

## MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS NOVEMBER 15, 2020

1. Guy Marsden, Clerk, opened the Meeting for Business with a brief period of silent worship at 2:00pm. The Meeting has held by Zoom, and we displayed the agenda and asked for any additions. Finance and Pastoral care were added and the agenda was approved. 13 people attended to participate.

2. The Minutes of the October Meeting for Business were approved.

### 3. **Committee Reports.**

A. **MOPC.** Sue Rockwood reported on her work with the Diaper Drive, including the retirement of one co-director and search for a replacement. She is also engaged with NEYM Legacy Committee work. She recommended the Meeting purchase an annual subscription of our own for Zoom, which would be \$150.00 with the current available discount. This way we could have two zoom meetings going on for committees, book discussion and other activities, one with our NEYM account and one of our own. After discussion this was agreed to by consensus. Several people asked that there be training for how to manage the zoom account for their committees and other events. Sue explained that rather than using the "waiting room" to individually let people in to attend Meeting for Worship, going forward she would like to rely on a pass code so that people could log in directly without her having to individually click to let them into Meeting. The pass code would be embedded in the link Guy posts to the Meeting web site or sends out in the newsletter, so only people who have to log on via cell phone would actually need to get a copy of the code. This was agreed to as well.

B. **Ministry and Counsel.** Guy reported that he hasn't received any individual requests to remain on or add to our various committees. He suggested we roll over the current committee memberships for the new year. It was suggested that we remind folks in the e-newsletter that they can opt in or out of Meeting committees (which for now would meet by Zoom) by letting Jim Matlack know. Barb Gibson suggested that committee clerks let their current members know and report back to Jim. Guy reported the sense of Ministry and Counsel was to ask Diane Dicranian to be Clerk in the new year, starting in January, 2021. This was warmly agreed to by all. Sue reported that M&C was waiting to hear from the family of Nancy Booth about what memorial meeting or program they would like to have the Meeting hold in memory of Nancy.

C. **Pastoral Care.** Jean Crawford reported on the small preliminary meeting for a memorial for Nancy Booth that was held via zoom this morning at 9am prior to Meeting for Worship. In attendance were Sue Rockwood from M&C as Jim Matlack was unable to attend; Gretchen Noyes Hull, Rachel McGinness, Diane

Dicranian, Carmen Lavertu, Deb Haviland, Andy Burt, Carl Albright and Jean Crawford. They recommended a two-stage process. First, an initial one hour sharing of stories and memories about Nancy held via Zoom for Meeting members and her immediate family, at 1pm on Saturday December 5, 2020. Carmen Lavertu is coordinating contacts for this program. Second, planning for a larger and hopefully out-doors or in-person memorial program publicized and open to the public including the volunteer organizations Nancy was involved in for many years. Gretchen Noyes Hull and Jean Crawford are planning this for Pastoral Care. There was some discussion of whether to invite Nancy's caregivers to the December 5<sup>th</sup> sharing, and they will be contacted to invite them to participate.

Gretchen Noyes Hull will begin writing a Memorial Minute for Nancy for the Meeting to consider after the December 5 sharing, and we are invited to share ideas for inclusion in the minute, which after M&C and Meeting adoption will be sent to VQM and NEYM at the same time, so that it can be published for the NEYM Annual Meeting in 2021.

D. **Hospitality**. No report. Guy and Sue will empty, clean and turn off and leave open the refrigerator since we are not currently using it.

E. **Meeting House and Grounds**. We discussed whether to reduce the amount of snow plowing, but it was pointed out that we need to keep the ramp and porch cleared and access to the diaper house, so on balance it made sense to continue keeping the present arrangement.

F. **Finance Committee and Treasurer Reports**. Bruce Rockwood reported we are on a budget plan with Seacoast Energy for oil, and while we are using less oil we need to keep a minimum temperature on in the building. Some expenses are down due to the Covid, and the finance committee will review the budget in January. Barbara Gibson summarized her report on budget vs. actuals thus far.

4. **Closing Worship** Meeting for Business closed with a brief period of silent worship.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce L. Rockwood, 11/15/2020