

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes for December 19, 2017**

Present: Fr. Ted Koelln (new Interim Rector), Bette Dufour, Rick Kiefer, Diane Mullen, Joan Allen, Thelma Martin, George Pawliczak and Nancy Conley.

Not Present: Gail Carlson and Janet Gizelt

Fr. Ted opened the meeting with a reflective prayer at 7:00 pm.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report for November was reviewed. There were several questions and Bette Dufour will consult with Lisa Labud and Marjorie Carter and provide explanations at the next meeting. Joan Allen motioned to approve the report. George Pawliczak seconded, and the motion passed.

Minutes:

The minutes from the October meeting were reviewed. There was one correction: Under Treasurer's Report the word "budget" should read "treasurer's". Rick Kiefer motioned to approve the minutes with that correction, Joan Allen seconded, and the motion was approved.

Interim Rector's Report:

Fr. Ted wanted to know what our expectations are for him as interim priest. He also had several questions about outreach and church projects, healing services at Lakeview Terrace, and the Diocesan Convention. (Attendees will possibly be Rick Kiefer and Gail Carlson from the Vestry). MOST and ECW progress were also discussed.

He reported that the Lenten program is in the planning stages, possibly on Thursdays once a week with food. He also wants to do an instructed service on the first Sunday in Lent at the 10:30 service. He would also like to look at having a Vestry retreat in the near future. We discussed what we were doing in the community and the neighborhood.

Bette Dufour reported that she had been notified about anonymous emails being sent to the Diocese. Vestry members need to discuss parish matters at the Vestry meetings so we can ensure trust and unity in our discussions and decisions. This has caused distrust and has caused the Diocese to take a closer look at our parish.

Old Business:

Christmas Purse: The disbursement of the Christmas Purse was discussed with 21% going to the Parish Administrator, 11% to the deacons, 11% to the treasurer, 11% for Nursery Worker, 5% to Organist and 5% to Sexton. The Interim Priest portion will be divided between the new Interim Priest and the discretionary fund.

Offering Tally: It has been recommended that Vestry members assist Lisa Labud in counting the offering so she does not have to do it alone. Bette Dufour, Joan Allen and Diane Mullen offered to assist. Bette will work out a schedule.

Designated Fund Payback: Bette Dufour has been notified by the Diocese that we owe \$621 from 2016, as well as what we owe from 2017. Bette has asked Lisa Labud and Marjorie Carter to review this and we will respond by February.

Scholarship: Marie Pawliczak provided her grades so we can provide her with the second installment of her scholarship funding (\$1,000).

New Business

Bette Dufour provided each member with a proposed budget for 2018. The final budget will be presented at the January Vestry meeting once all the pledges are in.

The Thrift Shop tenting was discussed. The cost is \$3,920. The earliest Massey can do it is in January and it will take three days. There has been over \$800 donated for this project and there are also monies available in Thrift Shop repairs. If the Thrift Shop is allowed to request monies from its outreach fund (one time only) for this project, it can be done in January. George Pawliczak made a motion to do this, Nancy Conley seconded, and the motion passed.

Extra monies had to be spent on the Thrift Shop, as a gas company hit the sewer line and we needed to cover plumbing repairs.

Fr. Ted announced that Bill Boyer will supply for him on January 7.

Joan Allen motioned to adjourn at 7:45, Rick Kiefer seconded and the motion passed. Fr. Ted closed with prayer.

Respectively submitted,

Diane Mullen