



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
May 14, 2018

Present: Bill Chimley, Buffie Harper, Chip Langley, Rick Sommer, John Leavens, Bill Steverson, Beth Hackett, Kitty Kay, Derrick Hill, Taylor Dinsmore, Cathy Robbins

Absent: Gary Critser, Ginger Williams, Judith Miller

Opening: Father Derrick opened the meeting with prayer.

Consent Agenda: Bill Chimley made a motion to approve the April minutes. Buffie Harper seconded the motion, and the April minutes were unanimously approved.

Items for Discussion & Decision:

- 1. Church Life App:** Elizabeth Burns gave an overview of the Church Life App which will give a full church directory and calendar for St. Timothy's. This can be accessed from any smartphone.
- 2. Parish Forum:** Derrick asked for feedback regarding the April Forum. Kitty Kay relayed what she had heard; parishioners would like to get more info from the architect, specifically the alternate plans and price tag. Derrick would like to schedule the next parish forum for October. Bill Steverson said he heard lots of positive responses regarding the entire forum. Bill Chimley stated the ability to record the next forum will be key.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** Cathy Robbins said they have a very engaged Finance Committee. We are ahead of pledges year to date. If we can maintain this momentum with pledges, we should be in good shape. The upcoming Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for July 18th. Rick Sommer, John Leavens, Chip Langley, Bill Chimley, Buffie Harper, Susie Deirhoi, David Head, Dave Maley and Gary Critser are on the Finance Committee.

- 4. Capital Campaign Update:** Bill Wilkerson will meet on May 15th with the Capital Campaign Committee to give alternate plans. Bob McKenzie, Dave Maley, Gary Critser, Chip Langley, Buffie Harper and Father Derrick will attend this meeting.
- 5. Church Safety Training:** Chip attended a church safety training session held by the Signal Mtn. Police Department. He informed the Vestry that the Police Department will come and do a training session for our Vestry, church staff and preschool. He distributed a handout received from the Active Shooter Training. He suggested we form a scripted plan and provide practice for all parishioners that may be in a leadership position.
- 6. Ministry Sundays:** We collected approximately \$3,000 for Hosanna House. This Sunday, May 20th, will be our second Ministry Sunday. We will highlight Children's Nutrition Program. Kemmer Anderson will be our contact. He is writing something to go out in the Weekly Announcements.

Rector's Report:

Formation: This Sunday is Formation Appreciation Sunday. Jesse Pogue will graduate as a lay catechist. She will then lead our adult confirmation class this fall. We will have two lay graduates next year. Val Gibson will be a licensed lay preacher and Elizabeth Burns will be a licensed lay catechist. Our Coffee and Conversation class will continue to meet over the summer on Sunday morning. Bill Chimley suggested we have childcare available for the adult confirmation class. Sunday evening worship was not well attended this past year. Derrick suggested trying church outside of the building: a "Pop-Up Church" that has church services Saturday evening somewhere in the community, possibly at a park, someone's home, on a hike to Rainbow Lake, or at the pavilion at Pruetts. This is a suggestion, and he would like us to pray about this unconventional option.

Community: Centennial Celebration is coming up in 2019. Ten different congregations are meeting to decide what the faith community can do to honor this time. One idea is to have church suppers at each church, and that church will be responsible for telling their story and how they were founded here on Signal Mountain. LYRA came and performed at St. Timothy's. There were approximately 40-50 people who attended. The Alexian Players will be

performing this Friday, May 18th, in the Nave. The funds raised will go to support MACC.

Warden's Report:

Bill Chimley informed the Vestry that Bill Steverson will head a study group to investigate how a vestry should work. He will be sending all Vestry members the names of the 28 people that were approached last year. He would like the Vestry to ask anyone who might be interested to join us at one of our Vestry meetings, possibly August or September's meeting.

Other Business:

Taylor informed the Vestry of the staff's calendar meeting scheduled for May 16th. Bill Chimley asked that the Vestry receive a copy of the calendar for the upcoming year.

Taylor is putting together a participation guide. This should be helpful for those interested in getting plugged into a particular ministry at St. Timothy's. She is hoping to have a copy of this on the website.

Derrick distributed the Parochial Report. He reviewed the report with the Vestry and asked for questions. Bill Steverson expressed his uneasiness with WOST and MOST having their own budget and not being included in this report. There was discussion on whether this is an issue for the Finance Committee meeting. Bill Chimley and Bill Steverson are going to work together to consider the best way to approach this issue. John Leavens made a motion to accept the Parochial Report. Cathy Robbins seconded the motion. The Parochial Report was approved.

Closing Worship: Father Derrick closed the meeting with The Song of Simeon.