

## **St. Thomas Episcopal Church**

### **Vestry Minutes for September 18, 2018**

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

**Not Present:** Fr. Ted Koelln

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

The **Treasurer's Reports** for June, July, and August were reviewed. Joan Allen made a motion to accept the reports, George Pawliczak seconded and the motion passed.

The **Minutes** for the May and August meetings were reviewed. There is a correction to the August minutes in the fifth line in paragraph 2. It should read "to help with the much needed renovation of the Sunday School" (delete new roofing and replace with renovation). With this correction, Nancy Conley moved to accept the minutes of both meetings, Thelma Martin seconded, and the motion passed.

There was no **Interim Rector's Report** as Fr. Ted could not make the meeting.

The Senior Warden, Bette Dufour, asked us to be thinking about disaster plans, such as those for an active shooter or bombing. We need to have something in place in the near future.

#### **Old Business:**

Bette has been in communication with the Diocese concerning the distribution of Mowery Trust fund monies. It is somewhat confusing and it was decided to invite Canon Nunez to the October 9 vestry meeting to see if we can clarify and define the distribution of funds to the satisfaction of all parties before consulting attorneys.

## **New Business:**

Bette discussed the Campus/Yard Maintenance list and diagram. The maintenance program needs to be addressed for appearance, safety and insurance reasons. Our property is valued at \$2,807,000 for insurance purposes. We have used Mowery monies for several projects. We also need to keep in mind that we are in the Eustis historic district.

Bette has sent out a **stewardship** letter and Fr. Ted will preach several sermons on stewardship. It was suggested that we keep Capital Improvement on the pledge intention card and add number of hours of volunteer services.

Bette asked the vestry if they wanted to ask for an annual pay out of interest from the **Wells Fargo account**. After discussion, Gail Carlson motioned to not withdraw the interest yearly, Rick Kiefer seconded, and the motion passed.

The number and times for **Christmas services** was discussed. Rick Kiefer made a motion to have one family Christmas Eve service on Monday, Dec. 24 at 7:00 pm. Diane Mullen seconded. A majority agreed but decided to table the decision until the next meeting so we could get input from the parish and Fr. Ted.

Bette has asked for volunteers to help with **Fellowship** after the 10:30 service. We will see if we get any volunteers. If anyone is willing to help, they should call Lisa Labud.

Bette brought the **request for use** of the Parish Hall for DoTerra Saturday Bingo for the vestry to consider. Previous policy from May of 2007 denies facilities use for gaming for for-profit groups. Other considerations are insurance and the fact that the Diocese frowns on such practices. Bette motioned to deny the request, Beverly Cox seconded, and the motion passed.

Joan Allen made a **request** for new cushions for outdoor furniture at the cost of \$200. Gail Carlson offered to loan hers for the Bazaar. No further action was taken.

Nancy Conley discussed the **Bishop's Reception** on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The Fellowship Group is planning a nice meal and cake after the service to celebrate those confirmed and/or baptized.

Diane Mullen discussed the moving of **furniture donated** by Leon Stricklen. Gail Carlson will work with Lisa Labud on truck rental and moving people as soon as possible.

George Pawliczak announced that we will have a **Work Day** on October 13 from 8:00 am to 12:00. We will be trimming bushes and trees, mulching and planting. Diane Mullen will contact Eustis High School for students needing community service hours. We will ask the parish to donate monies (about \$4 per bag for Cypress Red) for mulch.

Nancy Conley also requested inside **clean up assistance for the Sanctuary**. She and Diane Mullen will work on dates and getting volunteers.

Thelma Martin stated that **Pastoral Care** is inactive right now. Bette will speak with Fr. Ted about this.

The Vestry Meeting for **October will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, October 9 at 7:00 pm**. She will invite Canon Tim Nunez to discuss the Mowery Trust.

Gail Carlson motioned to adjourn, Joan Allen seconded.

Bette ended the meeting with prayer at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mullen