

## **Midcoast Monthly Meeting Minutes 16 September 2018**

Guy Marsden presiding, Ann Armstrong recording, Anne D Burt, Daniel Hall, Deborah Haviland, Mary Lord, Jim Matlack, Rachel McGinness, Sue and Bruce Rockwood, Willow Rowntree, Polly Ullin present.

The meeting began with a period of open worship.

2018-09-1 **Minutes** of July 2018 were approved.

2018-09-2 The **Pastoral Care Committee** has arranged a gathering to remember **Jean and Dick Harris** on Saturday September 29 at 2PM.

2018-09-3 Mary Lord reported for **Ministry and Counsel**. She announced her intended move out of state and that M&C is in need of new members. The current committee consists of Polly, Patty, Gretchen and Guy(ex-officio). Pastoral Care Committee has offered their help. Daniel Hall was invited to meet with M&C at their next meeting to see if he and they are a good fit. The committee is trying to think “out of the box” and try new things, such as having non committee members be greeters and have “care of meeting”. The committee expects to come back next month with their new plans.

2018-09-4 Guy Marsden reported for **Meeting House and Grounds**. Guy replaced the small electric water heater. MH&G will be inspecting and repairing the ramp, steps and decks. The fuel oil company we have been using has been bought and the new company only uses 5% bio fuel instead of the 20% bio fuel. House and Grounds and the Finance Committees were encouraged to investigate heat pumps.

2018-09-5 Rachel McGinness reported the **CHIP Cares Day** was a great success with over 100 volunteers many of whom were high school age. They worked on 10 houses repairing and painting and installed a ramp and a deck.

2018-09-6 Guy reported that the meeting **Death Record book** is now up to date thanks to the efforts of Diane Kirkman and Guy. The meeting expressed gratitude for Diane's assistance. A question about the requirements for placing a stone in the **Memorial Circle** was asked. Deborah Haviland said she had files at home if we can not find the meeting copy. Archives and M&C were asked to work together to get the information and the record of what stones and benches have been placed in the circle be accessible and up to date.

2018-09-7 Daniel Hall reported on **New England Yearly Meeting Sessions**. He noted several things that were brought to the business sessions this summer, including that **FCNL** is looking for persons who can serve as regular contacts with Maine Senators and Representatives. Daniel shared that when the **Friends Camp** report was made he was wishing to attend Friends Camp with their “gender expansion” cabin and “anyone's” restroom. He noted that the camp is trying to teach “haven” techniques to the children as a counter to the havoc in our world today. The main reason Daniel went to NEYM was because of the work being done on **White Supremacy**. Daniel noted that at least three times during business, after reports had been given, some very thoughtful questions were raised about language, attitudes, and in the case of a nomination, sex, race, marital and economic status. Daniel recommends that we check the YM minutes when they are published for the excellent recording of these business items. Daniel also noted that he had had several fruitful conversations on sexuality.

There is a new NEYM committee on Immigration issues.  
YM sessions fees are now pay as led, rather than being set fees.

Ann Armstrong reported on her personal experience at NEYM and recommended the newest “**Peace and Justice Crier**” as a source for some interesting articles.

2018-09-8 Sue Rockwood reported on **Midcoast Peace and Outreach Center's** activities.  
Daniel Hall's session on White Supremacy was well attended with some deep sharing. Daniel will do a second session on September 30 after meeting for worship.  
Together with People United Against Racism and others, MOPC is sponsoring two showings of “**Dawnland**” at the Lincoln Theater on October 10. This film is about the treatment of Native American children by social services and other issues of the Wabanaki in Maine and the Northeast US.  
Sue reported that MOPC is ready for a philosophical discussion as to how much we can afford to donate our space to other groups and how to fulfill our purpose in having the center.

2018-09-9 Bruce Rockwood gave the **Finance Committee** report. Like M&C the Finance Committee is in need of more active members. The annual letter requesting pledges has had at least 5 responses so far. Friends are reminded if they want to make a regular direct deposit to the meeting to get the information on how to do that from Bruce. Current cash on hand is \$24,717.28. this includes the remainder of the Carey-Harper grant.

2018-09-10 Ann Armstrong announced that she will be moving back to Massachusetts at the end of October. She is willing to return to Maine in November and December to finish her year as recording clerk, but may need someone else to take over those months and for the future.

The meeting closed with open worship.