



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Vestry Minutes (rough draft)

October 17, 2016

6:30 pm

Room 13, Urban room

Present – Uno Avisto, Taylor Dinsmore, John MacCoon, Sarah McKenzie, Cathy Pyron, Chip Langley, Dan Durant, Tonda Rawls, Nancy Ruby, Bill Chimley, Cathy Robbins, Judith Miller

Absent – Blake Murchison, Fr. Derrick Hill

We opened with a prayer.

Visioning focus - Formation

Bill Chimley reported that we are focusing to improve our education offerings for children, and well as continuing focus on adult offerings. Bill also presented a spread sheet, showing the offerings for adults, for the first half of this year. This spread sheet is posted in the downstairs hallway. He also reported on the EYC website, and the networking between the Episcopal youth in the Chattanooga area. Intergenerational connections are happening with the Rector's forum, and the Sunday night EYC offerings.

Chip Langley reported that the old SWEEPSA model is becoming less representative, due to the overlap of ministries now.

We are considering a vehicle that could be used both for youth trips and transport from Alexian.

Staff Highlight Elizabeth Burns – Grace Point this summer was a success. We had acolyte olympics this summer. There has been 2 Chatty events, and a hike during fall break. The "Holy Ghost Weenie Roast" is soon. We have more attendants than

ever at EYC on Sundays, middle and high school students. Mission trips are being discussed for next summer.

Meditation – none (we had prayer instead)

Consent Agenda minutes, treasurer's report, balance sheet, audit report. Judith Miller moved to accept, Sarah McKenzie seconded, all approved.

Items for Decision & Discussion

1. **Proposed bylaw changes** - We are obligated to stick with the current requirement that Vestry members have a majority approval, instead of just the top 4 receiving votes. We have, though, eliminated the write in votes, due to inability to vet these candidates. John MacCoon moved to accept the new rules, Chip Langley seconded, all approved.
2. **Budgeting** - Budget requests due today. Get them to Cary Haney.
3. **Vestry pledge cards** – Pledge cards will be blessed and mailed out on Oct. 22, Ingathering is Oct. 29. The Vestry has turned in their cards today.
4. **Annual reports** - due today.
5. **Vestry elections** - Tony Hullender is resigning from the Vestry due to moving to Nashville. The Vestry appointments to replace those that resign before their term is up. Rick Sommer has agreed to take his position. Sarah McKenzie moved to appoint Rick Sommer to take Tony Hullender's position, Judith Miller seconded. All approved.

We so far have 2 people who have agreed to run for the Vestry positions that are opening for 2017. We have 4 Vestry members rotating off, so we need more volunteers. The slate will be approved by the Vestry by email when it is completed.

6. **Parish Hall update** – Gutters put in today, gate at the bottom of the still not here yet. A few finishing touches are still to be done. The hall is functional now. There was discussion of the kitchen recently being cleaned up, decluttered and reorganized with labels so that it will be easy to find things. The recent closure of the kitchen for the summer was to keep it sanitary due to lack of routine use with the construction.

Rector's Report none

Wardens' Reports.

- Reminder that we need 5(4 attendees plus 1 alternate) candidates for convention delegates, to fill 1 vacancy for the finance committee, and members for the endowment committee. Cathy Robbins volunteered for the finance committee. Paul and Judith Miller, Chip and Betty Ann Langley volunteered for convention.

Other Business - none

Closing Worship – none

We adjourned at 7:55 pm.