

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes for June 20, 2017**

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

Not Present: None

Senior Warden, Bette Dufour, ask Nancy Conley to open the meeting with prayer at 6:00 pm.

Treasurer's Report:

Reports from April and May were reviewed and discussed. Janet Gizelt moved to approve both reports. Joan Allen seconded, and the motion was approved.

Minutes:

The minutes from the May 23rd vestry meeting were reviewed. Joan Allen noted one change in the time of the opening of the meeting to 6:55 and with this change, moved to approve the minutes. Gail Carlson seconded and the motion passed.

Old Business:

Bette Dufour reported on her visit with a local attorney to discuss Mowery Trust monies. The attorney did not charge for the visit and based on discussion with him, Bette prepared a list of necessary projects for which to request Mowery Trust funds. The project list of needed repairs to the church and grounds was discussed and will be revised with actual costs and submitted to the Diocese for their July board meeting. The amount requested is approximately \$45,000.

Bette reported on the Massey Pest Control inspection for termites. The Thrift Shop has both dry wood and subterranean types and tenting for both will be about \$4,800. The Church and Office buildings estimate is coming soon and the Mowery Trust monies hopefully can be used to cover this expense, as the cost is expected to be substantial.

The Meiggs' house has had three offers. The one for the full asking price of \$229,000 was accepted, with repairs to the front window and minor roof repair still needed. This price included closing costs. We have until July 25 on this offer.

Bette Dufour made a motion that would allow the Senior Warden to move no more than \$200,000 from the sale of the house and place it in a trust account at First National Bank of Mount Dora. Any monies left over from the sale will be placed in the general budget. After discussion, Gail Carlson seconded and the motion passed.

New Business

Bette thanked all for their input on the vision and mission statements and shared what she had compiled. After discussion, the following will be used as our vision and mission statements:

Vision: As historic stewards of the Christian community in Eustis, Florida, we will continue to be a welcoming, inclusive Christian fellowship, worshipping in the traditional Episcopal form, fostering unification of the whole community to work for the common good.

Mission: As Christians, we are called to provide a meaningful, traditional Episcopal worship and to be a loving family, accepting of all people, growing as disciples through our ministries, teaching and nurturing current and new worshipers to safeguard the integrity of creation.

The composition of the Search Committee was discussed. Bette motioned to utilize the Vestry plus 2-4 additional parishioners. Gail Carlson seconded, and the motion passed. Bette requested that names be submitted to her for discussion and decision at the July meeting.

The St. Thomas Thrift Shop Spring Outreach Fund disbursement report was presented. Bette Dufour motioned to set aside the amount for repairs to be sent to The Haven as no one had contacted them to request funding. Discussion was also held concerning Thrift Shop supplies and this will be tabled. After further discussion, Janet Gizelt moved to accept the disbursement of Thrift Shop funds as presented by Lisa Labud. Rick Kiefer seconded, and the motion passed with one dissension.

Bette Dufour made a motion to use approximately \$2,000 from the General Memorial Fund (008054) to purchase Stations of the Cross for use inside the Nave of the Church. Rick Kiefer presented a request from the Altar Guild for Stations and new Pentecost Season (green) vestments. Thelma Martin seconded the motion as amended and the motion passed.

Bette Dufour moved that Janet Gizelt get a declaration of insurance for the church and see if she can find a better price elsewhere. George Pawliczak seconded and the motion passed.

Bette Dufour motioned that the clerk of the Vestry (April Diane Mullen) be authorized to sign checks for our checking account #2145021066766 and the Memorial account #2000004482279 held at Wells Fargo on Grove St. in Eustis. Nancy Conley seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Gail Carlson moved to adjourn the regular Vestry meeting at 7:00 pm. in order to meet with Fr. Tim Nunez concerning the search process for a new priest.

Our next Vestry meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Tuesday, July 18 in the Parish Hall.

Respectively submitted,
Diane Mullen

Addendum:

At 7:05 pm., Canon Tim Nunez opened the meeting with prayer.

He advised us to check out the personalities of our supply priests and determine what we truly want for our transition situation. He reminded us that we need the Bishop's permission for a deacon to do a Deacon's Mass. Bette asked him to request that for Janet Clarke.

We shared our Vision and Mission statements and will add them to our website.

It was determined that we will do the following:

Bette Dufour will arrange for supply priests through August.

We will have names of the Search Committee (Vestry plus 2-4 parishioners) by the end of July.

We will check out the personalities of supply priests and determine an interim recommendation by the end of July.

Bette Dufour and Diane Mullen will work on the survey and provide a sample at the July 18 meeting.

We will begin working of the Parish profile.

Canon Nunez agreed to serve as our supply priest for the 8:00 and 10:30 services on August 27th.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:15 pm.