

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, 4/25/17 at 6:00 PM

Attendees: The Rev. Rebecca Nickel (Rector), Edith Collins (Rector's Warden), Scott Trauscht (People's Warden), Mikki MacDonald (Co-Treasurer), Lou Pierce (Co-Treasurer), Maria Granato (Clerk), Margaret Cook, Karsor Dennis, Tim Kramer, Charles Park, and Marcelle Randolph
Absent: George Greene
Guests: Audrey Corne (Property Committee)

1. Opening prayer and call to order at 6:04 P.M.
2. R.E.S.P.E.C.T guidelines reviewed and invoked.
3. Bible study presented by Tim on Luke 7:11-17.
4. The concept of Vestry leadership as Wise Blood (immune system for congregation) was discussed, as put forth in a book called Healthy Congregations. There are always customaries for the Sacraments, but we have policies because ill health exists.
5. A motion to accept the March Vestry minutes was made by Scott and seconded by Margaret. The motion passed.
6. The March financial report was tabled, as the diocesan support letter had not yet been received.
7. The response letter to the Rev. Todd Kleffman was read; the letter thanked him for his letter and explanation. A date referenced in the letter was corrected. A parishioner also bought a card for the Vestry to sign and send to Todd.
8. The letter to Melissa Hickman as drafted by Edith was reviewed. The letter requests clarification on the matching grant process to find out if we can accrue the matching grant funds in a dedicated church account and submit when the application is approved. The letter was edited to open with thanks for the grant already received. As new co-treasurer, Lou will be added to the cc list for letters going forward.
9. If any Safeguarding lessons are still outstanding, they need to be completed soon.
10. The dumpster enclosure has been built. Republic was supposed to have moved the dumpster onto the cement. They did not do so yet, and do not pick up again until 5/3.
11. Tim moved that the Vestry vote on Audrey's offer to pay for the enclosure. Scott seconded the motion, and the Vestry approved the offer, with their thanks.
12. The spring cleanup days had excellent turnout.
13. Spring maintenance for the HVAC units found no problems.
14. Scott and his sons have taken on the project of clearing the creek a little at a time and will rent a wood-chipper, which will cost \$168 for a day. An announcement will go in the weekly email with Scott's name and number for anyone interested in helping. Eagle Scouts will still clear the logjams.
15. The sanctuary parish initiative was discussed. Nothing official has occurred; we are still discerning, and this will be a process. If, and when it occurs, we will need more education as a Vestry and congregation.
16. Lilly Endowment for Clergy Renewal (sabbatical application) was submitted on 4/20. The application discussed the process, the delay of the Rector's sabbatical, and the anxiety of the long-time faithful surrounding this.

17. The Waynick Center for youth formation and camping, a classroom added to the conference center, has been planned, and the Vestry considered making a contribution. A motion for a \$200 contribution was made by Tim; there are funds totaling \$3,223 in the Undesignated Memorial Fund that we could use. The motion was seconded by Scott, and passed.
18. The Vestry will look up policies and customaries on the website. Ed Champa has suggested that one customary be added to a weekly email each week, and the Vestry needs to be familiar with them to field questions and facilitate discussion. The Vestry will study the contents of the customaries before a vote is taken. Tim will summarize each of the 3 customaries for the weekly email.
19. Christ Church Cathedral has invited volunteers for the Strawberry Festival. We would need to send 15-20 volunteers. We will not participate at this time.
20. The new bishop, The Right Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, is visiting St. Timothy's on 5/14. She will stay for a special coffee hour and then will meet with Vestry.
21. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tim, and closing prayer was said at 8:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,
Maria Granato, Clerk

Next Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.