

MIDCOAST FRIENDS MEETING FOR BUSINESS

JUNE 21, 2020

Friends gathered for an on-line Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business. Clerk Guy Marsden opened the meeting after a period of silence. The MINUTES of the May Meeting for Business were approved. After brief consideration the State of Society Report for 2019 was approved.

A short discussion followed regarding various proposals for arranging partial in-person worship sessions with some number of participants seated on the meeting house porch or possibly a more extensive in-person version held on the lawn. There was no expectation of holding regular Sunday worship inside the meeting house in the foreseeable future. This general topic will be taken up again at the next meeting of Ministry and Counsel Committee tentatively scheduled for July 13th. Attention will then also be given to formulating guidelines for memorial stones in the meeting house grounds.

Some years ago Midcoast Friends Meeting extended a loan to the Four Directions Development Corporation to assist in economic development among the Wabanaki tribes in Maine. After brief discussion the proposal to forgive the \$5,000 balance remaining in the loan was approved.

Bruce Rockwood provided a short report on meeting finances, noting small adjustments in the budget approved in May. Further review will be in order in coming months due to uncertain economic conditions. Bruce affirmed that overall finances of the meeting were “in sound condition.” Deep appreciation was expressed to Barb Gibson for her labors on the meeting budget.

The Meeting for the Conduct of Business concluded with a period of silence.

Virtually assembled Friends then took up the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION OF MIDCOAST FRIENDS MEETING. This endeavor moved rapidly through a predictable script with appropriate reference to meeting finances as well as building and grounds. Having covered the requisite topics in the annual report form, the Corporation Meeting was concluded in a period of silent worship.