

## **St. Thomas Episcopal Church**

### **Vestry Meeting Minutes**

**January 17, 2017**

**Present:** Bette Dufour, Diane Mullen, Nancy Conley, Janet Gizelt, Mary Shriner, George Pawliczak, Thelma Martin, Fr. John Lipscomb, Joan Allen, Larry Block

**Not Present:** All present

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

The **Treasurer's Report** for December was reviewed. Janet Gizelt made a motion to accept the report, George Pawliczak seconded, and the motion was approved.

The **Minutes** from the December meeting were reviewed. The one correction is to change the wording in the Rector's Report to read: He is hoping to add a third service using music by Ruth King sometime early next year." Nancy Conley motioned to approve the minutes with that correction. Mary Shriner seconded, and the motion was approved.

**Rector's Report:** Fr. John reported that he has been working with Ruth King to get her more involved with church services musically. She and several others are now coming to St. Thomas because of its open and loving attitude.

### **New Business**

Bette Dufour presented the budget for 2017. She explained that the pledges were not a statement against the diocese, but as a more creative way to utilize the resources we have. After questions and discussion, Joan Allen moved to approve the 2017 budget as presented. Janet Gizelt seconded, and the motion passed. It will be presented to the parish at the Annual Parish Meeting on January 29. Bette Dufour will check into property insurance to see if we can any better quotes since it is one of the larger items in the budget.

Fr. John asked the Vestry to consider the major fundraiser, the Bazaar, for 2017. If we decide to keep this project, Bette recommended that a chairperson is needed. A decision should be made on this project by March. Other ideas for fundraisers were discussed. The ECW is having a fundraiser for ECW outreach with a Spaghetti Dinner on February 18 from 6-8 with tickets of \$7. Other possible fundraisers were discussed, such as a Live Auction or a Renewal of Vows Celebration. The Vestry decided to hold a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 28 from 5-7 in the Parish Hall. John volunteered to cook, Janet to design the menu, with others volunteering to help. Tickets will be \$5. Fr. John will present the challenge of fundraising at the Parish Meeting hoping to motivate and mobilize all resources we have at St. Thomas.

Bette Dufour announced that we need an annual audit committee. Jack Geeslin, Maggie Kaiser and Lynette Grace will be asked to serve on this committee for a second year.

**Old Business:**

The convention delegates are Fr. John, Bess Short, and Gail Carlson. Bette Dufour will serve as alternate.

Fr. John reported that vestry nominations are due and we have four or five candidates.

Diane Mullen thanked George Pawliczak for the work on the Thrift Shop and Narthex roofs. George would like to have two Saturday workdays before Easter. Dates will be decided later.

John closed the meeting with prayer at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mullen