

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

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

Not Present: All present

Senior Warden, Bette Dufour, opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00 pm.

Treasurer's Report:

The June report was reviewed and discussed. It was noted that we are down some, but we typically are during the summer months. Statements have been sent out online. Janet Gizelt moved to approve the report. Joan Allen seconded, and the motion was approved.

Minutes:

The minutes from the June 20th vestry meeting were reviewed. There is a revision to the Vision Statement to read as follows: **Vision: As historic stewards of the Christian community in Eustis, Florida, we will always be a welcoming, inclusive Christian fellowship, worshiping in the traditional Episcopal form, fostering unification of the whole community and working for the common good.** On the Addendum page the following corrections were made: "He reminded us that we need the Bishop's permission for a deacon to do a Deacon's Mass **each time**. Delete the sentence "Bette asked him to request that for Janet Clarke." Correct the sentence: "We will begin working **on** the Parish profile."

Nancy Conley motioned to approve the minutes with the corrections noted above. Thelma Martin seconded, and the motion passed.

Senior Warden's Update:

Bette reported that the FHA inspection of the Meigg's house has been completed with one minor painting project to be completed. The Diocesan Board has approved the sale of the home. The closing should occur on July 28, 2017.

Bette proposes to take the check to the First National Bank of Mt. Dora and deposit \$200,000 in an endowment fund from which we can only use the interest and dividends unless approved by the Vestry with multiple signatures. Any monies left over from the sale of the house will go into the General Fund.

Bette reported that she sent in a request to the Diocese to \$49,320 from the Mowery Fund for church upkeep and repairs. She is awaiting an answer.

She ask Diane Mullen to go with her to the Lake County School Board Office to sign the contract agreement leasing our parking lot for \$8,000 for the use of Eustis Elementary teachers and staff.

Old Business:

Bette reminded the Vestry that we had approved \$2,000 to buy new green vestments and Stations of the Cross. The needed green vestments have been ordered and will cost approximately \$1,400 leaving little for the Stations. It was decided to discuss the Stations more in depth at a later time.

The draft Parish Survey was discussed and Diane Mullen will put it on Survey Monkey this week. We would like to have it up and available for parishioners by August 1.

New Business

The Audit Committee Report was reviewed. Diane Mullen motioned to accept the report with noted recommendations. Janet Gizelt seconded and the motion passed.

Bette provided Dickinson Scholarship Funds Disbursement guidelines. The guidelines were discussed and we will add to #2: "Applicant must be a high school graduate, graduating with one month, or previous recipient of GED. Also, the applicant must live within a 30 mile radius of St. Thomas and be **a parishioner or** the child or grandchild of a parishioner." We tabled these guidelines for discussion at a later time.

Bette asked for names to be added to the Search Committee. She will vet those named and bring them to the next meeting. We are looking for 2-4 parishioners in addition to the Vestry to serve as the Search Committee.

The hiring of an Interim priest was discussed. Bette will talk with Fr. Tim Nunez for advice first, then talk with the candidates and report at the next meeting. We would like to have the interim in place in September.

Nancy Conley closed with prayer at 8:50 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Diane Mullen

Addendum to July 18, 2017 Vestry Minutes:

Bette Dufour, Senior Warden, requested a brief Vestry meeting on Sunday, July 23, 2017 at 9:00 to provide individual, written input of the selection of an interim priest for Fr. Tim Nunez. All Vestry members were present.