

**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Thursday, October 1, 2009**

Present: Michael Diamond – *Senior Warden*, Jennifer Ezell – *Junior Warden*, Nelson Frick, John Heltzel, Sue-Ellen Johnson, Lianne Mintz, Sandy Watkins, Lavonne Bieber – *Clerk*, The Rev. Nathan Speck-Ewer – *Lead Pastor* and The Rev. Maly Hughes – *Organizational Pastor*

Absent: Beto Casellas, John Ezell and Christopher Paul

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. The meeting began with Prayer, Dwelling in the Word (Luke 20:1-12) and a discussion on the second section of the book “In the Name of Jesus” by Henri J. M. Nouwen.

Item of Business #1 – Consent Agenda

Nathan requested that the Freedom to Bless Report be removed for discussion at the November meeting.

Motion: To accept the September Minutes.

Moved: Sue-Ellen Johnson

Seconded: Michael Diamond

Passed unanimously

Item of Business #2 – Lead Pastor's Report

Nathan reported he has been visiting several Covenant Groups; following the Safety Fair has taken dinner to the firemen on the corner the past two weeks; 10,000 post cards were sent out for the sermon series on different religions, which we had about 6 or 7 visitors; response to the questions in The Word Weekly has been very low; we had 1 baptism; 2 new leaders and a new group has formed to stream the 9:00 service.

Item of Business #3 – Communication

Nathan reported communication is getting better and stronger. There was discussion about including news from the different Ministry Teams in The Word Weekly. It was suggested there may be writers in the Parish who would like to form a team to write articles for The Word Weekly. Nathan asked that the Vestry to bring names to the next meeting. Maly reported she has a couple of people interested in joining the Vestry for coffee. Nelson and Sue-Ellen are scheduled to host the next one.

Item of Business #4 – Messaging/FAQ's

Michael asked the Vestry to review the FAQ's and send comments to him. It was noted that the definition of Caring for the Caregivers is still unclear. After much discussion, it was determined that our spiritual foundation for Caring for the Caregivers is that we are a “Caring Community” and that this is how we should describe ourselves.

Item of Business #5 – Facilities Report

As requested at last month's meeting, Maly distributed a revised Facilities Report which included estimated costs. Sandy also reviewed the proposal for a Property Committee (Buildings and Grounds). She suggested that a Vestry member should be on the team. Nelson volunteered to be the Vestry representative. They will invite people who are interested to form a team.

Item of Business #6 – Nominating Committee

Lianne reported the Nominating Committee met and developed what criteria they are looking for. We have 5 positions to fill. She noted that Jennifer and Nelson can both run again since they were filling one-year terms and both have agreed to run again next year. They reviewed the demographics of those who are leaving, so that we have a balanced Vestry.

Item of Business #7 – Stewardship Process

Maly reported Sunday, October 11 will be the start of the Stewardship season and will go through All Saints Sunday. The Vestry will be asked to prepare letters to send to the Parish. Maly will compile the list of parishioners and assign names to each Vestry member.

Item of Business #8 – Basic Needs Fund

Sandy reviewed the Basic Needs Fund Endowment policy noting there were still some questions regarding the distribution of the fund. It was decided that a subcommittee should be formed with one Vestry member and maybe two additional parishioners.

Item of Business #9 – Houses on the Corner

Nelson noted that there is one owner who may be in a position to sell, but that if we were to try to purchase the 3 homes on the corner, we would need 3 to 4 million dollars, which would mean we would need to do a capital campaign drive to raise the money. He asked do we really want them since we would probably need to tear them down and rebuild to meet our needs, which we could potentially do the same with our current buildings for about the same cost. It was decided not to pursue further.

Item of Business #10 – Gourmet Dinner

Lianne reported that ticket sales are very low. The Vestry will have a call on Sunday evening to discuss the status. It was also noted we still need more auction items.

Item of Business #11 – Vestry Progress

Nathan noted that the Mutual Ministry Review, Budget, Compensation Report and Basic Physical Needs still need to be completed. Nathan also distributed a document listing Situations We Face, which we will review next month.

There, being no further business, following Thanks, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Motion: To adjourn
Moved: John Heltzel
Seconded: Nelson Frick
Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,
Lavonne Bieber, Clerk