

Midcoast Monthly Meeting of Friends

Business meeting 16 April 2017

Twelve Friends Present.

Meeting opened with a period of open worship.

Ann Armstrong volunteered to take minutes.

2017-04 1. Minutes from the 19 March meeting for business were approved.

2017-04 2. Pastoral Care. Deb Haviland reported that they will be meeting this coming Tuesday.

2017-04 3. Hospitality. Sign up of volunteers is still needed.

2017-04 4. House and Grounds. Guy Marsden reported on the continued progress and minor hold ups of the Solar Farm. Revision Energy has sited the solar panels as far from the meetinghouse as possible. Posts are not in the ground representing the placing of the panels. Trenches for the cables between the panels and to the power pole are the next installation step. In the mean time the original land charter for our land abutter (and us) states that appearances of the land is to be kept like the 19th century. We need to consult with George Freeman, son of the original owner to get a waiver. We discussed using plantings along the road to minimize the affect of the panels. Guy also reported that the paying off of the Friends Meetinghouse Loan was never given to the appropriate town office. That has now been done.

The meeting expressed our gratitude to Guy for shepherding the solar project.

Guy reported that people have pledged contributions for 10 of the 16 new bench cushions.

Guy also mentioned that the basement is filling up with mostly junk. Andy Gaylor volunteered to post items on a "buy/trade" web site.

The new directional signs are now up on Route 1.

Alex Rockwood has gotten sand for the sand box which will be added with cinnamon and other spice/herbs to repel ants.

2017-04 5 Finance. Bruce Rockwood reported that the Finance committee had met with the accountant and then went over the budget. Bruce also reported that he had talked to Brian Clark treasurer for the NEYM Pooled Funds and received the December 31 report which shows our balance at that date was \$133,194.00. Bruce presented the treasurer's report showing that \$12,419.66 has been expended of our \$16,600 budget for the fiscal year June 1,2016-May 31, 2017. Our cash on hand is \$17,188.18.

Patty Seybold presented the new draft budget. The budget as presented showed a \$2.158 profit. Income included the hoped for grant of \$1500 from the NEYM Legacy fund. On the expense side the committee suggests that we put CHIP back in the budget. During a careful review of all parts of the budget, the meeting revised various lines and sent the changes back to the committee. The committee plans to bring a new draft budget to the May business meeting when we hope we can give final approval.

2017-04 6 Ministry and Counsel. Mary Lord reported that work has not been done on the State of Society report. Guy will send out last year's report to remind Friends that this year's is coming up. Friends decided that we will gather after meeting on April 30 to share about the the State of our meeting. The Ministry and Counsel committee will then prepare a report to present at the May business meeting.

Jim Matlack reported that Diane Kirkman should not longer be listed as "mailing labels" on the meetings committee list.

Midcoast Meeting is hosting NEYM Ministry and Counsel on May 20. We are responsible for refreshments in the morning, arranging child care if needed (NEYM M&C pays for childcare), lunch if we wish to provide something, and overnight hospitality for those who want to arrive the night before or stay the night after. Mary Lord, Deb Haviland, Patty Seybold, agreed to arrive early to open up and host, and/or to provide soup for lunch. Guy and Patty mentioned that they have available bedrooms.

2017-04 7 Midcoast Outreach and Peace Center. Sue Rockwood reported for MOPC. There have been various groups meeting here including the People United Against Racism. This is the group that arranged the service on Martin Luther King day. Brewster is working with that group to help arrange funding for continued activities.

Sue currently co-runs the Ecumenical Diaper Bank. She asked the meeting if the EDB could use our meeting's 501C3 number for purchases and our mailing address for their mail. The meeting approved the Ecumenical Diaper Bank using both our 501C3 number and our mailing address.

Jim Matlack reported that no decision has been made for the unexpected donation of \$2000. Only a few suggestions have come forward. Guy will add a reminder in the meeting e-news.

2017-04 8 Jim made various announcements, many of which are posted in the meetinghouse.

"Fun Night" at the meetinghouse on April 28.

Paula Palmer talk on the Quaker Indian Boarding Schools April 18 in Augusta and April 23 at Beacon Hill Friends House in Boston.

NEYM Climate Connection April 22 at Friends Meeting Cambridge MA

All Maine Gathering of Friends Saturday, May 6 9-3 South China Community Church

Woolman Hill/NEYM Workshops on "Nurturing Worship, Faith, and Faithfulness" with residential sessions in August, December, and May.

We closed with a period of open worship.

Ann Armstrong