

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Vestry Minutes for March 20, 2018

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

Not Present: Joan Allen

Fr. Ted Koelin opened the meeting at 7:05 pm with a reading from Workday Prayers by Timothy Jones and a prayer.

The **Treasurer's Report** was reviewed. Bette Dufour stated that we are doing well so far. It may be worse once the snowbirds return home. She hopes it will improve with the letter to be sent out to all members and with a new rector. Rick Kiefer moved to approve the report, Gail Carlson seconded, and the motion passed.

The February **Minutes** were reviewed. There are two corrections: Information on the Nursery discussion should be under New Business, not Old Business; and correction of spelling of the word "served" under the Senior Warden's Report. Nancy Conley moved to approve the minutes with these corrections, Thelma Martin seconded, and the motion passed.

Interim Rector's Report: Fr. Ted reported that Sunday and Thursday services are going well, as is the Lenten program. He had some suggestions for us to consider. The first was a retreat for the vestry. The second was a retreat open to all members. He reported that he will schedule another Coloring session after Easter and he will set up a Sunday Art program. He also stated that parishioner Wayne Bailey had asked about a speaker for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He also told us about his friend's observation that the woodwork in the interior of the church needs some refinishing and perhaps some respacing of pews. He also talked about the need for better lighting and large print readings. These are just some ideas to consider in order to make the congregation more comfortable.

Old Business: none

New Business: In light of the lack of certified workers and the temporary closing of the Nursery, Bette wants to make sure the appropriate language covering the availability of the Nursery is included in all contracts for use of the building. She will work with Lisa Labud on this item. It was also discussed that we need to blackout the word "Nursery" on our outdoor signs until we are ready to open the Nursery again. Bette moved to work on the contract language for this item, Gail Carlson seconded, and the motion passed.

Bette brought to our attention that there is more money in the line item to pay the Sexton than we currently pay him. It was discussed and decided to leave the extra money in that line item in case we

need extra hours of cleaning in the future. Beverly Cox agreed to work on a list of chores/duties and a timeline to ensure we are appropriately handling all duties.

Bette reported that we need another signer on the Wells Fargo Investment account. As clerk, Diane Mullen will contact Wayne Bailey to become the additional signer.

Bette announced the bequest from a parishioner and provided four options of what to do with the money. The bequest is for the "repair, update and/or replacement of the organ". After discussion, Rick Kiefer moved to put the funds in the Music Endowment Fund at the First National Bank. Gail Carlson seconded and the motion passed.

Summer Services were discussed and it was decided to make no changes in the summer schedule. It was decided that this is not time to change anything, so we will continue to have two Sunday services throughout the summer.

A brief discussion was held concerning the Organist. It was decided that no change should be made at this time.

Thelma Martin announced that she and her group will renew Pastoral Care visits to parishioners in hospitals and nursing homes since the flu season is winding down and we all feel that this is a vital ministry. She will coordinate with Lisa Labud about visitations and those who need visits.

George Pawliczak reported on the March 17 workday. Pressure washing, painting, tree trimming and the spreading of seventy bags of mulch helped freshen up the outside of the buildings. We also discussed the need for a plan for the upkeep and renovation of the Sunday School building.

We discussed the need for Vestry meetings over the summer. We will keep them scheduled, but they may be cancelled.

Rick Kiefer moved to adjourn the meeting, Gail Carlson seconded.

Fr. Ted closed with prayer at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mullen