

**Vestry Minutes**  
**9 February 2016**

**PRESENT:** Michel LaLiberte, Senior Warden; Barbara, Junior Warden; Gloria Mansfield.  
**GUESTS:** Robert Bowler, Rev. Bruce MacDuffie

**CALL TO ORDER** at 4:06 pm. Opening Prayer: Michel

**ITEMS WE NEED TO ACCEPT**

*Motion to accept the minutes from 5 January 2016 as written made by Gloria, seconded by Barbara, approved.*

**ITEMS / REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

- I. **Treasurer's/ Bookkeeper's Report:** The Unit Trust distribution designated for Altar Guild is split 50/50 between Altar Fund and Flower Fund. Vestry discussed the investments/management of the Wilks Fund. There were many questions. Beau will try to make an appointment with Paul Copeland, Wilks Fund manager with New Hampshire Trust Company, at 4 pm, Tuesday, 8 March.
- II. **Immanuel Retreat Center & Stone Church Arts:** The new floor in the upstairs bedroom that was flooded was installed. SCA-IRC paid for it. This ate up the five month's cushion. We need to get a written quote on windows. Ralph can take saw horses in closet to basement of retreat center.
- III. **Community Closet:** They have cleaned up and put up more shelves. Lisa wants to come in and fix what Michel has done. They gave away about a quarter of what they sold. They have an excess of baby clothes and dungarees. We can list the Closet in calendars of Eagle Times, Reformer, and Commons.
- IV. **Buildings and Grounds:** All the lights have been fixed and replaced in Undercroft, and outdoor light sensor floods. The chancel peak light back by the font needs to be replaced.
- V. **Worship Committee:** Bruce proposed a preaching group, meeting monthly, or less often, gathering for "oral tradition method" of Bible study. It involves a particular form of prayer and a respectful way of working together to study the lectionary. Following group study, participants are free to discuss what might be helpful for the congregation to hear in Bruce's sermons. Group members would then reach out to parish members about the reading. We hope it will increase Sunday attendance. Group members also make an agreement to talk with same parish members again and report back to Bruce. Parish members remain anonymous.

**ITEMS FOR ACTION / DISCUSSION**

**(New Business)**

- I. **Other: 1) Sponsorship:** When Beth was here, they talked about getting our name out in the community by sponsoring a sports team or scout group. It would mean funds used from Community Closet. **3) Quran:** Michel asked the Vestry to seriously consider returning the Quran we received from CAIR.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Michel

**ADJOURNED:** 6:03 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** 8 March 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Bowler