Friends will please contact Bill with suggestions. It was suggested we look into possibilities for increased rental income. This was referred to Meetinghouse & Grounds. The budget is to be finalized at the May meeting for business.

Ministry & Counsel's recommendation that the meeting approve transfer of membership for Mallory and George Waldman from Birmingham Monthly Meeting was joyfully accepted.

Peace Center Steering Committee – Friends encouraged Co-Clerk Brewster Grace to schedule Nancy Irving, General Secretary of Friends World Committee on Consultation, to speak here. They approved sponsoring the Tom Sturdevant Scholarship to help veterans attend the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Maine Veterans for Peace.

Pastoral Care – Clerk Carmen Lavertu distributed new Emergency File forms, asking Friends to update their information.

No further business coming before the meeting it was adjourned following moments of silence, planning to meet next on Sunday, May 16 at the rise of meeting. Please bring a bag lunch. All are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Haviland, Presiding Clerk

Jean Crawford, Recording Clerk Pro Tem