

**Minutes of the Vestry Meeting
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Thursday, September 10, 2009**

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

Guest: Joanna Shreve

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. The meeting began with Prayer, Dwelling in the Word (Luke 20:1-12) and a discussion on the first section of the book "In the Name of Jesus" by Henri J. M. Nouwen.

Item of Business #1 – Consent Agenda

It was requested on future Facility Reports to prioritize the items and to include the cost along with what fund the money will be taken from.

Motion: To accept the Consent agenda which consisted of the Facilities Report, with changes as noted above and Minutes of the August Vestry Meeting.

Moved: Jennifer Ezell

Seconded: Nelson Frick

Passed unanimously

Item of Business #2 – Rector's Report

Nathan reported he has started meeting with small groups for lunch. He hopes to do this with the entire parish. He also noted he is enjoying the current sermon series and that we've had a few new people attend. Maly also noted that the feedback has been great.

Item of Business #3 – Messaging/FAQ's

Michael noted he had little feedback from the first draft he sent to the Vestry. He stated he will develop the questions and answers and asked that everyone review and respond with their feedback.

Item of Business #4 – Discussion with Joanna Shreve

Joanna was invited by Nathan to come speak to the Vestry. Joanna feels the communication between the Vestry and Parish needs healing. She suggested that when a policy is developed, that the Vestry develop a draft and then ask the Parish for feedback before implementing. She also suggested the Vestry use tools such as a blog, write-ups in The Word Weekly or the Tuesday e-mail to communicate what the Vestry is doing. She stated the Vestry should be open, transparent, trusting and faithful.

Item of Business #5 – Debriefing

The Vestry noted that the Vestry needs to be more visible and that they would consider some of Joanna's suggestions.

Item of Business #6 – Strategic Issues/Vestry Breakfast

Michael noted that he and John Heltzel met with 3 parishioners (one from each service) to talk and listen to their concerns. Michael noted that it was very beneficial and he would like to have other Vestry members host additional such meetings. It was suggested to use the Tuesday e-mail to invite people who are interested in meeting with Vestry members to sign up. Michael will develop a calendar for additional meetings. Sue-Ellen and John Ezell volunteered to host the next one.

Item of Business #7 – Stewardship Process

Nathan noted that he is inviting the parish to help us discern our ministry plans for 2010. He noted that over the next three weeks, an insert will be in The Word Weekly with questions noting the Vestry is requesting their ideas and thoughts.

Michael asked for volunteers to help develop the stewardship program for 2010. Beto and Jennifer volunteered to work with Michael.

Item of Business #8 – Mutual Ministry Review

Beto noted that he and Nathan have reviewed it and that it is a working document.

Item of Business #9 – Treasurer’s Report

John reported the total operating revenues for August were \$7,478 (14.2%) under budget. This was due to pledge revenues being \$6,908 (15.25%) under budget. Year-to-date pledge revenues are \$5,420 (less than 1.7%) under budget. Year-to-date Plate income is under budget by \$1,041 (5.7%). We are now over budget for Preschool and building revenue. Operating expenses are \$6,985 (13.4%) under budget. Our total operating expenses year-to-date were \$5,319 (1.0%) under budget. This is due to Total Office/Services \$1,192 (2.2%) due to extra spending in July for the Rector office, Hospitality \$1,420 (61%) due to change in accounting/budgeting and Music \$1,274 (worship is significantly under budget), all being over budget year-to-date by more than \$500. We budgeted for a net deficit year-to-date of \$13,267 and we ended the period with a net deficit of \$5,526. In summary, we are \$7,741 better than expected. We ended the month with approximately \$187,000 in cash and investments of which \$146,000 is restricted. Significant activity in the restricted funds consisted of \$1,633 expense in the Community Connection Initiative fund.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer’s Report
Moved: Michael Diamond
Seconded: John Heltzel
Passed unanimously

There, being no further business, following Thanks, the meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Motion: To adjourn
Moved: Lianne Mintz
Seconded: Sue-Ellen Johnson
Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,
Lavonne Bieber, Clerk