

Minutes

Midcoast Monthly Meeting for Business
Damariscotta, Seventh Month 15, 2007

Clerk Peter Haviland opened the meeting with moments of silence. There were thirteen in attendance.

Treasurer's Report – Paul Diamond will write a summary of the past fiscal year for the Newsletter. We came through the year in very good financial condition.

Ministry & Counsel – The meeting wholeheartedly approved the final draft of the **State of the Society Report for 2006** read by Linda Cote-Small. Thanks were given for a thorough process based on worship sharing. The committee is considering future programs. Several friends expressed interest in programs that would teach about Quakerism.

Religious Education – The meeting appreciates the caring and creative work of this committee. We don't want to expect too much of the committee during the Summer. Several who are not on the committee are willing to help during the summer if the committee directs them. We would appreciate from the committee clarification as to if/how often childcare/youth activities are offered during Summer. Could they clarify this by posting a sign on the worship room door? Could they also inform the greeters each month (see list on bulletin board) so they can inform newcomers with children about what is available? A brief write-up in the Newsletter would be helpful. We would also like to know if the meeting's ad in the *Friends Journal* is accurate concerning provisions for young people.

Peace & Social Concerns – Carmen Lavertu reported. Friends appreciate the banner which Carmen procured stating TORTURE IS WRONG. We decided the banner would best be displayed on stakes set in the first island in the parking lot. We recommend that the committee make arrangements as soon as legal clearance from Jonathan Hall has been received and the Meetinghouse and Grounds Committee has been consulted. We encourage the committee to prepare an article and photos for the newspapers and website. Jean Crawford will write an article in consultation with Carmen Lavertu.

Meetinghouse and Grounds – Claire Darrow reported. The lighting of the front of the building has been tweaked and is in fine shape. The railing along the front ramp will be extended soon, surely by Winter. Planning for a comprehensive alarm system is almost complete and will be by next month. There will be secure storage for the new electronic screening equipment. In discussing plans for new lighting in the parking lot the meeting decided to install solar panels on the meetinghouse roof rather than have individual solar collectors on each light post. The committee approved enough funds for this last January and Guy Marsden is willing to install the overall system. Guy will send to Claire all the relevant information. The new lights in the parking lot will be the top grade of the ones outlined by Guy last Winter.

Hospitality – We would like to have a welcome reception for our two new members, Brewster Grace and Jim Matlack. We are anticipating the return to Maine of Willow and Rowan Rountree and hope to welcome them to worship on July 29th.

Communications – The meeting agreed to trade dates with Cobscook Monthly Meeting for hosting Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting. Our meeting will host quarterly meeting here on November 3. The tentative program topic will be efforts to eradicate torture by Americans.

No further business coming before the meeting it was adjourned with a moment of silence planning to meet next on September 16 following meeting for worship. All are welcome. Please bring a bag lunch. Please note that there is no meeting for business during August.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Haviland, Clerk

Jean Crawford, Recording Clerk