

**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Thursday, June 11, 2009**

Present: Beto Casellas, Michael Diamond – *Senior Warden*, Jennifer Ezell – *Junior Warden*, Nelson Frick, John Heltzel, Sue-Ellen Johnson, Lianne Mintz, Christopher Paul, Lavonne Bieber – *Clerk* and The Rev. Maly Hughes – *Organizational Pastor*

Absent: Sandy Watkins, John Ezell and The Rev. Nathan Speck-Ewer

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. The meeting began with Evening Prayer

Item of Business #1 – May Minutes

Motion: To accept the May Minutes
Moved: Sue-Ellen Johnson
Seconded: Lianne Mintz
Passed unanimously

Item of Business #2 – Parish Buzz

What is the status of name tags? Maly noted it is still being worked on. A comment was made about the 10:30 Service not being very joyful lately. It was also suggested to have a bigger celebration for Pentecost next year with maybe music outside.

Item of Business #3 – Rector's Report

In Nathan's absence, Maly distributed a document titled "Episcopal Congregations Overview: Findings from the 2008 Faith Communities Today Survey" for the Vestry to review. She also distributed information regarding the Mission meets Revenue Exercise that each Vestry member is to complete and present at the July meeting.

Item of Business #4 – Treasurer's Report

In John's absence, Nelson presented the Treasurer's Report. Total Operating Revenues for May were \$2,833 (5%) over budget. This was due to Pledge revenues being \$461 (1.2%) under budget for the month and \$1,180 (less than 1%) under budget year-to-date. Plate income is also over budget by \$1,270 (11%) year-to-date and we are also over budget for Preschool revenue. Operating Expenses were \$2,603 (4.3%) less than budgeted for the month and \$5,925 (1.8%) under budget year-to-date. This was due to Total Office/Services, Hospitality and Music being over budget. (As previously reported, salaries and benefits are 2.8% over budget primarily due to a miscalculation of the health insurance when the 2009 budget was created. As a result we will be approximately \$8,000-\$10,000 over budget for the year.) We budgeted for a net surplus for May year-to-date of \$1,911 and we ended the period with a net surplus of \$8,940. In summary, we are \$7,029 better than expected. We ended the month with approximately \$241,000 in cash and investments of which \$151,000 is restricted. Activity in the restricted funds primarily consisted of activity in Men's Retreat, the rummage sale proceeds which went to the Children's Guild and \$359 was spent on a new seasonal sign from the Tom Parks Memorial Mission Fund.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report
Moved: Jennifer Ezell
Seconded: Beto Casellas
Passed unanimously

Item of Business #5 – Mutual Ministry Review

Beto distributed a document titled "Background Reading to Mutual Ministry Reviews" for the Vestry to review. He also distributed a document outlining two options for the Vestry to consider using in developing St. Timothy's Mutual Ministry Review. After much discussion, it was suggested that Beto make revisions to Option 1 and bring to the July meeting for further discussion and approval.

Item of Business #6 – Freedom to Bless

Maly noted, at last month’s meeting it was decided to proceed with the “Freedom to Bless” campaign to invite the Parish to participate. Jennifer volunteered to talk with Will Watkins about leading this effort.

Item of Business #7 – Nominating Committee

Maly asked the Vestry to provide names of candidates for Vestry next year and bring them to the July meeting. The Nominating Committee for new Vestry Members consists of those members who will be ending their term in 2010.

Item of Business #8 – Vestry Progress

We reviewed the status of the 2009-2010 Vestry agenda.

- a) Is God calling us to leave the “Seven Marks of a Disciple” as they are, change them, and/or recast them from a “user-standpoint”? – No update.
- b) What is St. Timothy’s “Kingdom Concept”? – No update.
- c) Is God calling us to stop, suspend, or proceed with “Freedom to Bless” (removing our mortgage debt)? In process.
- d) What might God be saying around the houses coming open on the corner? – No update.
- e) Which mutual ministry review process is God calling us to use? - In process.
- f) Might God be calling us to plant a new church in another country? Sue-Ellen noted that it would take approximately \$200,000 to start.
- g) Which charities is God calling us to select for distributions from the “Basic Physical Needs Fund”? – No update.
- h) Who is God calling us to nominate for Vestry next year? – In process.

Item of Business #8 – Gourmet Dinner

Lianne reported that she has spoken with Peggy Aoki and the theme will be “Chocolate”. We will be advertising it as the SMUM Fundraising Dinner hosted by the Vestry and it will be held on Saturday, October 17. We have identified most of the team leaders and discussed ideas for the auction. Lavonne will put an article in The Word Weekly to start asking for auction items now.

There, being no further business, following Thanks, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Motion: To adjourn
Moved: Michael Diamond
Seconded: Christopher Paul
Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,
Lavonne Bieber, Clerk