



**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
June 11, 2018**

Present: Bill Chimley, Buffie Harper, Rick Sommer, John Leavens, Bill Steverson, Beth Hackett, Gary Critser, Cathy Robbins, Judith Miller, Derrick Hill, Taylor Dinsmore; Gordon Davis (parishioner)

Absent: Kitty Kay, Chip Langley, Ginger Williams

Opening: Father Derrick opened the meeting with a prayer.

Review & Approval of Minutes: Bill Steverson made a motion to approve the May minutes, John Leavens seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Items for Discussion & Decision:

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Cathy Robbins reported we are doing well receiving 2018 pledges. Hopefully we can keep this momentum going through the summer months. Approximately \$2,500 was collected for the Children's Nutrition Program, highlighted at our last Ministry Sunday.
- 2. Capital Campaign:** Derrick reported the public portion of the campaign has closed. We have \$1,778,290 to date. A meeting with Bill Wilkerson took place on May 15th. At that meeting he presented preliminary work for alternate designs. Everyone who attended this meeting was very encouraged. Derrick is optimistic that we can break ground summer 2019.
- 3. Proposed Calendar:** A proposed 2018/2019 calendar was distributed. There was discussion of a few annual dates that have been changed; the Bishop's visit will be January 6th this year as opposed to the last Sunday in January, as it has been in the past.
- 4. Water Drainage Issue:** There was excessive water flow down the driveway of the rental house. Derrick met with Mrs. Hopper, head of public works, for Signal Mtn. Derrick made several suggestions to fix this problem. The town is open to making changes to water flow.
- 5. How a Vestry Should Function:** Bill Steverson has talked with three other churches regarding their Vestries. St. Paul's elects their Vestry in the same way St. Timothy's does. Two other churches have their Vestry select 4 candidates and

present them to the church as a whole. This is a way to approach parishioners as an award, not a punishment. One church has their Senior Warden serve a 4th year term for continuity. Some churches have a youth representative on the Vestry. Derrick will research the history of the Vestry being sworn in rather than commissioned. There was discussion on Vestry members serving 4 years.

Rector's Report:

Community: Taylor spoke to the Vestry regarding Pastoral Care. Cathy Robbins has been the Vestry liaison. Taylor distributed information and a brochure, St. Paul's Shepherds, about Pastoral Care in their parish. It is a comprehensive way of caring for people in your parish. Lay ministers keep in touch with a particular segment of the congregation. They function much like a neighborhood watch. This is a two-year training ministry. Derrick asked all Vestry members to think about this and discuss it further at our August meeting.

Derrick showed a video of Sawyerville Day Camp. A camp for underprivileged youth in Greensboro, AL. This camp impacts more Episcopal youth in Alabama than any other event. Allison Kendrick, the Parish Administrator at St. Albans, served at Sawyerville. She would like to get something like this started in Chattanooga. She is involved with the Renaissance Day Camp this summer and would like us to join with her in making this a success.

Stewardship: October 20th is our next scheduled Parish Forum. Derrick would like our Community Group to speak at that formation.

Warden's Report:

Buffy and Derrick met with Darrington Crane regarding Gifts and Talents. The classes will begin Sept. 13 and go through October 18th. They will take place on Thursday evenings. The individuals that go through this class will be recognized at the October Forum. Ginger Williams will also be working with this program.

Bill Chimley distributed handouts from past emails. He reviewed Vestry elections and how we select a Vestry. If any changes need to be made, we need to change them in the By-Laws. The way we change the mindset of what it is to be on the Vestry starts with us. The list of potential candidates from last year were handed out. A spreadsheet regarding the Capital Campaign and what we want versus what we can afford was included. He asked that we review this spreadsheet and think of anything we might add to the list or questions we might have.

Other Business: Derrick and Beverly will host dinner for all Vestry, Staff and their significant others on Thursday night, July 26th.

Closing Worship: Taylor closed with the Litany of Healing.