

## **St. Thomas Episcopal Church**

### **Vestry Minutes for May 15, 2018**

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

**Not Present:** Joan Allen, George Pawliczak

Fr. Ted Koelln opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with a reading and prayer.

The **Treasurer's Report** was reviewed. Bette Dufour stated that we are doing well so far since we do not have to pay a rector's full salary. Nancy Conley moved to approve the report, Rick Kiefer seconded, and the motion passed.

The April **Minutes** were reviewed. Nancy Conley moved to approve the minutes, Bette Dufour seconded, and the motion passed.

**Interim Rector's Report:** Fr. Ted reported that he is enjoying his work here and realizes that we have an overarching desire to grow. He advised us to remember that growth is not just about numbers, but other types of growth like knowledge of God and leadership. He will be working on initiating several new crafts activities like stained glass and other arts. He is planning an Instructed Eucharist. It was suggested that he do this on July 1 and perhaps again in the fall. The group agreed that a Vestry Retreat was needed and he will work on this.

**Old Business:** Bette Dufour stated that she will be meeting with the First National Bank of Mt. Dora to be sure the funds are set up the way we want. The plan is to use the interest only each year and let our endowment fund grow. She announced that the Pokémon situation is being worked on to get it removed as a site.

Rick Kiefer announced that he is still working on the June 30 patriotic program and will be meeting with committee members soon.

**New Business:** Bette suggested that we suspend Vestry meetings for June, July and August. We will be having Search Committee meetings on a regular basis and will convene after those if necessary. Rick Kiefer made the motion to do so, Thelma Martin seconded, and the motion passed.

Nancy Conley has investigated the cost of switching to large print lectionary inserts in the bulletin especially for those with sight problems. Lisa already enlarges some for those who have requested it. It would only be \$120 more for a full year to order all large print ones. After discussion, we decided to at least try it. Nancy made the motion to switch to the large print beginning in July, Rick Kiefer seconded, and the motion passed.

Diane Mullen announced that she and Lauren Stricklen would be willing to co-chair a Bazaar in order to raise funds for St. Thomas. Dates were discussed in November, with Monday, November 12 being preferred. She will get back with details soon. The planning and discussion meeting will be held in the Church Office on Tuesday, May 22 at 11:00am.

**Worship:** Gail Carlson was asked to speak with the organist about using familiar hymns during the summer when the choir is off.

**Pastoral Care:** Thelma Martin reported that there had been no activity this past month.

**Education:** Bette Dufour will get Lisa to send new email with the "Safeguarding God's People" link so Vestry members can complete those continuing education hours required.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Nancy Conley expressed thanks to those who cleaned the church. She recommended that this cleaning needs to be done twice a year.

Beverly Cox was thanked for her extensive work on cleaning and organizing the Sunday School building.

Rick mentioned that there are several other projects needing attention such as a leaking water pipe.

Bette will have Lisa put the Eustis Elementary School supply collection in the announcements for both services.

Rick Kiefer moved to adjourn, Gail Carlson seconded and the meeting was closed with prayer by Fr. Ted at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mullen