

Pending Minutes
Midcoast Monthly Meeting for Business
21st Day of the Sixth Month, 2009

Co-Clerk Karen Cadbury opened the meeting with a few minutes of silent worship. Pending Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. It was agreed to look into ways in future of notifying the appropriate email list when the minutes were ready.

Committee Reports

Finance/ Treasurer - The Budget for 2009-10, presented by Paul Diamond, was approved. Revised from last month's proposed budget, the final version includes an increase of \$150 for committees and \$350 for operating expenses. These increases were allowed because of an increase in pledges of \$500 since last month. Still, the amount pledged for 2009-10 is down about \$1,000 from last year. About \$100,000 remains in reserves*.

Meeting House and Grounds - Bill Hallett reported the committee had not met since being allotted their 2009-10 budget, but that they would return some money to the general fund if possible. A finally edited version of the Memorial Stones Prospectus was approved: Small stones, which provide space for one name and birth and death dates, and large stones, which provide for two, are available for purchase. Suzy Hallett, Deb Haviland, and Nancy Booth received thanks for their work on the ad hoc committee for this project.

Ministry and Counsel - Rachel McGuinness reported M&C are working on shuffling their members' responsibilities in light of recent resignations. She noted the need for new committee members. The Memorial Minute for Sally Wood needs to be completed. Karen Cadbury agreed to work the reports from individual committees into a draft State of the Society report, which M & C will put into final form. M&C will work with Gifts and Leadings to increase committee membership.

Pastoral Care - Deb Haviland reported the committee had a good turnout at their last meeting during which they reviewed the current Meeting directory. They will confer with Ministry and Counsel about contacting members and attenders who are no longer active, to see if they wish to remain in the directory. Deb will contact NEYM about their policy on charging fees based on numbers of members.

Peace Center - Brewster Grace reported that the committee are working on how best to work with other religious congregations on mutual concerns and interests. Focus will be on climate change and peace and war issues. They are drafting follow-up letters to positive responses from five congregations. Emphasis will be on meeting with individual pastors/leaders and subsequently with larger group meetings.

Brewster said that the Peace Center group had consulted with Peace and Social Concerns and considered possibly combining the two groups. As a result, the Peace Center will be

drafting a minute recommending that Peace and Social Concerns be laid down. The monies from the P&SC committee will be re-allotted at a later time.

The Peace Center is planning two fall educational programs: a film series and an Earth Institute Study Circle on the subject of food called "Menu for the Future." The four – week study circle will be led by Linda Cote-Small and Andy Burt, who have taken training for the course. It was suggested that local indigenous peoples could be drawn in to contribute their traditions and knowledge relative to the topic of food. Linda said the group would take this into consideration, and that the precise direction of study would be up to those participating.

Brewster agreed to talk further with Nancy Booth to assess the Meeting's ability to engage in efforts to aid Haiti, possibly as a joint effort with other groups in the Midcoast area, who are already supporting Haiti.

Religious Education – Karen Cadbury said First Day School will continue through the summer because more children are attending. Willow Rowntree agreed to take responsibility for one Sunday each month. Karen will contact others who might possibly take a fourth Sunday. Karen and Deb Haviland will place a schedule in the newsletter. The Business Meeting approved the purchase of a swing set to be financed by Charlotte Ritter's bequest. Rachel McGuinness will work with Paul Diamond to pay for the swing set. It was agreed that the set is to be placed in the plot next to the parking lot. It should be far enough away from the building to allow space for tents needed for weddings and other events, but close enough for adults to observe playing children from the building.

David Cadbury is working on a canoe trip for First Day school.

Pat Spock reported that the Hospitality Committee had recently restocked supplies to a sufficient level.

Deb said that Gifts and Leadings will meet with Ministry and Counsel to discuss M&C's need for additional members.

New Business:

Business Meeting approved \$150 from the conference fund to finance Carmen Lavertu's travel to NEYM meetings. Carmen will also apply to NEYM for funds from their Equalization Fund. Additional funds for travel and to replenish the conference fund will be met by specific fund-raising. Viki Diamond offered to do a concert to raise money for Carmen's endeavors. Relevant notices will be placed in the newsletter.

Other Concerns:

Jim Matlack reported that the most recent meeting of the Friends' Committee on Maine Public Policy decided to focus on two concerns: criminal justice and Native Americans. They will try to get Native Americans to become involved in state planning for climate change. The next FCMPP meeting will be Sept.26 under new leader ship: Diana White and Ed Snyder.

The next Meeting for Business will be at close of meeting on Sunday, July 19th. All are welcome and asked to bring a bag lunch.

Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Cadbury, Presiding Co-clerk

Willow Rowntree, Temporary
Recording Secretary

*Full report and budget are attached to minutes posted on the bulletin board.

Addenda: The meeting agreed all members will be listed in a newly revised Directory. Some others will be asked if they wish to remain in the Directory.