

Midcoast Monthly Meeting
Minutes 15 April 2018

Guy Marsden presiding, Ann Armstrong recording, Carl Albright, Ann D Burt, Andi Gaylor, Daniel Hall, Suzy Hallett, Judith and Martin Imm, Jim Matlack, Mary Lord, Bruce and Sue Rockwood, Sally Tukey, Polly Ulin, and Andrew Webb present.

2018-04-1 After a period of open worship the **clerk, Guy Marsden**, began by sharing some of his considerations about being clerk and reaching out for support from the meeting especially as representatives of the meeting to other gatherings.

2018-04-2 Ann D Burt shared about her experience at the **Living Faith Gathering** of New England Yearly Meeting held in Portland on April 14. Touch points for her included the feeling of being welcomed; theme of "How in these times we can be bold" challenging racism, antisemitism, Islamophobia, and white supremacy. She recommends the latest volume of Friends Journal which is on the Holy Land.

2018-04-3 Ann D reported for **Pastoral Care**. Deb Haviland came through her hip placement surgery fine and is now at home with some of her children visiting to care for her. Karen Cadbury is in Pennsylvania with her children and is undergoing cancer treatment there. A memorial for David Cadbury will be scheduled in the summer as will one for Jean Harris.

2018-04-4 Sue Rockwood reported that the **Midcoast Outreach and Peace Center** has decided to use \$100 of the **Rachel Carey Harper gift** to cover half of the cost of having Peggy Smith speak about Non-violent Communication on April 17.

2018-04-5 The center has many groups meeting including the Senior College Art Appreciation Course, People United Against Racism, and the Diaper Bank Committee.

2018-04-6 Suzy Hallett explained that "**Pies for Peace**" will only happen this year if we have an active committee able to provide the three prongs needed for this endeavor. The three prongs include; lots of publicity, acquiring the pies, and distribution of the pies. If you have an interest in helping please contact Sue and or Suzy.

2018-04-7 Sue asked that someone interview Gretchen about the 2003 Bridge photos and write an article that could be illustrated with some of the photos Gretchen brought to meeting a few weeks ago.

2018-04-8 The **minutes** of March 18 2018 were approved.

2018-04-9 Polly Ulin and Mary Lord presented the final draft of the **State of Society Report**. Friends took a few moments to read through the draft. After several minor corrections and one rearrangement of paragraphs, Friends approved sending the report on to Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting and New England Yearly Meeting.

2018-04-10 Ministry and Counsel recommended that **Andrea Gaylor** be accepted into **membership**. The meeting approved with joy.

2018-04-11 Several Friends reported that the **memorial meeting for Carolyn Miller** was held in good order with many members of her family in attendance.

Mary Lord noted that we have had many Friends die this year and we may want to write memorial minutes for some if not all of these Friends. Ministry and Counsel was asked to pursue this.

2018-04-12 Mary Lord attended the recent meeting of **VQM Ministry and Counsel**. She reminded us that Midcoast is one of the larger meetings in the quarter and that many of the smaller meetings are struggling and could use our prayers. Midcoast will be hosting VQM M&C on Saturday, February 2, 2019.

Two workshops coming soon to Powell House are one given by Jan Wood and one by John Calvi. If anyone attends such workshops or retreats please contact Guy and bring a report back to the meeting.

2018-04-13 Guy Marsden reported that **House and Grounds** is paying close attention to the bushes

at the back of the solar panels. During the winter the gravel on the driveway gets displaced by the snow plow. Guy has arranged for the gravel to be redistributed in the parking lot later this month.

2018-04-14-a Bruce Rockwood reported that the meeting had received a bequest from Carolyn Miller of \$20,000 via her daughter Deborah Hull.

2018-04-14-b Bruce presented: a Profit and Loss statement from June 2017 to March 2018; Budget vs Actuals for this fiscal year to April 14, 2018; a more detailed treasurer's report showing a cash on hand of \$41,504.31, \$20,000 of which was a gift from Carolyn Miller.

2018-04-15 Finance Committee recommended that the \$20,000 from Carolyn be set aside as as **fund for capital expenses**. The meeting approved this recommendation.

2018-04-16 Bruce also presented a **draft budget for our next fiscal year** which begins in June. The budget showed an increase in the amounts to donate to CHIP Food Pantry and NEYM. Suggestions for changes should be made to the finance committee well in advance of the next business meeting.

2018-04-17 It was noted that a copy of the **Nancy MacClaine DVD** has been given to the meeting.

2018-04-18 Carol Beale acting for Vassalboro QM forwarded a letter from Jasmine, a 10th grade student at the **Ramallah Friends School**, to Midcoast Meeting thanking us for our contribution to the scholarship money sent from VQM.

We closed with a period of open worship.