

**Midcoast Monthly Meeting
Minutes 19 November 2017**

Jim Matlack presiding, Ann Armstrong recording, Guy Marsden, Rachel McGuinness, Carl Albright, Polly Ullins, Mary Lord, Deb Haviland, Bruce Rockwood, Dan Hall, Trudi and Patti Seebold present.

We began with a period of open worship.

2017-11-1 The minutes of October 15 were approved.

2017-11-2 Deborah Haviland reported for Pastoral Care. Thirteen Friends participated in the meeting for worship with Carolyn Miller. They plan to schedule another meeting with Carolyn around the holidays. Deb mentioned that Nancy Booth now has a bed downstairs so it is no longer necessary to call ahead before visiting, just wait until after noon since Nancy is slow to rise in the morning. The next meeting for worship with Claire Darrow is scheduled for Saturday December 9 in order to let Claire's daughter Leslie participate.

2017-11-3 Ann Armstrong expressed the gratitude of the Hospitality committee for everyone who has signed up for Sunday snacks and soup and bread Sundays.

2017-11-4 Guy Marsden reported for House and Grounds that the new sign has been installed. Guy requested that we remember to close the doors between the three sections of the meeting house during the heating season. The meeting expressed our appreciation for Guy's installing the new sign and for contributing the solar lighting.

2017-11-5 Bruce Rockwood presented the treasurer's report. Bruce mentioned that the finance committee appreciates receiving pledge letters. So far they have received pledges totaling \$11,200 plus \$665 in donations. This is still far short of the budget for this year. If you plan to donate to the meeting please consider notifying the committee in advance so they can more accurately plan. Friends are encouraged to consider automatic donations. Bruce can give individuals the meeting account information so they can arrange automatic payments with their bank. The meeting appreciates all who contribute in kind and money.

2017-11-6 Mary Lord reported for Ministry and Counsel. She presented the first reading of the list of officers for 2018. The following names will come back to the meeting in December for final approval; Clerk- Guy Marsden, Recording clerk - Ann Armstrong, Treasurer- Bruce Rockwood. Ministry and Counsel members have pledged to support the officers in their roles.

The meeting expressed its heartfelt gratitude to Jim Matlack for serving as clerk these many years. Sign up sheets for committee membership are available in the entrance.

2017-11-7 Mary Lord, Deborah Haviland, and Ann Armstrong reported on Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting which was held at H.O.M.E in Orland. During the business meeting the quarter discontinued North Fairfield Meeting which has not met for several years. The quarter program was on "Being Led" and was presented by Gray Cox from Acadia meeting. Friends also heard from the current director of H.O.M.E. about their work with the homeless and hungry in and around Orland, Belfast, and Bucksport. Deb and Carmen Lavertu visited at Acadia Meeting the day after Quarterly meeting and enjoyed being present for Acadia's a Peace and Social Justice committee meeting.

2017-11-8 Jim read excerpts from Sue Rockwood's report on Midcoast Outreach and Peace Center. The report will be sent out in the e-news. Jim passed around a photo of the Somali farmers from New Roots farm in Lewiston. The farmers brought some of their produce when they talked about their history at a meeting of Lincoln County Indivisible. Jim also brought copies of the letter to the editor which the meeting approved in October, as published in the Camden Herald. MOPC plans to show the Paula Palmer video on Quaker Indian Boarding Schools on Sunday December 3 after our usual soup and bead lunch following meeting for worship. Friends expressed an interest in obtaining a copy of the video for our own library. Jim will check on the availability of the video.

2017-11-9 The Book Group plans to meet at the Imm's house on November 30th. They will be choosing a new book to read.

We closed in open worship, purposing to meet next on December 16.