



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Vestry Minutes

December 12, 2016

6:30 pm

Parish Hall

Present: Chip Langley, Fr. Derrick Hill, Rev. Taylor Dinsmore, Sarah McKenzie, Buffie Harper, Nancy Ruby, Uno Avisto, John MacCoon, Dan Durant, Tonda Rawls, Bill Chimley, Rick Sommer, John Leavens, Judith Miller, Cathy Pyron, Cathy Robbins

Absent: Kitty Kay, Blake Murchison, Beth Hackett, Tony Hullender

Meditation for Vestry Meeting – Dwelling on the Word (Sarah McKenzie) – Living local and joining God. There was reading and discussion of Luke 10: 1-12.

We opened with prayer.

- **Visioning focus** – Stewardship focus (led by Fr. Derrick) There was discussion of the purpose of the Vestry, and the organization of the resources and budgeting. There was a 6.7% increase in attendance between 2015 and 2016. There has been approximately 4% growth in giving.
 - December 7, 2015 – \$618,634 pledged
 - December 5, 2016 - \$671,499 with 164 cards submitted (avg. 4100/pledge)) 30 are new pledgers.
 - Budget differences - there was a 6.5% increase from 2015. In 2017, a 6.2% increase is anticipated.
 - Capital needs- accessibility (elevator), safety, deferred maintenance, dated facilities, drainage issues need to be addressed. A capital improvements committee was created at the end of 2015, and ideas have been produced. 2 phases of addressing capital needs have been proposed. Phase 1, already achieved, successfully addressed the most pressing safety issues (Parish Hall) and drainage issues. Phase 2, currently under consideration, addresses deferred maintenance, accessibility issues, and dated facilities (choir area, nave, elevator, community space, restrooms, kitchen).
 - Planned giving

Staff Highlight – none

Consent Agenda November minutes, treasurer's report, balance sheet, annual meeting minutes. There was an email vote on Friday, December 9, approving the serving of wine at the EfM pre-Christmas potluck on Tuesday, December 13.

Nancy Ruby stated that we are good shape with pledging income and plate income for December.

Sarah McKenzie moved to accept the consent agenda, John MacCoon seconded, all approved.

Items for Decision & Discussion

1. **Election of Wardens.**– John MacCoon as Senior Warden, Bill Chimley as Junior Warden. Cathy Pyron moved, Cathy Robbins seconded. All approved.
2. **Motion for voluntary commitment to Diocese of East Tennessee** – \$92,733 is proposed. Judith Miller moved to accept, John MacCoon seconded, all approved.
3. **Scout Sunday will be February 5** –The Cub Scouts from St. Tim’s are invited to join us in worship.
4. **Flooding at the house** – Dan Durant informed us that with a recent heavy rain, the drain across the street from the house got plugged up with leaves, blocking it. There was flooding primarily in the garage. Improvement of the inlet for the drain across the street is needed. There will be investigation of who is responsible for this.
5. **Vestry retreat** – It is proposed to stay in town this year, and it occur January 27 and 28.

6. **Staff Holiday gifts** – proposed is the same as last year. \$400 for full time staff, \$200 for part-time staff. Sarah Mackenzie moved to accept, Dan Durant seconded, all approved.

7. **Resolution to allow BYOB with potluck dinner after Bluegrass service monthly** – this would allow this to be approved without having to keep voting each month. Judith Miller moved to accept, Cathy Robbins seconded, all approved.

Rector's Report

- Fr. Derrick proposes that the Vestry get in the habit of sending thank you notes monthly to parishioners that have done something notable or extraordinary. Notes were signed.
- Thank you to the departing Vestry members – Sarah McKenzie, Dan Durant, Uno Avisto, and Blake Murchison.

Wardens' Reports –

- Orientation materials for the new Vestry members will be distributed soon.

Other Business- none

Closing Worship – p. 134-135 Prayer book Compline

We adjourned at 8:15 pm.