

Midcoast Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship with Concern for Business
JULY 19, 2026

Nine Friends gathered in silent worship before Clerk Guy Marsden opened the session. MINUTES from the May Meeting for Business were approved.

DIANE DICRANIAN reported briefly on the orphanage in Uganda which some Friends have helped to support. There are difficulties in documenting expenditures from donated funds. Clearly the institution is overwhelmed by additional orphans but Diane said that funding arrangements will have to be cut off unless there is greater clarity as to expenses.

BRUCE ROCKWOOD reported for the FINANCE COMMITTEE. The annual pledge letter has gone out. Bruce urged Friends to reply promptly to assist in future budget planning. He noted a recent payment for yard work at the Meeting House.

JIM MATLACK was asked to draft a public statement on behalf of the meeting to express our strong critique of the ongoing behavior of Federal officials--notably I.C.E. and Border Patrol--as they continue abusive round-ups of vulnerable persons with the goal of deporting as many of them as possible. Gross violations of personal rights and public laws are involved. In worst cases violence has led to deaths as in the recent shooting in Biddeford, Maine.

Advance approval is was given for the text that will emerge to be made public with the hope that it may appear in area newspapers.

A special BarBQ meal is planned for Sunday, August 16th after regular meeting. Friends are invited to bring an array of foods to supplement burgers and other grilled items. Arrangements will be made for vegan selections.

At the close of Meeting for Business the Annual Meeting of the Corporation of Midcoast Friends Meeting was held and concluded.