

MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

Fourteen Friends were gathered when Clerk Guy Marsden opened the meeting with queries followed by a period of silent worship. Minutes of the December Meeting for Business were approved. (There was no business meeting in January.)

MINISTRY AND COUNSEL Transfer of membership to Midcoast Meeting for Ted and Janet Williams from Cape Town, South Africa was approved. Preparation of the State of Society Report was discussed. Committee heads are asked to submit a paragraph documenting activities during 2018. Following a shortened Meeting for Worship on Sunday, March 31st a Meeting for Discernment will be held to help shape final text for the State of Society Report.

A revised check-list for greeters each Sunday will be drawn up by Polly Ulin. The Quakerism 101 course has been laid down. In its place Friends are encouraged to gather on the second Sunday of each month to view and discuss short video programs from the Quaker Speak series (<http://quakerspeak.com>). A Memorial Service for David Cadbury will be held at the Meeting House on Saturday, June 29th at 10:00am with a catered lunch. A Memorial Minute is being prepared. For an experimental period Name Tags will be provided for Members and attenders each Sunday.

After faithful service Diane Kirkman has retired as the Meeting's Statistical Recorder. Her labors over recent years are deeply appreciated. A REPLACEMENT IS NEEDED. A job description will be posted in the next e-news. Friends are urged to consider taking up this task.

Andy Burt requested a Minute of Support for her ongoing work on climate issues. It will be helpful in her application for a Legacy Grant from NEYM. Members expressed strong backing and admiration for Andy's witness and approved the Minute of Support. A support committee will include Patti Seybold, Jim Matlack, and others.

MEETING HOUSE AND GROUNDS Guy Marsden noted the improvements made in the Meeting House following the recent Energy Audit that will result in a reduction in our carbon footprint and operating costs. Further steps are planned to insulate the basement bulkhead door.

FINANCE Bruce Rockwood reported briefly on the budget and current solid financial condition of the meeting. As a result of their work, Bruce and Patti Seybold will soon be able to dispense with the book-keeper now employed. Gratitude was expressed for their vital service in tracking the meeting budget.

MOPC Sue Rockwood reported on several current or recent activities. After she described the work of the Ecumenical Council for Homeless Prevention, the meeting endorsed participation by Midcoast Meeting as appropriate. Next year's budget will have a contingent entry of \$500 ready to meet periodic calls for financial aid in specific cases. People United Against Racism is in transition. Future activities will be decided through consultation in coming months. A book group on Racism is planned.

Sue proposed to have art work created by meeting members on display In the Meeting House. A committee was formed to implement this idea: Sue Rockwood, Suzy Hallett, Nancy Holmes, and Guy Marsden.

The Directory of Meeting Members was discussed. With constant changes it is difficult to keep it up-to-date. It was agreed that an accurate version of the Directory will be issued every other year. Members will be sent a copy by e-mail and printed copies will be available at the Meeting House. In the next e-news Guy will request that current information be submitted to assist in preparing such a text.

Jim Matlack, Recording Clerk