

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
Special Vestry Minutes for May 2, 2017**

**Present:** Bette Dufour, Diane Mullen, Nancy Conley, George Pawliczak, Thelma Martin, Joan Allen, Janet Gizelt, Rick Kiefer, and Gail Carlson

**Not Present:** All present

Bette Dufour called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. The first order of business was to discuss funding for organ repairs. D. E. Klug's Sons, Inc. has given us a cost estimate of \$2,380 to repair the organ by rebuilding the shade motor, replacing the rubber cloth of the power pneumatics and replacing the primary pouch leathers, valve leathers and leather nuts. This repair is needed to maintain the organ. Bette made a motion to use the funds for budgeted for organ maintenance and supplement it with funds received from the M. Kennedy bequest. Nancy Conley seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The reason for this special meeting was for Fr. Tim Nunez, Canon of the Diocese of Central Florida, to provide the Vestry with directions and procedures for beginning a search for a new priest. We will begin with supply priest during the months of June, July and August. Bette Dufour, as Senior Warden, will invite several supply priests for 2-4 weeks each. By September we should have an interim priest selected from a list provided by the Diocese. We should let Canon Nunez know by June if we will have a search committee or just use the vestry. He will meet with this committee in June to begin that process. In the meantime, the vestry will work on a Parish profile and look into surveying the parishioners. He recommended that we begin with "Why is St. Thomas here?" to develop our vision of what God is calling us to do. He also recommended that we update our website and do an online survey as well as small group sessions in order to get the feeling of the parish. Canon Nunez provided each member with a packet of information entitled "Vacancy and Search Procedures" from the Diocese of Central Florida.

Fr. Nunez closed the meeting with prayer at 8:45 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Diane Mullen