

Midcoast Monthly Meeting
Minutes 20 May 2018

Guy Marsden presiding, Ann Armstrong recording, Holly Baldwin, Jean Crawford, Daniel Hall, Deborah Haviland, Judith and Martin Imm, Mary Lord, Jim Matlack, Rachel McGinness, Bruce and Sue Rockwood, Patty Seybold, and Polly Ulin present.

The meeting began with a period of open worship.

2018-05-1 **Minutes** from April were approved after a better announcement of Carolyn Miller's bequest was incorporated.

2018-05-2 Guy Marsden shared the letter of gratitude, sent to Deborah Hull, for the lives of her parents, **Carolyn Miller** and her husband Cully, as well as the bequest given since Carolyn's death.

2018-05-3 Bruce Rockwood reported on the meeting's **finances**. He mentioned the line items that had gone over budget this financial year such as cleaning and more importantly snow plowing. Most of the overspending was due to the heaviness of the winter weather. Patty Seybold shared a balance sheet showing how our assets and liabilities currently stand. The end of the year fiscal report will be available at the next business meeting.

2018-05-4 Patty and Bruce shared the budget versus actual report which also included the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. Friends asked many clarifying questions and all explanations were accepted with appreciation for the hard work of the finance committee. Martin Imm offered to share with the Finance Committee the reporting format appropriate to a nonprofit organization with separate funds. The committee accepted his offer. **The meeting approved the proposed budget** after the cleaning and snowplow line items were increased.

2018-05-5 Sue Rockwood suggested that, if there is any excess in the MOPC finances at the end of this fiscal year, that the excess be donated to the **Diaper Bank**. This successful ecumenical program is on track to distribute over 14,000 diapers this year. This will be brought back to the meeting in June after the end of the fiscal year. The Finance Committee was advised to consider adding the diaper Bank to future budgets.

2018-05-6 Ann Armstrong was appointed as representative the **2018 sessions of New England Yearly Meeting**.

2018-05-7 Daniel Hall plans to attend the **NEYM Racial Dialogue Facilitation Training** to be held this spring. He hopes to bring back information from the training and will be sharing how our meeting is involved in working against racism.

2018-05-8 The meeting has received a request from **Andi (Andrea) Gaylor** for a clearness committee for **marriage to Andrew Webb**. Ministry and counsel has appointed Daniel Hall, Mary Lord, Guy Marsden, Sue Rockwood, Patty Seybold, and Polly Ulin to serve as the committee. They will meet on Monday May 18.

2018-05-9 Mary Lord reported that the first meeting of the "**Quakerism 101**" entailed lively discussion of Michel Birkel's book Silence and Witness with ten in attendance and went through the first half of the first chapter.

2018-05-10 Ministry and Counsel will be undertaking the writing of **memorial minutes** for several of our Friends who have died in the past year. Friends who have knowledge of any of those who have died recently should contact members of Ministry and Counsel.

2018-05-11 Sue Rockwood reported on the activities of **Midcoast's Outreach and Peace Center**. Through People United Against Racism and Anne D Burt, MOPC was able to help sponsor the recent lecture given by Sherri Mitchell. When our internet provider changed owners and increased fees Sue purchased and installed a new modem so the rented modem could be returned and lessen the fees.

2018-05-12 Sue shared a request from Diane Dicranian for the **Poor Peoples Campaign** for sponsoring a "Truthful Tuesday" party to view the live streaming on various topics. The meeting agreed to host a Tuesday live streaming in the future. Sue will contact Diane to arrange the event.

2018-05-13 Jean Crawford reported for **Pastoral Care**. She noted that the celebration for Nancy Booth's 96th birthday at Pemaquid Point went well. She also asked if there were Friends who could become one of the regular, or substitute, Sunday visitors to Nancy taking her a light lunch. Please let Jean know if you can do this.

Jean received a recent email from Karen Cadbury, who enjoys receiving email and even phone calls, Karen misses her home and Maine.

Dotty Albright, an avid hiker fell and broke her ankle while hiking. They would appreciate visits and donations of food. Dotty needs to be dairy free and loves meat while Carl is a vegetarian. Pastoral Care will work toward gathering and transporting food to the Albrights.

2018-05-14 Guy reported that the new **e-newsletter** format lets him know what percentage of the letters he sends are actually being read which ranges from 30 to 48%. He tries to keep such letters to a timely but minimum level. The new format will make it simpler for future editors to take over in future. Readers can now add/remove subscription themselves by following the links at the bottom of each newsletter.

2018-05-15 Guy reported for **Building and Grounds that Nancy Holmes'** work in the gardens has started a ground swell of involved people in work and email exchange of ideas and plans. They are considering bringing back the monthly work hour or some other plan to keep up the maintenance of the grounds.

2018-05-16 Daniel Hall has borrowed a few **pieces of the furniture** that were stored in the basement of the meeting house. He asked if he could take the furniture permanently. Friends approved.

We closed with a period of open worship.