

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
Vestry Minutes for February 19, 2019**

**Present:** Fr. Ted Koelln, Bette Dufour, Thelma Martin, Nancy Conley, Beverly Cox, Diane Mullen, Rick Kiefer, Gail Carlson, George Pawliczak

**Not Present:** Joan Allen

Fr. Ted opened the meeting with prayer at 6:55 pm.

The **Treasurer's Report** was reviewed. Beverly Cox motioned to accept the report, George Pawliczak seconded, and the motion passed.

The **Minutes** from January 22 and January 29 Vestry meetings were reviewed. Nancy Conley motioned to approve both, Gail Carlson seconded, and the motion passed.

**Interim Rector's Report:** Fr. Ted reported on those needing or receiving pastoral care. He has also spoken with our new priest and cautions us to be patient and not overwhelm her as this is a difficult time for her in the transitioning process. He is feeling and sounding better.

**Old Business:**

Bette has received a **final Diocesan assessment** for \$17,278. After discussion, Nancy Conley motioned to take the money from the Wells Fargo account and pay the bill. The motion was seconded by Gail Carlson and the motion passed. Bette will see to the transfer of the monies.

**New Business:**

The **2019 budget** has been revised. Holiday Offerings (004194) has been moved under Income at the direction of the Diocese. She has added in the salary figures for the new priest. Gail Carlson motioned to approve the revised 2019 budget, Beverly Cox seconded. The motion passed with one no vote.

The **Parochial Report** was reviewed. Thelma Martin moved to approve the submission of the report, Nancy Conley seconded, and the motion passed.

Bette reported that Rev. Jeffrey has requested a **Transition Team**. She will find out exact details and we will select a team at the next meeting. She reported that Rev. Jeffrey will be coming to Eustis on March 12 to look for a house. She has been provided transportation to and from the airport, a place to stay and a car for her use while she is here. She will be introduced by Bette at both services on March 17th and will attend our St. Patrick's luncheon after the 10:30 service.

Gail Carlson wants to investigate a **Seder Meal** on April 18 at 6:00pm. Fr. Ted has agreed to conduct the service during the meal. Gail will check on costs, tickets, etc. The stripping of the altar and the Watch of Repose will follow the meal. She will provide more details at the March meeting.

The Choir may be providing the **Easter Brunch** on April 21 between the services. Gail Carlson will work with the choir members on details and provide them at the March Meeting.

Diane Mullen reviewed the work done by the scholarship committee on the **Dickinson Scholarship Guidelines and the Mowery Scholarship Guidelines**. She ask all to review the two documents and email her with any suggestions or changes ([mullena46@gmail.com](mailto:mullena46@gmail.com)). The final guidelines will be submitted at the March meeting for approval.

Bette reported that Rev. Jeffrey would like a **photo board** in the Parish Hall. Bette will work on details for this.

Rick Kiefer reported on his visits as George Washington and how rewarding they have been. He also suggested that next pledge season we write a personal thank you note to those who pledged.

Gail Carlson volunteered to chair the Worship committee.

Thelma reported that she needs to be advised when someone needs to be visited or not while in the hospital or nursing home.

Bette received a letter from Bill Kieran volunteering to do some ward work and work with his handyman on several projects. He has also agreed to fund these projects. Bette gave the letter to George Pawliczak and both will contact Mr. Kieran.

George will plan a spring work day and let us know details at the next meeting.

Diane Mullen urged all to think about fundraising efforts that will utilize our assets and help us become more involved with the community.

Thelma Martin presented information on travel to the Holy Land. She will review these and report at the March meeting.

Rick Kiefer motioned to adjourn and George Pawliczak seconded. Fr. Ted closed with prayer at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mullen