

St. Thomas Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes for April 18, 2017

Present: Fr. John Lipscomb, Bette Dufour, Diane Mullen, Nancy Conley, George Pawliczak, Thelma Martin, Janet Gizelt, Gail Carlson and Rick Kiefer.

Not Present: Joan Allen

Fr. John Lipscomb opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00 pm and thanked Rick Kiefer for coming back to serve on the Vestry.

The **Treasurer's Report** for March was discussed. Nancy Conley motioned to approve the report; Gail Carlson seconded, and the motion was approved. The **Minutes** from the March meeting were reviewed. Janet Gizelt motioned to approve, Nancy Conley seconded, and the motion passed.

Rector's Report

Fr. John reported that Fr. Deke's visit went very well. Holy Week services went well; and although the Easter Vigil service was poorly attended, Sunday services had a good attendance. The Easter Brunch was well attended and appreciation was extended to Mike Christensen and all kitchen workers who helped with the event.

He is working on his last article and he will be thanking the church and letting all know how much he appreciates all the opportunities he has been provided during his time at St. Thomas. He will be meeting with the Bishop in May and tying up any loose ends before he leaves.

New Business

Bette Dufour discussed a request for funds from the Mowery Trust. She made a motion to use approximately \$300 for a consultation fee with a private attorney to look into legalities about the distribution of monies from this fund. Diane Mullen seconded and the motion passed. The requests will be discussed at the next meeting.

It was decided to continue with monthly Vestry meetings as needed. Email Bette if you cannot attend. The next Vestry meeting will be at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 2 with Cannon Nunez about the process of searching for a new priest. Come prepared with any questions you may have.

The next regular Vestry meeting will be Tuesday, May 23 at 7 pm.

Nancy Conley recommended that the Vestry be notified when the office will be closed or the Parish Administrator or Senior Warden is out of town for an extended time. Bette requested that if anyone has something for the Vestry to discuss, call Lisa to have it put on the agenda.

Old Business:

George Pawliczak is looking into how best to repair the cross on the church building. It was reported to him that a limb of the office side of the church needs to be trimmed. He will look into it. He reported that repairs to the breezeway roof is estimated at \$2,000 as the roof will need to be taken off to fix the problem. He is also working on an estimate for siding on Wisdom Hall.

Gail Carlson will call Lisa about notifying the alarm company in writing that we wish to discontinue service on the Thrift Shop.

Bette discussed the repairs needed for the Meigg's house. Rick Kiefer made a motion for George Pawliczak to check on repairs needed and costs before it is put on the market. Diane Mullen seconded and the motion passed. It is hoped we can put it on the market by June 1 and realize a minimum of \$200,000 from its sale. The monies could then be put in trust at the First National Bank of Mt. Dora.

Cannon Nunez will talk with us about a supply priest and the new protocol of giving us a list of possible new candidates for priest.

Thelma Martin will ask for help with Pastoral Care as we will need it more than ever once Fr. John is gone.

George Pawliczak submitted a request for scholarship monies for his grand-daughter, Marie Pawliczak who will be attending UCF in the fall. Bette Dufour moved to provide her with a \$2,000 scholarship from the Scholarship Fund, Gail Carlson seconded, and the motion passed.

Bette Dufour announced that Sunday Children's Chapel will be ending as Karen Lipscomb leaves unless someone volunteers to take up this ministry.

Nancy Conley reported that ECW is finding it difficult to get people to volunteer or take on more duties.

Bette Dufour reported that St. Thomas passed the fire inspection by the City of Eustis at the cost of \$50 per building for a total of \$250.

It was decided to postpone decision on the Bazaar until we talk to those involved.

The Thrift Shop outreach meeting scheduled for May 21 at 10:00 am will be rescheduled to June 11 at 9:15 am in the Sunday School Building due to Karen and John's Farewell Breakfast.

Nancy Conley closed the meeting with prayer at 8:08 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Diane Mullen