

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS
JUNE 18, 2017**

After brief opening worship the AGENDA for the meeting was reviewed. MINUTES of the Meeting for Business on May 21st were approved.

PASTORAL CARE Co-Clerk Willow Rowntree reported on the most recent Meeting for Worship held with Claire Darrow in Brunswick. Listening Sessions continue on the fourth Sunday each month as well as Mid-Week Meeting on Wednesday mornings. A joint meeting with Ministry and Counsel will be arranged.

HOSPITALITY Anne Armstrong encouraged sign-ups for providing refreshments after Meeting for Worship on Sunday and especially for the Soup and Bread meal on July 2nd.

MEETING HOUSE AND GROUNDS Guy Marsden explained the latest arrangements for mowing around the meeting house. The Rockwoods secured a team of mowers for the first cut this season. Special thanks were again expressed to all who installed the plantings around the Solar installation and especially to Trudy Seybold who paid for the plantings. A major article in the local newspaper devoted to the Solar Farm was circulated with thanks to Guy who was featured in the piece.

FINANCE Patty Seybold reviewed the most recent print-out of the meeting BUDGET as we approach the end of the fiscal year. Some adjustments in the format will be worked out with the accountant. Overall the year will conclude with a healthy balance of income and expenses. Appreciation was expressed for the clear, user-friendly layout of the budget.

MINISTRY AND COUNSEL Mary Lord noted that the Pastoral Care Committee had raised a concern about the paragraph describing their activities in the recently approved State of Society Report. After brief discussion with members of the committee a revision based on the text originally submitted by Pastoral Care was substituted in the report. Mention of a possible workshop on internal communications among meeting members was dropped since such a session has not yet been scheduled. The proposed change in the State of Society Report was approved. It will be # for two weeks to solicit responses from members not present at this meeting. If no responses are received, Guy Marsden will send the revised report text to Quarterly and Yearly Meeting.

MIDCOAST OUTREACH AND PEACE CENTER Jim Matlack reported in the absence of Sue Rockwood. Official notice has been received that MOPC was awarded a \$3,000 grant from the New England Legacy Gift Committee to be used over the next two years. Thanks were again expressed for the support given by meeting members to the Diaper Drive. The Damariscotta Annual Town Report noted that the meeting was the only non-profit to make a donation to the town in lieu of a tax payment. The clerk of the Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel Committee sent a note of gratitude to Midcoast for hosting their recent meeting here. People United Against Racism continue to gather at the meeting house. PUAR looks forward to possible joint projects and events co-sponsored with MOPC.

The meeting closed with a period of worship.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING ----- JULY 16th