

MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS

JULY 15, 2012

After a period of silent worship Clerk David Cadbury opened the meeting with nine Friends present. The meeting moved with unusual dispatch through a short session.

MINUTES of the June Meeting for Business were approved. There was no report from the Treasurer or the Finance Committee.

Guy Marsden reported that due to some communication delays work has not yet started on the re-work of the front garden, however the gardener has been hired and will begin work as soon as his time permits.

Carmen Lavertu and Jim Matlack reported from the Peace Center Board about a successful event held at the Meeting House co-sponsored with local activists. Medea Benjamin spoke about the policies and problems involved in the widespread U.S. use of DRONES both in war and in domestic surveillance programs. Thirty-three persons attended and engaged in post-talk discussion.

Ministry and Counsel Committee has drafted a letter to be sent to meeting members who do not attend regularly or at all. No additional steps have been taken to explore possible use of the meeting house by the local Unitarian-Universalist congregation.

A pending request for financial support from Ramallah Friends School was discussed but no action was taken. This matter will be considered at a later meeting. Meanwhile members of the meeting are encouraged to consider individual donations.

New England Yearly Meeting has offered to cover all expenses for a member of the meeting to attend Annual Sessions in Rhode Island on August 4-9. Any member who might be interested to take advantage of this arrangement should notify one of the clerks.

Appreciation was expressed to Guy Marsden for taking responsibility for the e-mail distribution list of meeting members now that Diane Kirkman has a new full-time job and cannot do so.

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: September 16, 2012

David Cadbury—Clerk

Jim Matlack—Recording Clerk