

Pending Minutes
Midcoast Monthly Meeting, Damariscotta
Eleventh Month 16, 2008

Co-clerk Deborah Haviland opened the session with a reading from Henri Nouwen and moments of silence. Fifteen Friends were present. Following expressions of gratitude, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The co-clerk read two pieces of correspondence: a note from Linda Cote-Small thanking the meeting for financial assistance to attend a course and a note with contribution from a friend of Suzy Hallett's in honor of Suzy's becoming a member of the meeting.

Ministry & Counsel – Rachel McGuinness reported. The committee is looking for volunteers to write first drafts of memorial minutes for three recently departed Friends. Nancy Booth volunteered to help with George Sparks' memorial minute, Jean Crawford volunteered to help with Sally Wood's; Deb Haviland and Carmen Lavertu volunteered to help with Lee Coolidge's memorial minute. Copies of Lancaster Monthly Meeting's pamphlet on vocal ministry will be available on the credenza. Ministry & Counsel recommends that the right to have a memorial stone placed on Meeting grounds be made on a case-by-case basis. There was an idea expressed for a type of stone to be used, a natural stone. To coordinate varying ideas from Ministry & Counsel and Meetinghouse & Grounds an *ad hoc* committee comprised of Deb Haviland, Suzy Hallett, and Nancy Booth was appointed. The committee is asked to come to monthly meeting with proposed guidelines on memorial stones. Standing committees will please send their contributions for state of the society reports to Ministry & Counsel by February, at the latest. Send the reports to Linda Cote-Small (chezcote@roadrunner.com). The committee is planning to welcome new members during the December potluck lunch.

Meetinghouse & Grounds – Suzy Hallett read Paul Diamond's report. Its recommendation on Joyce Young's request to build a garden on the Meeting's grounds is: "it did not consider that the time was right to embark on a community vegetable garden, although such a development may be viable in the future. It also felt uncomfortable in offering our premises for personal advantage. There is the possibility that there are members of the Meeting who have space in their gardens that might be made available on a private basis, and this may be an avenue for the Pastoral Care Committee to

explore. We are glad that Joyce has joined our Meeting community and we hope that her talents will find expression here.” Friends agreed with the committee’s recommendation, encouraging Joyce to share her expertise on naturopathic medicine, growing whole foods and chemical exposure sometime soon.

Peace & Social Concerns – Carmen Lavertu reported. It is hoped that the Model United Nations Team from Lincoln Academy will come tell us about their visit to Harvard’s Model United Nations Conference. The committee will contact Brewster Grace about possible dates when they could sponsor a visit to the Meeting by a friend of Brewster Grace who represented AFSC (American Friends Service Committee) in Haiti.

Religious Education – Sally Tukey reported. The committee is still hoping to find youth size chairs at a reasonable price. The meeting agreed that, at the rise of meeting, a Friend will let the First Day teacher know it is time for the young people to come join us in the worship room.

Peace Center – Brewster Grace reported on last week’s solar celebration, especially Andy Burt’s outstanding effort. He foresees broadened outreach to the community, perhaps inviting area pastors to join the steering committee.

New Business – This year our candlelight meeting for worship to express thoughts for the coming year will take place on New Year’s Eve. There will be a potluck at 5 pm, followed by the service. Carmen Lavertu and Joyce Young will submit information to the Newsletter on non-toxic candles to be provided for the ceremony. Friends will please bring their own candleholders suitable for taper candles.

Other Concerns – The following Friends have volunteered to close meeting for worship during the next three months: Paul Diamond will cover December; Thomas Steele-Maley will cover January, and the Havilands will cover February.

No further business coming before the meeting, it adjourned following moments of silence, planning to meet next on Sunday, December 21 at the rise of meeting for worship. All are welcome. Please bring a bag lunch.
Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Haviland, Co-clerk

Jean Crawford, Recording Clerk