



**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Minutes  
November 2018**

**Present:** Derrick Hill, Taylor Dinsmore, Bill Steverson, John Leavens, Rick Sommer, Gary Critser, Chip Langley, Beth Hackett, Cathy Robbins, Ginger Williams, Bill Chimley, Judith Miller

**Absent:** Buffie Harper, Kitty Kay

**Opening:** Derrick opened the meeting with a prayer for Veterans Day.

**Approval Of Minutes:** Bill Steverson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Rick Sommer seconded the motion. The October minutes were unanimously approved.

**Items for Discussion & Decision:**

- 1. Vestry Term Discussion** – Bill Chimley will email information that Bill Steverson has compiled from his investigation of how other Vestries work. Bill Steverson would like to use this information as a starting point for a discussion. There is not a sense of “wanting to be on the Vestry.” We need to be asking “why?” Bill Steverson proposed the Vestry nominate only 4 parishioners for the 4 positions and then send out a call to the rest of the congregation for nominations. He also suggested that we consider a youth representative.
- 2. Vestry Candidate/Election** – Bill informed the Vestry we have 4 willing candidates for our upcoming Vestry election. They were invited to Bill Chimley's for an informational meeting. The following are the four candidates: Allison Cross, Eric Goddard, Ed Novak and Blake Pogue. Bill reminded the Vestry that the annual meeting will take place November 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:15, during the Rector's Forum. He asked that all Vestry members be present at the meeting.
- 3. Pastoral Care Update** – Taylor informed the Vestry that 18 parishioners attended the Pastoral Care meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting she informed them of a new program called St. Timothy's Cares. This program empowers parishioners to be shepherds to one another. She asked each parishioner to discern whether pastoral care is something they are passionate about. She is going to ask a current shepherd at St. Paul's to come and speak with the group during their next meeting. She is estimating our church will need 8 shepherds; 2 shepherds will be specifically for our Alexian parishioners.

- 4. Building & Grounds** – Derrick reported we have had 4 serious rain events this year. During the last one we had 18 inches of rain standing in the office area downstairs. We will be moving Carly's office to room 20. We have not had flooding like this before this year. Derrick and Jabus met with the town of Signal Mtn. The town is in the process of performing a current water study of the area around St. Timothy's and the Presbyterian church.

**Rector's Report:**

- 1. Formation/Community** – Derrick informed the Vestry of the following upcoming events: December 1<sup>st</sup>: Pop Up Church will be held at the home of Dave and Brooke Maley, December 2<sup>nd</sup>: Daughters of the King will host stations of Advent, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Morning Prayer will take place every weekday during Advent. He also stated St. Timothy's has been in the press a lot, from a Pop Up Church article to a radio interview regarding our Civil Discourse Forum. Derrick played Bill Steverson's interview with NPR for the Vestry.
- 2. Ingathering Update** – The total for our 2019 Stewardship Ingathering Sunday is at \$351,868.

**Warden's Report:**

- 1. Feedback** - Bill expressed his excitement about STEPS Sunday and thanked Derrick for his sermon. Gary Critser added how he has heard many express how happy and proud they are to have both Taylor and Derrick as our clergy. Rick Sommer stated he has heard a lot of good comments after seeing the revised architectural plans.
- 2. Vestry/Staff Xmas Party** - Tentative Vestry/Staff Christmas party will be Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Other Business:** Taylor informed the Vestry that December 21<sup>st</sup> is the longest night of the year. She will host a Service of Light again this year that will be held at St. Timothy's that evening.

**Closing Worship:** Derrick closed with Night Prayer, a form of Compline.