MIDCOAST FRIENDS MEETING

Meeting for Worship with Concern for Business

OCTOBER 18, 2026

Twelve Friends were gathered in silent worship when Clerk Guy Marsden opened the session. He reflected briefly on the current "Jubilee Year" format for Midcoast without the usual array of committees. He also told Friends that he expected to step down from the Clerk position at the end of the year. Arrangements should be made for selecting his successor. MINUTES of the September Meeting for Business were approved.

The Silver Tea Set donated to the meeting was discussed. In the end it was agreed that the set should be auctioned off. (We got $50 cash for the silver from Fosters Auction house! – Guy).

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Michael found a new cleaner who has started working in the meeting house every 2 weeks. Broad satisfaction was expressed for her efforts.

Guy Marsden reported on work shared with several volunteers to clear out invasive plants in areas in front of the meeting house.

Guy and Andy are working on representing the Meeting House on a site called Earth Care Witness where you can view the Earth Care Action Map. We are the first Meeting to represent all our (many!) efforts in Maine.

Guy then spoke about setting up a Repair Cafe under the care of the meeting and possibly include Skidompha Library. Guy has been working at Repair Cafes in the Bath Brunswick area for months now and they are very successful. This would be a service in which various skilled resource persons would provide repairs for small objects, lamps, clocks, garments, and whatever else the public might bring in. Midcoast might sponsor such a repair service at the meeting house or in town at the library or other location. Guy will work on getting this set up.

FINANCE

Bruce Rockwood noted that the Annual Appeal Letter has gone out. In the current fiscal year payment has been made for mowing. Brush hogging (sparing the milkweed) will be done on Friday the 30th. A discussion followed as to whether switching to Tidewater to combine computer and phone services would lead to savings. Maintaining a "land line" seems necessary for the Sensaphone security system that calls 3 of us to alert us to issues. Bruce said that some regular budget items would have increased cost in the new year—e.g. Friends Journal and Friends Camp and the new cleaner. He reported that the meeting's Reserve Fund is now at roughly $270,000.