

MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS
June 20, 2021

Clerk of the Meeting Diane Dicranian opened the meeting with a moment of silent reflection.

2021-18 Annual Meeting - Jim Matlack conducted the annual pro-forma meeting to retain corporate status in order to retain the Friends' tax-exempt status. Ten full members were present.

- **Committee Reports:**

- Finance - Bruce Rockwood reported that the Meeting is in sound financial condition as of May.
- Buildings and Grounds – Guy Marsden reported the buildings and grounds are in sound condition.
- Diane Dicranian made the motion to adjourn the annual meeting. Guy seconded. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.
- The reports were **approved**.

2021-19 No minutes on-line: It was mentioned that there were no minutes posted on-line. Diane said she would post them.

2021-20 Ministry and Council:

- Per Jim Matlack – There is a brief questionnaire regarding emergency contacts that should be filled out and returned by mail to the meeting by all members. Very few had been received as of the meeting. Need to have forms returned - **Approved**

2021.21 Memorial minutes for Nancy Booth are being prepared, but there has not been a memorial service. The family came east but will not be back. Discussion was had regarding whether there is a need for a formal memorial service as there was time devoted to Nancy's memory already.

- Sue Rockwood said that there was a meeting in winter to which the family was invited. She thought that was the memorial service.
- Deb – That was not stated as being a memorial meeting even though it felt like one.
- Jean – Must consider the community because she was so active. She wondered if enough of an opportunity had been provided for the wider community to get together.
- Diane – I believe there was enough of an opportunity and there was talk of a lady slipper walk.
- Jean felt we should pass this on to Ministry and Council. Jim asked how we would contact the “greater community.”
- It was decided that Diane would contact Rachel, Gretchen, and Carmen to get the information together.
- This was **approved**.

2021-22 Meeting In-Person:

- Jim Matlack had a zoom meeting entailing an in-depth discussion about meeting in-person.
 - Must assume any Sunday there will be visitors with no connection to the meeting.
 - Zoom has advantages for those who can't get to meeting.
 - Others can't use Zoom.
 - There will be an introductory test meeting the second Sunday in July.
- **July 11 Meeting:**

- Poster at the door for strangers with rules of meeting.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers.
- Sign-in to trace possible exposures.
- Unvaccinated attendees must wear a mask.
- Recommendation for spaced seating.
- Urging no handshakes or hugs.
- Social activity will be outside.
- Refreshments on the porch.
- Children will be urged to play outside.
- Will evaluate week following the in-person meeting.
- Suggested we could go forward every other week with Zoom/in-person
- Suggested hybrid meeting – in person and Zoom
- Diane – We will ask people at the door if they are vaccinated. If not, ask people to wear a mask.
- Diane – Arrange for a place in the meeting house separated from the general meeting for those who need additional space.
- Guy suggested that people sit in the lobby or on the porch where they can hear through the open window. Daniel Hall has done this.
- Deb and Jean spoke about worries due to people with compromised health.
- Sue pointed out that the July 11 meeting is an experiment to see how many feel comfortable with the in-person meeting. Will still have committee and business meetings by Zoom.
- Jim – there will be a sign on the door saying in-person on July 11 and Zoom for other meetings. It will tell folks how to join a Zoom meeting and to stay tuned.
- Concern for people with health issues was discussed. It was also suggested that these people had not been attending in the past. The suggestion was made that we wait until we can meet in a hybrid setting, but this was countered with the idea that it is time to reinstate a presence in the Meeting House.
- It was stated that it would be too difficult to have the first meeting in person combined with Zoom. The logistics would be too involved.
- Guy said he would update the website with the new rules that Jim types. Also, Jim would create a poster.
- Karen suggested we disinfect the Meeting House after the meetings. A cleaner comes in every Friday, so this was decided to be the accepted practice. Also, it was suggested that an air filtration system would be installed by winter.
- **Approved** – First meeting on July 11 – in person only. This will be evaluated the week after the meeting.