



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
Feb. 12, 2018

Present: Bill Chimley, Buffie Harper, Gary Critser, Cathy Robbins, Chip Langley, Rick Sommers, John Leavens, Bill Steverson, Beth Hackett, Kitty Kay, Judith Miller, Ginger Williams, Derrick Hill, Taylor Dinsmore

Absent:

Opening: Father Derrick opened with a prayer and scripture from II Timothy for the Feast of St. Timothy.

Consent Agenda: Cathy Robbins made the motion to approve the December and January Minutes; Buffie Harper seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Visioning Focus: Bill Chimley opened discussion about the Benjamin Zander Leadership video. Kitty felt the video was very positive and encouraging. Classical music and the church are both built on a vision. Buffie added that the video reminds us that we need to listen to things over and over and try to find a new message each time. Bill Steverson picked up on the metaphor of church. The Vestry should be like a conductor of a symphony. We should be about leading, as a conductor does with a symphony. Kitty made the comment that we should make the whole congregation aware of this video.

Items for Discussion & Decision:

1. The 2017 Final Treasurer's report was handed out. There was discussion on the report itself. Derrick reported there was a \$53,332.00 shortfall in our 2017 pledges. The plate offering was \$55,596. There was discussion regarding our Diocesan Pledge and what part of it goes for outreach and who does it serve. There was debate whether we should give our Diocesan Pledge a separate line item rather than put it under the Outreach umbrella.
2. 2018 Annual Stewardship:
 - A. We have 166 pledges received for a total of \$682,974. Bill Steverson, Buffie Harper and Bill Chimley have made telephone calls to parishioners with outstanding 2018 pledges. St. Timothy's has eleven new pledging units for 2018.
 - B. 8 Ministry Sundays in 2018 – Buffie reported to the Vestry that we are working on highlighting some of the Outreach Ministries we support and will use the plate

offering that Sunday to fulfill our Outreach funds. Hosanna House is to be our first Outreach Ministry to be highlighted.

3. **Bylaw Revisions:** There was discussion whether to revise certain aspects of our bylaws. In accordance with Article III in our bylaws, we will reflect on the possible revisions over the next 30 days and vote at our March Vestry meeting.

Rector's Report: Father Derrick informed the Vestry of a parishioner's donation for the purchase of a 15-passenger bus. Derrick thanked the Vestry for all their energy, engagement and feedback.

Warden's Report: Bill Chimley spoke briefly on the happenings at the Convention. He relayed some of the speeches heard at convention; one example was Dr. McSwain speaking about the Bible, baptism, Eucharist and being disciples. It was a good convention. The Bishop is very committed to growing the church. Bill Steverson is going to supply the Vestry with a synopsis of the convention. The three transitional deacons ordained were very young, which showed Bill S. that our diocese is growing! Taylor reported that the Standing Committee has been interviewing young prospective priests.

Other Business:

1. BUAT Campaign - A letter from Bess Steverson and Bill Chimley, thanking everyone for their support, was reviewed by the Vestry. This letter will update the congregation on the Campaign. A pledge card will be placed in the letter of each parishioner who has not turned in a pledge card. There was discussion on what we are going to do going forward. It was agreed that we need to inform the congregation what could be done with the pledges we have currently received, possibly by showing pictures of the different areas that will be affected.

Closing: Father Derrick closed with The Song of Simeon.