

Midcoast Monthly Meeting  
Minutes March 18 2018

Guy Marsden presiding, Ann Armstrong recording, Holly Baldwin, Ann D Burt, Jean Crawford, Barbara Gipson, Deborah Haviland, Carol Holmes, Martin and Judith Imm, Mary Lord, Rachel Maguiness, Jim Matlack, Beedy Parker, Bruce and Sue Rockwood, Patty Seybold, Polly Ullin present. 18 present.

The clerk read a query on Meeting for business as we began a period of open worship.

2018-03-1 Midcoast Meeting did not meet for business in February 2018.  
The meeting approved the minutes from **January 21, 2018**.

2018-03-2 The meeting considered a **letter to the editor** written by Nancy Holmes. The letter suggests a “peace parade” rather than war preparation.. The meeting decided that the impact of the letter might be greater if sent out with individual signatures. The meeting expressed its gratitude and blessing to Nancy for bringing the letter for our consideration.

2018-03-3 The clerk asked each committee with members present to name their clerks. Most of the committees were represented and those named clerk will be designated on the new committee list.

2018-03-4 Mary Lord reported for **Ministry and Counsel Committee**. They have begun the process of preparing the State of Society report and ask that each committee send them their report.

It was decided that the Quakerism 101 class will use the six chapters of Michael Birkel’s “Silence and Witness the Quaker Tradition” as a basis for 6 sessions. The meeting decided to hold the sessions every month following the “soup and bread” lunch on first Sundays starting on May 6. M & C will arrange leaders for the sessions. M & C will also investigate doing a group order for copies of the book for individuals and the meeting library.

2018-03-5 Andi Gaylor has requested **membership**. A clearness committee comprised of the members of Ministry and Counsel plus Guy Marsden will meet with Andi on April 1.

2018-03-6 The meeting approved holding a **memorial meeting** for Carolyn Miller on March 31 at 2:30pm. Deborah Haviland will introduce the meeting for worship at that memorial meeting.

2018-03-7 Sue Rockwood reported for the **Midcoast Outreach and Peace Center**. They have had the usual use of the meeting house despite the snow storms.

People United Against Racism will be holding an event at the Lincoln Theatre with Sherri Mitchell speaking on April 24 7:00-8:30pm.

MOPC has two new ideas they are planning to act upon. First, they will be asking Peggy Smith to do a seminar on Non Violent Communication in conjunction with the NVC group led by Carl Albright. Second, Suzy Hallett would like Midcoast MM to hold a “Pies for Peace” event with

frozen pies for sale and a tea house setting in the meeting house for individual pie pieces to be sold. Proceeds would be split between MOPC and a local non political cause. The plan is to have both savory and sweet pies with at least one vegetarian or vegan option. This project will be under the care of a smaller committee that MOPC will put together.

2018-03-8 Deborah Haviland reported for **Pastoral Care Committee**. The meeting for worship with Claire Darrow on Saturday March 17 was enjoyable as usual. Claire responds to people's presences. Friends continue to visit with Nancy Booth. Please check with Deborah if you are interested in visiting with Nancy.

2018-03-9 Guy Marsden reported for **Building and Grounds Committee**. Somehow the lease for the Solar Farm was never officially signed. They are working on correcting that omission.

2018-03-10 Holly Baldwin share her **letter of introduction** from Fresh Pond Meeting where she is currently a member. She asked that the clerk endorse the letter before Holly returns it to Fresh Pond.

2018-03-11 Robin Schmidt has requested that the meeting record the ending of her **membership** as she has moved on to Bhuddism. The meeting approved.

2018-03-12 Bruce Rockwood **Treasurer** and Patty Seybold reported for **Finance Committee**. Bruce reported that the meeting has received about 75% of the \$16,000 members and attenders have pledged to the meeting. Cash on hand as of March 15 was \$24,007.10. Finance committee would like to hear from all committees on next year's budget before the April business meeting.

The meeting needs a reserve fund to cover future repairs such as a new roof. Finance Committee will be bringing their recommendation for how to accomplish this.

2018-03-13 It was suggested that we move the \$2,000 **gift from Rachel Carey Harper** to the MOPC budget and designate those funds for special speaker fees and projects and causes. The meeting approved, asking that MOPC report back on how they are using this money.

2018-03-14 Gretchen Hull asks that those who are interested in celebrating **Midcoast Meeting's first 50 years** please contact her.

The meeting closed with open worship.