

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

Attendees: 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, George Greene, Tim Kramer, Charles Park, John Prey, and Marcelle Randolph
Guests: Audrey Corne (Property Committee), Aimee Formo (Godly Play), Kris Kramer (Historic Registry Project)

1. Opening prayer and call to order by Rector Nickel at 5:59 P.M.
2. Bible study: a review of parish values as determined in our conversations with Nancy Woodworth-Hill. St. Timothy's is celebrating the good news of Jesus Christ; creating a revitalizing, sustainable faith community; revealing God's love, justice, and grace to our neighbors; and cultivating authentic and healthy relationships. In a book entitled *How Your Congregation Learns*, Tim Shapiro created a flow chart of the process congregations undergo to learn something new. St. Timothy's is included as a case study in this book for the way we use outside help and resources in concert with the congregation's creativity to facilitate learning and release energy.
3. Vestry members were shown the location of the keys for the building, in order to address issues with the building/thermostat when needed. This is encompassed in the canonical duties of the Vestry.
4. May Financial Report: There is no movement in the Diocesan special fund. We are still at 114% of pledge income for the year and 110% of the budget for all income categories. Expenses are running at 91.4% for the year. Heating and cooling expenses have been running high. A motion to accept the report was made by Edith and seconded by John. The motion passed.
5. Aimee Formo presented a proposal that we become a Godly Play Member congregation, at a cost of \$150.00 per year. Aimee has recently completed storyteller training, and membership would provide discounted training, reducing the cost of one-day training by \$20.00 and by \$50.00 for a weekend session. We would also be added to a directory of member congregations. There is also a quarterly webinar for those who can't attend training, and we would have access to Godly play logos. The diocese can apply for blanket membership, but the Diocese of Indianapolis has not done so. A motion to become a member congregation was made by Tim and seconded by Scott.
6. We have a rotation of two people each Sunday for Godly Play. We need six teams of two: a Storyteller and Doorkeeper. One of our Storytellers is moving, so we need to train at least two of each position, to be active September-April.
7. Kris and Edith provided an update on being added to the Historic Register. Ratio Architects has proposed to nominate St. Timothy's for the registry. The project will cost a total of \$4,750. There is a Partners in Preservation Grant from the Landmarks Division of the DNR. In the meantime, Ratio wants 80% of the total to proceed. This is the architectural firm that will assist us with doing on-property studies. The head of Ratio is Kevin Huse, who worked with Evans Woollen. If we are added to the registry, we can request grants from the Division of Landmarks to maintain the building. Ratio can do an assessment in a month to six weeks once they receive the deposit. They will then submit the findings to the Dept. of Natural Resources. The DNR approval process can then take up to two years. If we are added to the state registry, it will be determined D.C. if we are to be added to the national registry as well. Kris and Edith requested approval to send letters requesting funding assistance and submit the grant request. We have \$6,600 in the Building Fund that can be used to cover what we do not receive in grants or funding. A motion

to write letters of inquiry for funding assistance and to submit the grant request was made by Margaret and seconded by Charles. The motion passed. A motion to spend \$3,800 for the down payment until potential funding assistance is received was made by Tim and seconded by Marcelle. The motion passed.

8. Edith presented her letter requesting permission to create a dedicated account and submit the account balance of the matching amount when the dental grant is approved. A motion to accept the letter was made by Tim and seconded by Marcelle. An affirmative answer would allow the congregation to accrue money in advance for the matching portion of the grant. The motion passed.
9. Tim has reviewed the customaries for weddings, confirmation, and baptism. He intended to condense them to place them in the bulletin. However, his recommendation is not to put them in the bulletin, but rather to reference them there and have the full customaries on a table in the hallway. The full customaries may also be included in the Weekly Email, each one for a month. Financial references have been edited out, and the customary for funerals/memorials is still to come
10. The Baptism and Confirmation Customaries are new, and the Vestry will vote in August.
11. Parishioners and lay leaders are invited to attend one of Bishop Jennifer's listening sessions; registration must be completed on the Diocesan website.
12. The Sexton's room will now be kept unlocked, and the trash bin enclosure will be painted to match the building. A motion to allow use of the sarsaparilla brown color and allow volunteers to paint the enclosure was made by Margaret and seconded by Edith. The motion passed.
13. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marcelle. The Lord's Prayer was said in closing at 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,
Maria Granato, Clerk

Next Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.