

MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS

November 16, 2025

Fourteen Friends gathered for silent worship before Clerk Guy Marsden opened the meeting for the conduct of business. MINUTES of the October Business Meeting were approved.

SUE ROCKWOOD made a series of announcements.

---The two flags on the front porch—Black Lives Matter and the Rainbow Flag—are fraying. Sue will seek to replace them.

---Suzy Hallett has expressed interest in renewing the Meditation Sessions on Tuesdays.

---Sue wonders if the meeting might be of service to queer persons in the area by scheduling special meetings and other outreach endeavors modeled on the Friends Meeting of Washington, D.C. There was uncertainty as to who might take the lead on this effort and how many participants might respond. A Minute will be drawn up to be considered at the December Meeting for Business.

---Friends were urged to send messages to Representatives and Senators asking that increased humanitarian aid be sent into GAZA.

---A new inkjet printer has been donated and will be placed where members can use it to copy appropriate materials while making a donation to cover costs.

---Sue asked if Pastoral Care Committee might inform members as to cases of special need (without naming persons) and also what outreach is ongoing to members who have been long absent. She noted that in some cases of health challenges cards are put out for other members to sign.

Andy Burt said that it was difficult to balance the need for confidentiality and the wish to inform members about members in need. Pastoral Care asks for additional members and volunteers. They have sent cards to long absent members. She also wondered about how to provide aid to caretakers who need relief from 24-hour cycles of service.

FINANCE Bruce Rockwood spoke of the recent loan of \$7,800 to pay for Meeting House repairs. A request for a grant to cover this amount has gone to the Obediah Brown Fund at NEYM. If the grant is not received, the \$7,800 can be paid out of the meeting's Capital Account. Bruce also asked the Friends please send in their pledged contributions promptly.

Sue Rockwood observed that the parking area is prone to large puddles after heavy rain. In Winter these will become ice creating safety problems. Guy observed that the cracked concrete would be expensive to replace. She also thought that the swing set probably should be repaired.

Guy has been updating the meeting website. He recently added images of several paintings by Tony Junker featuring scenes of the Meeting House. The actual paintings may come up with Tony next Summer to be posted in the lobby.

Guy is also working on keeping the Meeting Directory on our website up-to-date with regard to deaths and members that have transferred away. The password for the protected parts of the web-site is: "thatofGodineveryperson"

Andy Burt said that the usual first Sunday lunch in December will feature table cloths and other decorations along with pot-luck contributions from attendees in addition to the usual soup. Friends will be invited to contribute seasonal potluck items.

James Matlack, Recording Clerk