

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2016

Present: Bette Dufour, Larry Block, Thelma Martin, Nancy Conley, Janet Gizelt, Fr. John Lipscomb, Diane Mullen, Joan Allen

Not Present: George Pawliczak, Mary Shriner

Fr. John Lipscomb opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00 pm.

The **Treasurer's Reports** from June, July, August and September were reviewed. Bette Dufour noted that we were down in August but with the check from the School Board for parking lot use, we are back in the black. The budget is looking pretty good and we will begin to focus on stewardship and the budget for next year. Joan Allen motioned to accept the reports, Janet Gizelt seconded, and the motion passed.

The **Minutes** from the May meeting were reviewed and there were no corrections. The stained glass and bulbs for lighting was discussed. Nancy Conley made a motion to approve, Thelma Martin seconded, and the motion was approved.

Rector's Report

Fr. John reported that he is planning for Stewardship, the Bazaar and the holiday season. He reported that Rick Kiefer has stepped down from Children's Church and Karen Lipscomb is continuing the program, but we need more help in this area. We also need more ushers especially at the 8:00 am service. Alter Guild also needs new members and he will work on recruiting for all of these programs. If anyone is interested, please contact him. He will work with the Finance Committee to provide a creative and responsible budget for next year. Fr. John would also like to plan for an appreciation luncheon for the Thrift Shop workers sometime before the end of the year.

New Business

Bette Dufour announced that the Finance Committee will meet on Sunday, September 25th in the Parish library after the 10:30 service. The committee consists of Bette Dufour, Richard Dufour, Larry Block, Nancy Conley, Bill Robertson and Fr. John. All members of the parish are welcome to attend.

The Vestry discussed the Christmas Party and it was decided to plan one for Friday, December 9 from 6:00-9:00 pm. All are invited and encouraged to bring a snack to share. Bette and Fr. John will look into entertainment.

The Bazaar is Saturday, October 22, 2016. We have fewer volunteers to help, but Fr. John and Janet Gizelt will contact members about participation in the various activities. Set up day will be Sunday, October 16 after the 10:30 service.

Bette Dufour reported that the Audit went well and the major recommendation that we need to consider is an updated property inventory on protected video.

The Vestry discussed the income report in the church bulletin and decided to consider just doing this once per month. The Finance Committee will discuss this also.

Bette Dufour wanted all Vestry members to be able to explain "designated pledges". This is especially important as we prepare for a budget for next year. She reminded us that if you pledge, the designation must be noted each year. If you write a check for a designated area, you must note it on each check in the memo section.

We discussed the Christmas services. Larry Block made a motion to have one Christmas Eve service beginning at 8:30 pm with a music presentation and the service beginning at 9:00 pm. There will only be one service on Sunday, Christmas Day at 10:30 am. The motion was seconded by Janet Gizelt. The motion was passed.

Old Business and Committee Reports:

Bette Dufour discussed the work on the Thrift Shop building and Fr. John will get with George about getting estimates for a new metal roof.

Thelma Martin reported on pastoral care visits. Fr. John will schedule a meeting for this committee before the end of the year.

Bette Dufour reported that we have a new lawn service and Richard is monitoring their work.

The calendar was reviewed and ideas for raising funds were discussed. Fr. John asked for written proposals for fund raising ideas to be submitted for consideration

Participation in activities is down due to season, illness, and other reasons.

Fr. John closed the meeting with prayer at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mullen