



**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**

**Vestry Minutes**

**September 12, 2016**

**6:30 pm**

**Room 13 (Downstairs)**

**Present:** Chip Langley, Fr. Derrick Hill, Judith Miller, Taylor Dinsmore, John MacCoon, Sarah McKenzie, Cathy Pyron, Dan Durant, Blake Murchison, Nancy Ruby, Bill Chimley (via phone)

**Absent:** Tony Hullender, Tonda Rawls, Uno Avisto, Kathy Robbins

We opened with prayer.

**Staff Highlight:** none

**Consent agenda** – August minutes, treasurer's report, balance sheet John MacCoon voted to approve, Dan Durant seconded. All approved.

**Items for Decision & Discussion:**

1. **Audit approval** - all materials presented were found to be presented fairly in the report. It has been sent to the diocese. Sarah McKenzie moved to accept, Chip Langley seconded, but Judith Miller moved to table approval until it could be examined by the full Vestry.
2. **Update on stewardship campaign/vestry pledge cards distributed** – the Visioning focus in October will be Stewardship. Pledge cards will be blessed on Oct. 21, and mailed. Ingathering is Oct. 30. Possible pledge cards and cover letter were passed to the Vestry for examination. We will depend upon The Pointe as a distribution of ideas and stories.

3. **Reminder about budgeting requests** – Sarah reminded us that the deadline for requests are the next Vestry meeting, October 17.
  
4. **Update on capital improvements** – Fr. Derrick Hill estimates the playground will be open next week, floors in the next 3 weeks. Delivery of the stairs should occur by month's end. Parish hall should be ready for use on Oct. 2, for the Parish forum on that date.
  
5. **Finance committee vacancy** – we have an opening for one of the positions for next year.
  
6. **Endowment committee** – the policy allows for 5 people, serving for 3 years. We haven't had elected members for several years. We need ideas for members of this committee.
  
7. **Convention delegates** – we need ideas for nominees to these positions. We need 4 plus an alternate. Election of a new Bishop is this year, on July 18, 2017. The convention is the first week in February. We need to have names to vote on by next meeting.
  
8. **Evening service music** – "Late Church" is the new rebranding of the 5:00 pm service. Bluegrass is planned for the first Sunday of each month, with social time after. Bluegrass will also be the theme of the services for the last 2 Sundays in September. Services in September and first Sunday in October will be outside. The Blessing of the Animals is Oct. 2, as part of this service. The other 3-4 Sundays of the month, different styles of music will be presented, using one performer. These other services will be more contemplative. We will use in house performers for these services. **Motion was made to use Memorial fund for the source of funds for these services** by Sarah McKenzie, seconded by John MacCoon. All approved. It was brought up to allow individuals to bring wine for themselves if they wish at the social that is after the bluegrass services. This will need approval by the Vestry.
  
9. **Signal Santa's room use application** – This is for a fundraiser for Signal Social Service. The date is Dec. 1, from noon until 7. Sarah McKenzie voted to allow wine to be served, Dan Durant seconded, all approved.

10. **The next Vestry meeting** is October 17, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in October, instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday.

11. **Proposed bylaw changes regarding the annual meeting** – It is proposed to allow voting for Vestry at the Annual meeting be allowed to occur at all the church services, though the informational part of the meeting will be at 10:30. (Changes to Article VI) Other proposed changes: A. It is also proposed to remove the write-in allowance, since no vetting of the candidate can occur (Article VI, Section 6). B. It is proposed that if someone votes for less than 4 vestry member on his/her ballot, the votes would still be counted (Article VI, section 7). C. It is proposed to remove the majority requirement for election, instead just electing the 4 receiving the most votes (Article VI, section 9). This would eliminate Article VI, Section 10, regarding second ballots.

In the Pointe in September, we will ask for nominations from the Parish.

### **Rectors' report:**

fall program – Fr. Derrick presented a schedule for the fall for the Rector's Forum.

Program staff has come together well for the fall.

We will likely need to plan for a receptionist for the front office. We can consider volunteers initially, and then consider a part-time position in the future.

Letters of agreement for Taylor Dinsmore and Phillip Newton will be ready this week.

**Visioning focus : Community/outreach** – Judith Miller updated us after having a meeting with this group September 1. She does, though, need someone to step up to chair this committee. All funds have been spent. \$5000 was given to Project Canterbury. We need to pick a Sunday in October for a Fast Sunday for funds to be collected for Community Kitchen. We picked October 16. We will plan on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in October every year to be Fast Sunday. The plate offering from that day will go to this. . A Haiti mission trip is planned for early 2017. Many other things were mentioned.

### **Wardens' Reports:**

- Annual meeting is Nov. 13, Vestry needs to come up with contribution to the Annual report. Jenna will send a format for this.
- Nominating committee met – 21 names were submitted for consideration.

- November Pointe will have a Thanksgiving theme, including All Saints.

**Other Business:** none

**Closing worship:** Night Prayer

We adjourned at 8:20 pm.