

## Vestry Minutes

### 12 April 2016

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

**GUESTS:** Robert Bowler, Rev. Bruce MacDuffie

**CALL TO ORDER** at 4:35 pm. Opening Prayer: Gloria

#### ITEMS WE NEED TO ACCEPT

***Motion** to accept the minutes from 8 March 2016 as written made by Gloria, seconded by Michel, approved.*

#### ITEMS / REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- I. **Treasurer's/ Bookkeeper's Report:** Beau needed to do the financial report this time because Kallie ran out of time on Sunday. Plate Offerings are up. Buildings Maintenance expenses are up even though we increase the budget each year. ***Motion** to move expense for new Fire Panel from Buildings Maintenance to Capital Buildings made by Gloria, seconded by Barbara, approved.* We will need to pay dedicated funds for Warming Shelter if current possibility for purchasing their permanent home comes through.
- II. **Immanuel Retreat Center & Stone Church Arts:** the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter financial report was presented to Vestry. Four events taking place this weekend are all happening. The film Friday night is sold out.
- III. **Community Closet:** Volunteers say they will come and help, but do not show up. Michel won't be helping Saturdays for a while. Ralph fixed the floor. Income is low because of Bag Sale. Michel has sold some things on EBay.
- IV. **Buildings and Grounds:** The leak was solved and fixed by James Plumbing and Heating. It was the cold water feed from the supply closet in Undercroft that goes under the foundation. There have been three instances of cemetery vandalism this year already. Eric Clark has done the Spring cleanup. Michel also picked up a bag of trash. Liz's compost bin was thrown over the bank. Nancy McAuliffe will take care of the flower pots in the Barn garage bay; she has a key. Michel has taken 40-50 gallons of paint to recycling. There are 20-40 gallons more to take. Michel will talk to Bellows Falls Middle School Principle about overhanging branches. Michel also cleaned lower parking lot.
- V. **Worship Committee:** There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 21 at 5:30 pm.

#### ITEMS FOR ACTION / DISCUSSION

##### (Old Business)

- I. **Retreat House Garage Cleaning:** The Mansfields will buy the wood, now split and stacked in garage, from the retreat center.
- II. **The Quran:** The Bishop asked the Vestry to reconsider the past vote on the Quran received from CAIR. Michel recused himself. ***Motion** to reverse vote and accept the gift of the Quran from CAIR, made by Gloria, seconded by Barbara, approved with one abstention*

**(New Business)**

- I. Out of Date Fire Extinguishers:** We have seven that Michel has a question about. He will try to be present when Green Mountain Fire comes to do its annual check this month. Bellows Falls Fire Department has asked us to donate them to the department. Vestry agrees.
- II. Wood in the Retreat House Garage:** Done
- III. Community Closet floor repair:** Done. Can more caution tape be added to the rise/step of the new floor?
- IV. Cemetery Vandalism:** Report from Police is incomplete. Cameras on the school did not pick up the vandal(s). We can consider motion sensor cameras for the cemetery. Michel thinks three will cost less than \$500.
- V. Assistant Fire Marshal and New Fire Panel:** There is a new state assistant fire marshal who was here to approve the new fire panel. He noticed several things needing to be done in the church (unrelated to fire panel) so Michel suggested he go outside where he found the fire alarm call box on the short telephone pole (see below).
- VI. Yard Sale:** No discussion
- VII. Old Signs in Barn:** Shall Michel sell them? He will pursue selling at least one.
- VIII. Wilks Fund Endowment Management:** We will stay with New Hampshire Trust Company.
- IX. Replace fire box on pole outside:** That pole is scheduled to be removed, but, because we own it, we have to move the box. We have at least a year to relocate the box.
- X. OTHER:** 1) Ceiling tiles in women's bathroom in Undercroft need to be put back. Ralph can do that. 2) Peggy Crane's auto harp belongs to the church because she left it here for the church ministry at what was McGirr's nursing home. Would Peggy's family like it? Bruce suggested seeing if the music teacher at Westminster Center School would like it. 3) Possible rental of Currier Hall rooms has not happened.

**PRAYER NEXT WEEK:** Barbara

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Gloria

**ADJOURNED:** 6:25 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** 10 May, 4:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Bowler