

Vestry Minutes

9 August 2016

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

GUESTS: Robert Bowler.

CALL TO ORDER at 4:37 pm.

OPENING PRAYER: Beau.

ITEMS WE NEED TO ACCEPT

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

ITEMS / REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- I. **Treasurer's / Bookkeeper's Report:** Office expenses seem high, but are as per usual. We saved about \$14,000 on heating fuel because of the credit we have with James due to last year's mild winter. Aubochon's bill has no invoice(s) attached. We need receipts from purchases turned into the office so they can be filed and referred to. Warming Shelter funds are all in Money Market account.
- II. **SCA-IRC:** Beau is relieved July is over, the busiest month all year. Most workshops were well attended but one was not. Eugene may cancel Your Rhythm Your Life workshop at the end of the month because there aren't enough people signed up. Judi Byron, our harpist, has a concert and workshop in November. The Order of Ecumenical Franciscans, Northeast Region, are renting the retreat center in November as well.
- III. **Community Closet:** Diana is okay continuing. Income is down but otherwise the Closet is doing fine.
- IV. **Buildings & Grounds:** Ralph still needs to fix stairs to lower parking lot. We had the Husqvarna mower delivered from Browns in Londonderry. We are waiting for a quote from DiBernardo to survey the property line from the cemetery gate to Northeast corner of cemetery. Michel is still trying to get permissions from cemetery abutters to cut trees or for Green Mountain Power to cut trees on their property for firewood project. McAuliffe's have done flower garden between Retreat House and Currier. There is work to be done by ramp in front of church and on island in parking lot.
- V. **Worship Committee:** No change.

ITEMS FOR ACTION / DISCUSSION

(Old Business)

- I. **Cemetery: Update on Cameras:** Michel wanted cameras installed last week. Ralph needs to install them.
- II. **Cemetery: What do with wood currently cut:** Vestry decides where the extra firewood in garage and wood still to be cut will go. We will ask Parks Place or Our

Place to make suggestions of people in need. **Motion** that extra wood in garage and wood still to be cut go to people in need and Vestry will make final decision.

IV. Update on Flowers: Already discussed.

V. Other: *Church Growth:* Kallie invited a couple to come to church. Also, Bonnie from wedding has a big family and would also like to start attending and has lots of ideas. *Vestry Meeting Times:* Michel has a new job and can't make 4:30 meetings on Tuesdays. We tentatively changed the next meeting time to 6:00 pm. *Hymns:* The hymns on Sundays are often unknown and hard to sing. This topic will be raised at the next Worship Committee meeting.

(New Business)

I. Musicians for Sunday Services: Michel recommends we reduce the number of services with music by half. The money coming in does not cover the cost. **Motion** to get recommendation from Worship Committee on this issue made by Michel, seconded by Gloria, approved.

II. Other: 1) *The letters the Vestry received from Eugene Friesen and Liz Rogers* were discussed. Michel agreed that issues regarding Stone Church Arts and Immanuel Retreat Center will go through Beau. 2) *Mirror donated to church* needs to go down to Community Closet with price of \$50. Michel could take it down to auctioneers. When they delivered it they said it is a gift to the church and not to be sold. Michel will talk to Steve about that. 3) Michel put an ad on Craig's List to rent Library. Michel did receive a response back from the Chancellor to rent to a nonprofit group at a reasonable cost.

CLOSING PRAYER: Beau

ADJOURNMENT: 5:52 pm.

NEXT MEETING: 13 September, 6 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Bowler