

Minutes
Midcoast Monthly Meeting, Damariscotta
Twelfth Month 21, 2008

Twelve Friends were present.
Opening Worship

Mallory Waldman took minutes.

Approval of Minutes from 11/08

Committee Reports:

Finance/Treasurer: absent

Meetinghouse and Grounds: absent

Ministry and Counsel: Rachel McGinness read the report: State of the Society reports: M & C is requesting each committee to write up a report that could be used to write the State of the Society report. It would be best to have these reports by Feb. Send your reports via e-mail to Linda Cote-Small, <chezcote@roadrunner.com>.

Pastoral Care: Deb Haviland: Request from a woman who attended a year and a half ago. She needs a kidney transplant and is seeking a donor. Requirements are that they be in good health and an adult. She is a "universal receiver" and can take all types of blood. Please speak to Jean Crawford if you would like to look into it. Nancy Booth suggested an announcement (w/ the woman's approval) be posted in the quarterly newsletter and on e-mail chains throughout the state. All agreed.

Peace and Social Concerns: Carmen is concerned about poor attendance to the sessions on militarism. She is studying ways to revive this committee.

Religious Education: Karen Cadbury reported that there are 2 new children in the group and that the children are coming more regularly. Rachel requested that items needed for First Day School be posted in the newsletter. It was agreed and also suggested that supplies needed for the kitchen and Hospitality also be posted in the newsletter.

Hospitality: Mallory Waldman reported that this committee has not met yet but will soon. The new sign up sheet for refreshments in 2009 is up on the bulletin board.

Peace Center: Climate change on the local, state and federal levels will continue to be addressed. Community outreach will also continue. Future meetings of this committee will be Feb 1st and the 4th Sunday thereafter (Mar 29, Apr 26, etc.) The \$200 honorarium for the Woolman Presentation has been reached w/ an additional \$15 which will be placed in a fund for the Peace Center.

Gifts and Leadings: Linda Cote-Small handed out a sheet listing all committees and the 2009 new officers. All have been contacted. The list was approved. There is a vacancy for representative to

New England Yearly Meeting Ministry & Counsel. Louisa Gray has been our representative for the past few years and will be asked if she would agree to continue.

New Business: Deb Haviland reported that the Christmas Fair raised \$165.

Other Concerns: Paul Diamond had e-mailed Friends about Viki's accident. The key to the safety deposit box has been found and a duplicate will be made and kept in the Meeting House. The New Year's Eve candle lighting ceremony will begin at 5 pm. There will be a potluck meal after the meeting. Linda Cote-Small is facilitating a program in prison and jail on alternatives to violence. She says it is very successful, dynamic and interesting, learning to work in many different circumstances. She has been asked to host a party during which the program is presented and she has asked to do that sometime next year at the Meeting House. Everyone agreed. Rachel suggested a snow chain be formed in case meeting was cancelled but it was snowing so heavily we tabled that for later. The blizzard is upon us.

Closing silence.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Cadbury, Co-clerk

Mallory Waldman, Recording Clerk pro tem