

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes for November 15, 2016

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

Not Present: Diane Mullen, Joan Allen

Fr. John Lipscomb opened the meeting with prayer at 7:02 pm.

The **Treasurer's Report** from October was reviewed. Janet made the motion to accept and Nancy seconded and the motion was approved.

The **Minutes** from the October meeting were reviewed. With the addition of convention delegates (Rick, Bess, Gail and John), Nancy moved to accept the minutes. George seconded and the motion passed.

The Rector's Report: Fr. John and staff are preparing for the holiday services. Fr. Joe Sitts will serve as supply priest on November 27th. Ron Peak, a retired priest, will join us for two services after Christmas. Bess Short will begin a new Sunday school class called the Miracles of Christmas. The Christmas Party will be held December 9th in the Parish Hall.

New Business:

Bette reported that the finance committee met on Nov. 14th and will meet again on Nov. 28. They are working hard to prepare a balanced budget. We have come down \$30,000 in debt in six years. We are up \$15,000 in pledges from this time last year and up five in number of pledges. We are having an independent audit done of our power bills.

The Christmas Purse was discussed. Percentages were discussed. Larry made a motion to accept discussed percentages, Mary seconded, and the motion passed.

The McConnell bequest was discussed. A new roof is needed for the Thrift Store and it was decided to use some of this gift to St. Thomas for roof repair. Use of Thrift Shop funds was discussed. The Bazaar profit of over \$4,000 will be transferred to be used for Thrift Shop repair (roof). Use McConnell funds to

cover the rest of the cost of the roof and the rest will be deposited in Wells Fargo account. Bette made the motion, Thelma seconded and the motion passed.

Old Business:

George requested a church workday on Saturday December 3rd to get ready for the Christmas season. Nancy announced that Thanksgiving baskets will go out next week.

The next Vestry Meeting will be on December 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

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

Respectively submitted,

Janet Gizelt
Diane Mullen