

**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Monday, May 14, 2007**

Present: David Foster – *Senior Warden*, Nan Fuller – *Junior Warden*, John Harrison, Ross Johnson, Lianne Mintz, Jenny Nathan, Bill Shreve, Sandy Watkins, Lavonne Bieber – *Clerk* and The Rev.'s Nathan Speck-Ewer – *Rector* and Maly Hughes – *Priest Executive*

Absent: Darlene Frick, Paul Hayter and John Ezell – *Treasurer*

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. with a Prayer.

Item of Business #1: Acceptance of April 2007 Minutes

Motion: To accept the April 2007 Minutes.

Moved: Ross Johnson

Seconded: Bill Shreve

Passed unanimously.

Item of Business #2: Review: Disciplemaking

Nathan noted there are 4 key things to disciplemaking. They are Take, Breaking, Bless and Give. We need to determine how to encourage people to take on disciplemaking and how to invite them to take the steps.

Item of Business #3: Financial Obstacles

Nathan noted that we would need approximately \$600K to eliminate the Rectory Mortgage, hire a Youth Minister and improve the signage at the church. Therefore, he is looking into ways we might be able to raise these funds. He hopes to have details to present to the Vestry/Parish in the next few months.

Item of Business #4: Rector Expense Policy

Nathan reported that the Vestry in 2002 had authorized the Rector to approve expenses under \$10,000 without Vestry approval. Nathan noted that he will keep the Vestry well-informed of major purchases under \$10,000 because it's in all of our best interests for financial transparency and the Vestry's fiduciary responsibility.

Item of Business #5: Stewardship and Encouraging the Heart

Nathan noted that one's giving is tied to one's spiritual life. He distributed a document "Improving How You Ask". He noted that we are currently doing item #7, but would like for St. Timothy's to move up the list. He asked the Vestry to review and to send him their ideas. He will then review them with Maly and David.

Item of Business #6: Parish Finance Forums

Nathan noted that he would like to have Finance forums during July. Since some parishioners take vacation during July, it was suggested that we could tape the forums and have them on the web site and could also send e-mails. He asked David to work with John on putting together a schedule.

Item of Business #7: Social Services Committee

Nathan noted that the Social Service Committee is still looking for a new leader. He also noted that the Community Connection group will have a joint meeting with them this month.

Motion: The Vestry recommended to Nathan to merge Social Services and the Community Connection initiative team to form one group and that the Vestry take responsibility going forward to administer the budget and distribution of funds.

Moved: David Foster

Seconded: Lianne Mintz

Passed unanimously.

Item of Business #8: Vestry Meeting

Nathan noted that since his day off is Monday he would like to ask the Vestry to change the Vestry Meeting to either Tuesday or Thursday. He took a poll of those present and said that he would check with those who were absent and then make a decision. The change would take effect with the August Vestry Meeting.

Item of Business #9: Treasurer's Report

In John's absence, Maly distributed the Treasurer's Report.

The report noted that revenues for April were 1.3% less than the budget. Year-to-date revenues are \$5,328 (1.75%) under budget, but overall we are doing well compared to budget. This is due to pledge revenues being 8.8% under budget for the month and \$8,584 (4.0%) under year-to-date. Plate income was over by \$3,402 (34%). Operating expenses for April were \$74 under budget and year-to-date are \$14,488 (4.6%) under budget. This is due to Facilities/Buildings being \$891 over budget and insurance being \$2,750 under budget. Overall, General Administration expenses are very close to budget. Year-to-date we are doing better than expected by running an actual deficit of \$1,016 versus a budgeted deficit of \$10,175. We ended April with approximately \$269,500 in cash and investments, of which \$227,800 is restricted.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report
Moved: Bill Shreve
Seconded: John Harrison
Passed unanimously.

Nathan also noted that we will soon have a new phone system which each staff member will have an individual voice mailbox. He also noted that Maly has found a new health insurance for the staff which is a better plan.

There, being no further business, following Good News and Thanks, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Motion: To adjourn
Moved: Bill Shreve
Seconded: Lianne Mintz
Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Lavonne Bieber, Clerk