



St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Vestry Minutes

March 14, 2016

6:30 pm

Room 13 (Downstairs)

Present: Uno Avisto, Cathy Pyron, Judith Miller, Nancy Ruby, John MacCoon, Tony Hullender, Chip Langley, Cathy Robbins, Bill Chimley, Derrick Hill

Absent: Sarah McKenzie, Tonda Rawls, Blake Murchison, Dan Durant

Staff Highlight -none

Meditation for Vestry Meeting Uno Avisto opened us with prayer.

Consent Agenda February minutes, treasurer's report, balance sheet. Chip Langley moved, Tony Hullender seconded to accept.

There was a discussion on the treasurer's report – Nancy Ruby let us know that there were a few checks written in 2015 that weren't deposited until 2016, due to being turned in late. The total for this amount is greater than \$10,000. This has added to the surplus for 2016. The fund from the Tainter Memorial fund is depleted, and we still have an obligation to the musicians for the 5 pm service until the end of May. It also was not budgeted, due to oversight, to pay Tarbell Patten for the Wednesday night services in Lent. The surplus can be used for this, but we need to pin down exact expenses.

Visioning focus – Formation (Christian Education) – Bill Chimley

The mission statement (though still unofficial) of " St. Timothy's, is the church that feeds people in body, mind and spirit" is the inspiration.

7 points:

1. **Grow** our preschool's impact on the Church and vice versa.
2. **Focus and strengthen** our multiple Christian Formation offerings.
3. **Support** our Christian formation participants and programs, many are lay led.
 - a. Implement Children's Christian Formation position – approved for 2016
 - b. Use the church office staff to help promote and communicate, increase professional appearance.

- c. Improve Youth Christian Formation - Fr. Derrick interjected the need for a full time youth leader. He will be looking into this.
- . 4. **Collaborate**– intergenerational Christian Formation experiences.
- . 5. **Improve** the total curriculum
- 6. **Expand** beyond the walls of St. Timothy’s
- 7. **Overall vision** –
 - A. Children and youth are the future.
 - B. Strengthening the offerings are the key to growing St. Timothy’s
 - C. Adult CF is primarily lay led and clergy supported.

Items for Decision & Discussion

1. **Liability Insurance** - we currently have a generous umbrella policy at \$ 20,000,000. It has been pointed out by a church insurance agent that this is more than we need. It has been recommended that we can decrease this to \$4,000,000, and increase our deductible to \$2500. This will save us significantly in insurance expenses. Judith Miller motioned to make these changes, Chip Langley seconded. All approved.
John MacCoon brought up discussion of related issue that will require discussion with our architect.

2. Facilities Use Policy –

It was discussed whether to allow exceptions in expense to our facilities use policy (established in 2015). After discussion, it was decided just to allow exceptions for “grandfathered” groups (those that were quoted prior to creating the policy).

3. Approve expense over budget for extra music: overage amount -

- . Lenten Taize \$1921

Bluegrass \$6600 (April –May and September- December) – this is the because the Tainter fund is now depleted.

Total- \$8521

Fr. Derrick suggested that we allocate \$3500 (Taize and Bluegrass through May). The Worship committee will discuss the future of the Bluegrass service soon. This was moved and seconded. All approved.

4. Our mission statement – bypass for tonight.

5. **Parish forum** – There was discussion regarding the issue of same sex marriage, and how to present the issue to the congregation.

6. New assistant – Taylor Dinsmore is starting May 1, 2016

Rector's Report

- Goal is to balance our administrative staff with program staff by the fall.
- It has been a busy month. John Talbird will be here for help on Holy Week, and to substitute in April, and a supply priest in May.

Wardens' Reports -

- Capital improvement committee formation – This group will meet ASAP. Committee: Dan Durant, Tony Hullender, Judith Miller, Dominique Gable, John MacCoon, Bob McKenzie, Jim Hall, Jim Dunbar.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.