

**MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS
MARCH 20, 2011**

After a period of silent worship, Clerk David Cadbury opened the meeting with twenty Friends present.

Correspondence Friends were reminded of the upcoming F.G.C. Gathering in Iowa in June. Quaker Choral Productions seeks singers for a NEYM performance based upon the life of George Fox.

Meeting House and Grounds George Waldman submitted a written report. Given the puddles now evident in the parking area despite the new surface, some additional fill material may be needed.

Coastal Kids pre-school continues to make good use of the building and will do so at least until summer. The large pine branch that fell into the yard is being removed.

A proposal to put in new plantings that would be edible and more self-sustaining drew interest from the meeting. A proposal with a budget will be presented at a later business session.

Finance Bill Spock gave an overview of meeting finances and reported that budget is on track. He raised a concern that someone is needed to serve as a back-up to the Treasurer. Martin Imm then presented detailed budget charts and explained some modifications that he had made to achieve greater clarity.

Ministry and Counsel Mallory Waldman noted the request from Deborah Humphries to visit Midcoast Meeting as part of her traveling ministry as a released Friend. Her letter of request will be in the next newsletter. It was agreed to suggest Sunday, May 8th, as the date when Humphries could best be received at the meeting.

A memorial minute for George Sparks was read and approved. Following his death in 2008, his ashes were the first to be buried in the Memorial Garden at the meeting house.

First Day School A proposal to hire a caretaker for young children during Sunday worship during July and August was approved. A budget and a careful recruitment process will have to be arranged.

New Business Suzy Hallett proposed that whenever Coastal Kids Pre-School no longer uses the building arrangements be made to facilitate regular gatherings of young mothers and their children for shared social time, playtime for the kids, and possible enrichment of parenting skills. The meeting encouraged Suzy to develop this idea more fully and to move toward implementation at a future date.

The meeting closed with a brief period of silent worship.

DAVID CADBURY, Clerk JIM MATLACK, Recording Clerk