

Vestry Minutes

8 March 2016

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

GUESTS: Robert Bowler, Rev. Steve Fuller

CALL TO ORDER at 4:32 pm. Opening Prayer: Barbara

ITEMS WE NEED TO ACCEPT

Motion to accept the minutes from 9 February 2016 as written made by Michel, seconded by Gloria, approved.

ITEMS / REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- I. **Treasurer's/ Bookkeeper's Report:** Kallie now produces the report and pays the bills. Are we going to catch up on assessment? Kallie did pay November's assessment. Building repairs, including for Community Closet, are paid from the church's operating fund. The majority of the expenses for Buildings and Grounds for February was for the new fire alarm panel (\$3,200).
- II. **Immanuel Retreat Center & Stone Church Arts:** We had to cancel the Lenten Retreat scheduled for last weekend for one week in advance we had only two people registered. This is because we lose money on catering costs if we have fewer than five people. By the time the workshop had been scheduled to start, we had five people wanting to attend, but it was too late. Since it is a Lenten retreat, it is not being rescheduled, but I have scheduled a three session evening class on the same topic. The Fiddle Frenzy is next Friday which is usually our best attended concert in the regular season. Eugene Friesen's summer workshops should provide good income. He has five scheduled and one is a week-long.
- III. **Community Closet:** Sales have gone down a lot since January. Bathing suits and shorts were put out. Floor tiles in the Closet are breaking in certain places. Beau will ask Ralph to take a look and see what he can do.
- IV. **Buildings and Grounds:** The church ramp needs work after it stops freezing. There are tree branches hanging over the Middle School building. The school's maintenance department will take care of it. Can we get brighter lights in Sacristy? Beau will ask Ralph to take care of that.
- V. **Worship Committee:** Patrick and Vicky have agreed to be part of the Lectionary preaching group Bruce has planned. Bruce says it is getting off the ground.

ITEMS FOR ACTION / DISCUSSION

(New Business)

- I. **Retreat House Garage Cleaning:** Michel and his son will split the wood and stack it along the back wall. Beau will go through the bags of linens.
- II. **Possible Rental of Currier:** *Motion to explore and pursue the possibility of a rental agreement with two sisters of the Order of St. Mary Magdalene, made by Michel, seconded by Barbara, approved.*
- III. **Keys for church buildings:** It would be too expensive to re-key all the locks, but we do need to get more office keys somehow. Steve will inquire at Aubuchon Hardware.
- IV. **Full historical financials from SCA/IRC:** Michel requested these. Beau provided four years' worth. Michel will be looking through them.
- V. **Beth's Companion Visits:** Beth will not be doing any supply, only her quarterly visitations.
- VI. **Timeliness of Vestry Minutes:** vestry asked Beau to get the minutes done and distributed by the Friday after the meeting.
- VII. **Quran Received from CAIR:** Michel did some research and he reported: "CAIR was started by Hezbollah, a terrorist organization." "They never condemn terrorist attacks." "It says CAIR in the Quran they sent us and if we accept it we are saying it's ok. So we should send it back. *Motion to send it back made by Michel, seconded by Barbara, approved.* A Vestry member will draft a cover letter for consideration at our next meeting.
- VIII. **Other: Easter Flowers:** Gloria will order from Keheller's.

PRAYER NEXT WEEK: Gloria

CLOSING PRAYER: Barbara

ADJOURNED: 6:22 pm

NEXT MEETING: 12 April, 4:00 pm meet with Paul Copeland from NH Trust Co.,
4:30 pm Vestry

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Bowler