

Minutes from Monteux Associates Meeting
July 29, 2025
4:30 at Tamarack Place

The members who were present introduced themselves. Alice Cochran's new email address is Alicecochran2025@gmail.com. The minutes from the June 6, 2025 meeting were approved. If you were not present or did not have your record of volunteer hours completed please send it to Joann Williams, PO Box 369, Winter Harbor, ME 04693 or email it to her at joannkwilliams@yahoo.com. These hours are important when requesting grants.

Clynk Bags: Students often do not understand the difference between "redeemable" and "recyclable" so items end up in the Clynk Bags that should not be there. Bill will develop some visuals to help clarify the difference and will address this with the students at the beginning of the season. He has been picking up the bags from all the locations twice a week. Thank you so much, Bill.

Campus Work Day: This year the Work Day was postponed because of bad weather. We discussed the idea of not having one formal Work Day in 2026 but will instead have different "activity days". Since we now have a professional cleaner the work that needs to be done has shifted and much of it now centers around landscaping or major projects. Trees need to be cut at the Simpson House but a professional will be hired to do that and landscaping at the various locations can be done well in advance of the student arrivals. Also, specific projects can be tackled ahead of time. As Spring draws nearer we can develop timetables for these tasks. Mary will deliver supplies to the dorms. After all is completed we do need a crew to go around and do a final check on things like power, water, linens, and light bulbs.

Student Arrivals and Departures: Everything went well this year. There were no late arrivals and of course there were some delays but nothing major. Many thanks to Doug and Lorraine for organizing these and of course to Stan for gathering the information from the students.

Welcome Supper: Dianne was very organized and all went smoothly. Thanks to everyone who contributed food. Please bring disposable containers if at all possible to eliminate keeping track of members' dishes and having to return them. Tiffany is considering having a Home Depot truck come to the campus the first Monday morning to offer coffee and food items.

Sectional Dinners: Thanks to Mary Vauthy for once again organizing everything. Some of the members who normally host a section were unable to do so this year plus some of the counts shifted around at the last minute but Mary found other volunteers. The students really enjoy getting together early in the Festival. There is a continuing problem in obtaining information about food specifics early enough in the week to determine a menu that will work so it was decided to collect that data at the Welcome Supper as the students are getting their name tags. Mary will develop a document to obtain info about food/pet allergies or issues and then share it with the sectional hosts. That first week is very full of activities so hopefully this will help. Kyle is the point person for any food issues so if any questions arise please check with him at k.ritenauer@gmail.com.

Bicycles: We had 13 bicycles this year and that seems to be a good number. They are all hung in the shed for the winter. As the bikes age and need to be discarded we want to replace them with ones that have thicker tires. There were a couple of bike accidents this year. Thanks to Mike who repaired all of the bikes early and Jane for being available to help.

Student Activities: Apparently the students were happy with their activities outside of the music festival. Mike's wood turning workshops continue to be a favorite. Thanks to everyone who was able to spend time with the students. This is what makes the Monteux School and Music Festival special.

Suggestions For Next Year: Alice Cochran has volunteered to take leftover food to Loaves and Fishes.

Thanks again for all that you do.

Mary

