

MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS

JANUARY 17, 2021

Clerk Diane Dicranian opened the meeting with a period of silent worship. The MINUTES of the December Meeting for Business were approved.

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE REPORT: (Jean Crawford, Willow Rowntree)

Meeting on January 14, we decided to ask for more Friends to join the committee. We set goals for the new year. We will seek out those who might like to meet later in the day or on weekends because of their work, etc. As part of an overall goal to foster community we will set up virtual small groups along the lines of Friendly Eights. They will gather at a time of their choosing with or without sharing a meal “together” (i.e. on Zoom).

We continue to plan memorial charitable gifts from the meeting in memory of Viki Diamond and Nancy Booth.

We will look into whether anyone is preparing a Memorial Minute for Nancy Booth for submission to Quarterly Meeting and then to Yearly Meeting. If not, we will try to support such a project.

We will submit a paragraph for the next E-newsletter encouraging Friends to volunteer for the committee. It will also include information about the Emergency Fund.

MINISTRY AND COUNSEL Jim Matlack noted the called meeting to be held at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 31st to consider the meeting’s response to an epistle from AFSC entitled NO WAY TO TREAT A CHILD. This document depicts abuses against children on the U.S./Mexico border and in the Palestinian/Israeli conflict. The text of the AFSC letter and relevant materials can be found on the meeting web-site.

Members of the meeting who wish to take a turn in leading the virtual zoom Sunday worship session should indicate their interest to Jim Matlack.

FINANCE Bruce Rockwood mentioned changes in expenses in anticipation of an overall revision of the annual budget. He said that the meeting is in “good shape” financially. A brief discussion followed regarding gardening and upkeep on the meeting house grounds. Suggestions are invited to identify a local person who could assist Nancy Holmes in carrying out these maintenance tasks.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting is setting up a Leadership Team and seeks one or two participants from Midcoast Meeting. Deb Haviland volunteered to serve. New Clerk Diane Dicranian noted that she had an informal group of advisors including Suzy Hallett and Polly Ulin. A full revised membership list of meeting committees will soon be issued.