

Vestry Minutes

5/10/2016

PRESENT: Michel LaLiberte, Senior Warden; Barbara, Junior Warden; Gloria Mansfield.

GUESTS: The Right Rev. Thomas Ely, Bishop of Vermont; The Rev. Beth Hilgartner, Diocesan Companion; The Rev. Steve Fuller, The Rev. Charles Mansfield, Robert Bowler

CALL TO ORDER at 4:35 pm. Opening Prayer: Barbara

ITEMS WE NEED TO ACCEPT

Motion to accept the minutes from 12 April 2016 as written made by Gloria, seconded by Michel, approved.

ITEMS / REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- I. **Treasurer's/ Bookkeeper's Report:** Kallie has paid another \$1500 into Warming Shelter account in May. Eric cleaned up trash in cemetery. Michel has a possible new rental.
- II. **Immanuel Retreat Center & Stone Church Arts:** The program is feeling increasingly solid. Rent is paid through April.
- III. **Community Closet:** We had less income in April due to Bag Sale. Lisa, Diana and Michel have been doing a lot—Michel has made more racks and shelves.
- IV. **Buildings and Grounds:** Barbara has not seen Nancy McAuliffe to talk about Easter flowers and island circle garden where the flowers need to be dug up and the sink hole there filled in. Michel has cut vines and needs to cut more. There are vines also growing in lilacs across the street. Also, we still need to fill in old community garden when he fills in sink hole in island.
- V. **Worship Committee:** At the meeting, they discussed the new schedule.

ITEMS FOR ACTION / DISCUSSION

(Old Business)

- I. **Cemetery Vandalism & Security Cameras:** Done..
- II. **Yard Sale:** No comment.
- III. **Old Signs in Barn:** Michel found the owners of a sign that was stored in Barn. They are in Hartford and it was stored in third bay during hurricane. They may call the office. The other sign is for White Funeral Home.
- IV. **Autoharp:** It is not a dulcimer by an autoharp. Saxtons River School wanted it and it was donated to their music program.
- V. **Additional Paint Found:** This paint is still good.

VI. Other: 1) TREE BRANCHES IN LOWER PARKING LOT: One of the branches of the tree fell into the lower parking lot. And Michel took it away. The Middle School Principal promised to take care of it and other branches. 2) NUNS OF THE ORDER OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE: Nothing has happened with this. 3) Warming Shelter Funds: The majority of the funds pledged for the Warming Shelter have been transferred to the dedicated bank account.

(New Business)

- I. Publicize Community Closet Donations to Nigeria:** We donated 60 – 100 pairs of jeans. Michel asked that a note be sent to the papers, but they have not gotten back to Michel about this.
- II. Room Rental Costs:** Vestry will review the rental schedule at the next meeting. Put on the agenda for next meeting and present it in writing. Beau will also present a draft policy on renting space for the next meeting which will include cleaning deposit, use of extra day for setup, leaving room as it was found, etc. Also update wedding brochure to include a cleaning deposit.
- III. Other:** 1) BETH'S ROLE: The Companion piece and Letter of Agreement do not need to be renewed until 2017, but the Bishop wanted to check in. How is it going? Beth serves as connection between the local and more than local. Are we planning more than a year out? The Vestry affirmed that it is happy with the agreement. 2) POSITION DESCRIPTIONS FOR PARISH ADMINISTRATOR AND SCA-IRC DIRECTOR: The documents need to be dated. We will review them at the next meeting with any needed revisions such as office hours. 3) THE REV. BRUCE MACDUFFIE: What is Bruce's relationship with the LMST. Bruce is licensed as a priest but not canonically resident in the Diocese. 4) BAPTISMAL MINISTRY MODEL AT IMMANUEL: When the time is right and Beth is present, we need to look at the model we have in place before the LMST disappears from attrition.

PRAYER NEXT MONTH: _____

CLOSING PRAYER: Barbara

ADJOURNED: 7:00 pm

NEXT MEETING: 14 June, 4:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Bowler