

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS
MAY 21, 2017**

After brief Opening Worship the AGENDA for the meeting was reviewed. MINUTES of the Meeting for Business on April 16th were approved.

PASTORAL CARE Andy Burt reported on “FUN NIGHT”—a small group participated and had a good time together. A worship session with Clare Darrow is planned for June 6th. Two Friends recently helped Nancy Booth to celebrate her 95th birthday.

MEETING HOUSE AND GROUNDS Guy Marsden reported on the Solar Farm which will be wired into the power grid in the near future. In cooperation with ReVision Energy a celebration of the solar installation will be held on June 11th at Noon. Investors in the Solar Farm Coop will be invited. Patty Seybold and Beedy Parker are working to install plantings that will screen the solar array on the uphill side toward the Meeting House.

Guy also noted that all sixteen of the new bench cushions for the meeting room have been subscribed. The seamstress will now begin work on the cushions. Guy and Alex Rockwood continue to improve the drainage of the handicap parking area.

NOTE: ATTENTION must be paid to keeping water in the “trap” under the utility sink. When it dried out recently, toilet odors filled the meeting house.

FINANCE Bruce Rockwood reported a healthy balance in the meeting checking account—\$18,321—and noted that two large bills are due for insurance and NEYM dues.

Patty Seybold then led the attenders through a close line-by-line review of the proposed 2017-2018 BUDGET. Careful scrutiny and occasional discussion led to a number of small modifications after which the Budget was approved. Deep thanks were expressed to Bruce and especially to Patty for their hard work and the clear, easy-to-read format in which the Budget was presented.

MINISTRY AND COUNSEL Guy Marsden distributed the proposed text for the State of Society Report. After small changes and appreciation expressed for the drafting effort the report was approved. It will be sent to both Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting and the New England Yearly Meeting.

Mary Lord then reported on two membership matters. George Chappell’s transfer to Vassalboro Friends Meeting was approved. Memberships in Midcoast Meeting for Carl and Dottie Albright were also approved.

The Ministry and Counsel Committee of NEYM met at Midcoast Meeting House the previous day. It was reported that the session engaged in deep worship and productive discussion, especially looking forward to the NEYM Annual Sessions in August. Appreciation was expressed

for the hospitality provided by Midcoast members.

Mary and Andy also reported on the All-Maine Friends Gathering on May 6th at which issues of Racism and “de-colonization” were engaged at a profound and worshipful level.

MIDCOAST OUTREACH AND PEACE CENTER Sue Rockwood reported on the continued success of the local Diaper Drive to which she and the meeting give tangible support to enable distribution of diapers to needy mothers.

There are encouraging signals regarding the meeting’s application to the NEYM Legacy Fund for a grant to support MOPC’s activities over the next two years. A local coalition—People United Against Racism--now meets regularly at the Meeting House with Sue taking an active role.

Announcement was made of the Woolman Hill//NEYM year-long seminar on “Nurturing Worship, Faith, and Faithfulness.”

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING ----- JUNE 18th