

Draft Minutes
Midcoast Monthly Meeting for Business
Damariscotta
October 16, 2016

Clerk Jim Matlack opened the meeting with moments of silence. Eight Friends attended. The minutes of the September meeting were approved without change.

Co-clerk Willow Rowntree reported for the **Pastoral Care Committee**. Sunday Listening Sessions, following rise of meeting, have had good attendance and interest. The next will be **Sunday, October 23** and all are welcome. Occasional meetings for worship with Claire Darrow and family have gone well. The next meeting, expected in late November or early December, will be announced.

The **Hospitality Committee** had no report. Rachel Mc Guinness said she will probably step down at the end of 2016 and would like to know the correct procedure for transferring the credit card with her name on it.

Guy Marsden reported for the **Meetinghouse & Grounds Committee**. The solar farm presentation was well attended. There is one new signee to date. Rowan offered to help with drafts and positioning of posts for the panels. There has been some uncertainty about the size of the solar farm. At the meetinghouse Guy and Alex Rockwood cut back the vegetation by the driveway entrance. Guy, Alex and Andy reconditioned the entry ramp and porch. **Guy offered to create an online bulletin board in place of the Newsletter. He would send it out to all midcoast Friends who have e-mail service when he has received enough information items to warrant sending, but at least once a month. Friends welcomed and approved Guy's offer.**

Jim gave an informal **Finance Committee Report** in place of Bruce Rockwood. Now that Treasurer David Cadbury has stepped down Jim, is filling in as Acting Treasurer for the remainder of 2016 and Bruce is certified to sign meeting checks. A Minute from the Finance Committee is attached. More volunteers for the committee are much needed. The committee is considering how often funding requests should go out.

Jim reported for **Ministry & Counsel** in place of Sue Rockwood. **At the monthly potlucks (first Sunday of each month) the committee will provide soup and bread.** Friends welcome and appreciate the weekly childcare providers that have been found to allow young parents to attend worship. **Friends are reminded to sign up for committees, clerks and representatives for 2017; the need is great.**

The meeting has received a letter from Patience Thomas expressing gratitude and requesting a transfer of membership. It will be referred to Ministry & Counsel and to Guy for dissemination on the email chain.

Midcoast Peace and Outreach Center – Jim Matlack and Brewster Grace reported. Through our ecumenical connection and racism concern, Friends have been involved in vigils throughout the area. **A movie series with the theme “War Is Not The Answer” will begin in November at the meetinghouse. The Burmese Harp will be shown November 15 and Conspiracy will be shown November 30. More films will follow, dates to be announced.**

The meeting received a letter from NEYM Ministry and Counsel requesting we host them for two

nights around May 20, 2017. The meeting approved. We expect 4 to 5 overnight guests.

The clerk asked everyone to consider volunteering to record monthly meeting minutes for the remainder of 2016 and hopefully into 2017. Jean Crawford is filling in temporarily.

The clerk reminded Friends about the appeal from Ramullah Friends School.

Contributions for the Ecumenical Food Pantry's Thanksgiving Dinners can be mailed to P.O Box 46, Newcastle, ME 04553.

No further business coming before the meeting, it adjourned following moments of silence, to meet **next on November 20.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Crawford, Recording Clerk pro tem

James Matlack, Clerk