

Midcoast Meeting for Business – March 21, 2021

Clerk Diane Dicranian opened the meeting after a period of silent worship. Eighteen Friends attended the Zoom meeting.

2021-10 - VASSALBORO QUARTERLY MEETING: Deb Haviland reported

1. Friends from various meetings shared procedures/responsibilities of Ministry and Counsel in their local meetings.
2. April 12th at 4 p.m. – virtual session to discuss same topic
3. April 24th - Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting will consider the Midcoast Meeting Minute on "No Way to Treat A Child" at their meeting for business.
4. May 1st - Vassalboro will host the All-Maine Gathering from 9 to 11:30 a.m. featuring three Quaker activists on Earth Care, Racial Justice and Wabanaki concerns.

Report accepted.

2021-11 - COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Guy Marsden reported. A broken gutter downspout will be repaired. No other issues.

Report accepted

B. FINANCE: Bruce Rockwood reported

1. discussed the review of budgets for the current year and next fiscal year.
2. The regular five-year audit is due and will be scheduled.
3. The Emergency Fund has a roll-over of \$1,500. \$500 will be requested for next year.
4. Barb Gibson noted that creating a budget in a pandemic year was difficult due to the unusual fiscal circumstances. Due to lower expenses—with the exception of snow-plowing--the next actual budget will be set at \$2,000 less in total and will benefit from roughly \$2,000 carry-over from the previous year.
5. Yet to be decided was the amount the Midcoast Friends Meeting will send forward to New England Yearly Meeting.
6. The goal is to have a finished 2021-2022 budget ready for approval at the May Meeting for the Conduct of Business.

Report accepted

C. MOPC: Sue Rockwood reported

1. Noted an expansion in both participation and diaper distribution from the interfaith Diaper Bank.
2. The regular Monday Vigil Against Racism will switch from Noon to 5 p.m. as of Memorial Day.

Report accepted

D. PASTORAL CARE: Jean Crawford reported (and submitted a written report.)

1. The full MEMORIAL MINUTE FOR NANCY BOOTH was read aloud and received with deep appreciation for Nancy's long life of service.
2. Deep gratitude and praise was extended to Rachel and others who helped to compose it. The text will be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting and then to the Yearly Meeting.
3. Carl is working with family members to see which of Nancy's books might be added to the Midcoast Library.
4. A gift in honor of VIKI DIAMOND has been sent to the Rockland Library to fund CD discs of children's songs and music. Anyone who is so led can send an additional donation to the meeting treasurer.
5. Remote social gatherings such as "Friendly Eights" are in the process of being organized.
6. A joint meeting of Pastoral Care with Ministry and Counsel is expected.

E. MINISTRY AND COUNSEL: Jim Matlack reported

1. Recent activities include:
 - a) the transition from Guy to Diane as Clerk.
 - b) arranging for a rotation of members to serve as coordinator of each Sunday's zoom worship session.
 - c) assisting with the Memorial Service and Memorial Minute for Nancy Booth.
2. Two areas required further consideration.
 - a) After a review of the mission and tasks of Ministry and Counsel it was agreed to give thought and consultation to the tasks involved in strengthening the spiritual depth and quality of vocal ministry among members.
 - b) Attention should be given to reception and encouragement of new members. There may be a need to arrange an educational series on Quaker history, values, and

practices.