

## **St. Thomas Episcopal Church**

### **Vestry Meeting Minutes for October 18, 2016**

**Present:** Fr. John Lipscomb, Nancy Conley, Diane Mullen, Joan Allen, Mary Shriner, George Pawliczak

Not Present: Bette Dufour, Larry Block, Thelma Martin, Janet Gizelt

Fr. John Lipscomb opened the meeting with prayer at 7:05 pm.

The **Treasurer's Report** from September was reviewed. We are in the black and doing as well as expected with a low budget and declining enrollment. Diane Mullen moved to accept the report. It was seconded by Joan Allen. The motion passed.

The **Minutes** from the September meeting were reviewed. Nancy Conley moved to accept the Minutes. It was seconded by George Pawliczak and the motion passed.

**The Rector's Report:** Fr. John and staff are preparing for the holiday services, a Thrift Shop appreciation luncheon and meetings with LEV's and ushers. His attention is on Stewardship and Stewardship Sunday is November 13. Pledge intentions have been mailed to all parishioners.

As for the state of the church, we have two new members and attendance is steady at 105-110 each Sunday. A retired priest will also be joining us. We are growing qualitatively promoting good fellowship. He would like to see a push in 2017 to improve attendance and clear up membership list. We will be working on creating a mantra of appreciation of what we have.

**New Business:** The Audit Committee has met and the only recommendation is to do a video log of current inventory and update it once a quarter. This will also be helpful for insurance purposes in case of any damages.

The Finance Committee has met and will come up with ideas for fundraising.

The Christmas Purse was discussed. Joan Allen made a motion to continue the Christmas Purse for staff bonuses this year. Mary Shriner seconded and the motion passed. Bette Dufour will announce at each service and envelopes will be put in the pews in December for this voluntary donation.

Fr. John discussed the Convention at Holy Trinity in Orlando in January. He will work on getting 2-3 Vestry and 2-3 lay members to attend with him.

**Old Business:** Pastoral Care will have an update meeting before the end of the year. Children Church needs a refurbishment. The Healing Service and Bible Study on Thursday are doing well and growing in numbers.

George Pawliczak reported that we need to do some roof repair on the roof between the Church and Wisdom Hall. He has a \$7,000 estimate for the Thrift Shop roof from Tommy Scott Roofing. We have been asking for donations for this project for several months. We need to get roof repairs done so we will search for money in the budget and may have to revisit the use of Thrift Shop funds to get the job done.

George Pawliczak submitted a request for a one time scholarship for Marie Pawliczak. Fr. John will look into funding and let us know at the next meeting.

The Bazaar is October 22 from 9:00- 2:00.

Fr. John closed the meeting with prayer at 8:00 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Diane Mullen