

**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting  
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church  
Tuesday, January 12, 2010**

Present: Jennifer Ezell, *Junior Warden*, Nelson Frick, John Heltzel, Sue-Ellen Johnson, Lianne Mintz, Christopher Paul, Sandy Watkins, John Ezell, *Treasurer*, Lavonne Bieber, *Clerk* and The Rev. Nathan Speck-Ewer, *Pastor*

Absent: Beto Casellas and Michael Diamond, *Senior Warden*

Guest: Holly Hem

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:26 p.m. The meeting began with Dwelling in the Word (Luke 20:1-12).

**Item of Business #1 – December Minutes**

Motion: To accept the December Minutes.  
Moved: Nelson Frick  
Seconded: Lianne Mintz  
Passed unanimously

**Item of Business #2 – Pastor's Report**

Nathan reported the following:

- There were no baptisms in December.
- A new Women's Fellowship group with new leadership has been started.
- The new team has established a new worship site at Grant Cuesta Rehabilitation Center twice a month. 25 people, or the equivalent of the 7:45, are regularly in attendance.
- We received a \$1,000 donation to purchase a new computer for worship.
- Changes to The Word Weekly include a daily devotional section and feedback on all of it has been positive.
- Nancy Livak (Parish Secretary) and Lyn Cuenca (Financial Administrator) have started.
- We are adjusting with a few hiccups following Maly's departure, however, we will handle things as they arise. Team Ministry is how we are organized together to do the work of ministry in this place.
- The information provided in the Word Weekly this past month about the Vestry candidates can be improved.

There was further discussion on the nominating committee for Vestry and having candidates nominated from the floor. It was suggested that we outline in the by-laws more specific requirements for Vestry nominations to assist the Nominating Committee in the future.

**Item of Business #3 – Treasurer's Report**

John reported there was no Treasurer's report as the 2009 books have not been closed.

**Item of Business #4 – Separation Package for The Rev. Maly Hughes**

Motion: To approve paying coverage for up to six (6) months health care benefits in addition to other benefits agreed upon.  
Moved: Chris Paul  
Seconded: John Heltzel  
Passed unanimously

**Item of Business #5 – Budget Report**

John reviewed the changes made to the 2010 Budget. He reported there will be a \$2,500 surplus. In reviewing the budget, it was noted that the Rector's Discretionary Fund and Rector's Continuing Education Fund were \$0 for 2010. After some discussion, it was decided that the name of the Rector's Discretionary Fund be changed to Rector's Professional and Community Development Fund and to put the \$2,500 surplus in this fund.

Motion: To accept the budget with amended changes to the Rector's Professional and Community Development Fund.  
Moved: Sandy Watkins  
Seconded: Nelson Frick  
Passed unanimously

**Item of Business #6 – The Feast of St. Timothy's**

Nathan noted that the Feast of St. Timothy's will be on Sunday, January 31 and there will be one service which will include the annual meeting of election of Vestry members, recognition of retiring Vestry members and Lay People. Sue-Ellen and Sandy volunteered to organize a potluck after the service.

Nathan also noted that the Vestry will be hosting the small group meetings that are being scheduled with the Consultant. He also reminded the Vestry about calling to encourage all parishioners to participate in the meeting.

**Item of Business #7 – Basic Needs Fund**

Sandy reported that the Basic Needs Fund will soon have accrued one (1) year of interest and that we need to determine which 3 charities will receive these funds over a 3 year period. She did not have the final amount, but noted it would be between \$300 and \$500. It was noted that it must be a Christian charity according to the policies instituting the fund.

Motion: To give 1/3 of the amount each to Santa Maria Urban Ministry, Second Harvest Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity.  
Moved: Lianne Mintz  
Seconded: Chris Paul  
Passed unanimously

**Item of Business #8 – Vestry Retreat**

Nathan reported that the only date available at Redwood Christian Center for the Vestry Retreat was the weekend of March 19-21. It was suggested that this was too late to hold the Vestry Retreat, so it was decided that we will have a Vestry get together on Sunday, February 7 from

12:00 to 4:00 in the Guild Room. Outgoing Vestry members will plan the event and Lianne volunteered to provide lunch.

**Item of Business #9 – Year In Review**

Nathan asked the Vestry to note some of the highlights for 2009.

- Team Ministry Kick-off
- Grant-Cuesta Group Services
- Strong Godly Play Program
- Women's Retreat Extension
- Candid Vestry conversation – important work and hearing each other.
- Great Gourmet Dinner
- 9:00 Service Hospitality
- Parish Camp-out
- Increase in Vestry's ownership and governance in parish leadership.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Motion: To adjourn

Moved: John Heltzel

Seconded: Sue-Ellen Johnson

Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,  
Lavonne Bieber, Clerk