



**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
February 11, 2019**

Present: Taylor Dinsmore, Bill Steverson, John Leavens, Rick Sommer, Beth Hackett, Buffie Harper, Gary Critser, Blake Pogue, Allison Cross, Ginger Williams, Eric Goddard, Kitty Kay

Absent: Derrick Hill, Ed Novak

Opening: Taylor opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: The January minutes were reviewed. Rick Sommer made a motion to accept the January minutes; Gary Critser seconded the motion. The January minutes were unanimously approved.

Items for Discussion & Decision:

1. Stewardship –

- a. **BUAT** - Buffie informed the Vestry that Bill Wilkerson will present an updated architectural plan either at a called Vestry Meeting or at the March Vestry Meeting.
- b. **Annual Giving - \$687, 003** collected to date. A reminder email went out to parishioners with outstanding pledges. Gary passed around the outstanding pledge list. Each Vestry member took on the responsibility of contacting one or more. There was discussion on how to effectively get the word out on “how and why to pledge.” Gary and the Stewardship Team suggested the Stewardship drive start in June. They want to give a budget in the beginning and have a visual display as the pledges come in. John Leavens made a motion to move the pledging season to begin in July and end September 30. Bill Steverson asked to amend this motion to develop an extensive approach to stewardship communication. Bill Steverson seconded the motion made by John Leavens. It was passed.
- c. **Digital Giving Solutions** – Blake Pogue distributed information regarding a new way to approach giving to the church, e.g., giving by text, swiping a card, smartphone, Kiosk. He explained some of the pros and cons to each. He recommends not just using one source of giving but possibly multiple ways. John Leavens made a suggestion to start a trial alternate

giving technique. Buffie is going to compile a group, that will include Blake Pogue, to implement this process.

d. Planned Giving – Gary has contacted Cary Haney regarding the endowment fund. He is going to research what endowments the church has and if we can utilize these funds.

2. Formation – Rick Sommer reported on the Diocesan Convention and the different ways we are becoming energized within the Diocese. He reported on the various Affinity breakout sessions that occurred. The theme for the Convention was Reconciling All Things in Christ. He reported that one of St. Timothy's parishioners led the Affinity group on Civil Discourse.

3. Community – Beth Hackett reported the Community Visioning Team met to discuss monthly parish life activities and Ministry Sunday outreach opportunities.

4. Other Business – Bill Steverson handed out a Vestry Selection Proposal. He asked each Vestry member to read the proposal and be prepared to discuss and vote on it at an upcoming Vestry Meeting.

Closing Worship: Taylor closed the meeting with Compline.