



St. Timothy's Vestry Minutes

September 13th, 2022

Vestry Minutes taken by Dominic Dezzutti, Clerk of the Vestry

ATTENDANCE

Present: Rev. Mother Kim Seidman, Shawn Murphy (Senior Warden), Donna Packard (Junior Warden), Dominic Dezzutti, Craig Bowie, Dig Chinn, Tim Mills, Ann Pontius, Jennifer Doscocil, Marie Schriefer

Absent:

Mother Lauren Grubaugh Thomas, Dennis Haugh (Treasurer), Victoria Parker, Erin Blankenship

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Mother Kim asked the Vestry to spend a few minutes with their neighbor to talk about something they are thankful for and something that they are asking God's help in dealing with in their lives. We also spent time talking about what we are grateful for at St. Tim's right now and what we are asking God's help with at St. Tim's.

CALL TO ORDER

Shawn called the meeting to order at 6:49p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Craig moved to approve the amended minutes of the July Vestry Meeting, and Marie seconded the motion. Motion approved.

TREASURER REPORT

With Dennis' absence, Shawn reminded the Vestry of the Treasurer Report. Shawn accepted questions of clarification of the Treasurer report. Dominic asked about the status of seeking a new Finance Committee chair. Shawn commented that the committee is serving without a chair for now and the Vestry will be working to find a new chair.

CLERGY AND WARDEN REPORTS

Mother Kim accepted comments from the Vestry regarding her report that included many positive reactions to the Staff Retreat.

No questions were offered for the Senior Warden report.

Junior Warden Report – Donna fielded comments about the parking lot project, including details of going with a solar based solution, including the battery replacement cost after the 10

year warranty. Donna commented that the battery replacement would likely cost about \$10,000 every ten years based on current standards. Comments regarding solar versus hard wired solutions were discussed. The discussion included answering Donna's question if the church should get a second bid for the hard-wired lighting system. Questions included the length of time the solar lights would operate and the trenching and infrastructure issues with hard wired lighting solutions. The Vestry asked Donna to find out how long the solar units will operate off battery-only power and to get a second bid for the hard-wired option.

Donna presented a proposal to change the process for Property Bids and Contract Approval. The proposal comes from the need for a quicker response for some property needs. The current policy requires the Finance Committee and the Vestry to approve expenditures over \$5,000. Discussion included comments asking about how the Vestry approves expenditures based on review of the Finance Committee. Questions about the original policy that was amended in July were asked, asking if the rule was needed at all. Comments about how to streamline the process but retaining Vestry approval were mentioned. Amending the July amendment was discussed. The original July motion was "Dig moved that all requests for property expenditures in excess of \$10,000 be accompanied by at least two bids and that all expenditures in excess of \$5,000 be reviewed by the Finance Committee and authorized by the Vestry. Ann seconded; the motion carried without dissent."

Craig moved that the policy be amended to "all requests for property expenditures in excess of \$10,000 be accompanied by at least two bids and authorized by the Vestry." Dig seconded; the motion carried without dissent.

Because of the amendment to property expenditures, the third request (for an expenditure of \$8,000 to paint exterior portions of the church) from the Junior Warden report did not need Vestry approval.

VESTRY RETREAT REPORTS

Believe Out Loud - Ann provided additional detail from her report on bringing together the initial Believe Out Loud committee and how the process was beginning.

Fall Stewardship – Shawn reported that the committee is working on the package of details that have been planned for the campaign. Jennifer asked if St. Tim's had ever considered breaking down a recommended pledge amount based on the church budget. Jennifer talked about the success in other organizations when a donation based on total budget divided by total families involved.

2nd Service – Shawn discussed a potential survey to the parish on this topic and recruited help. Marie and Jennifer volunteered to help.

NEW BUSINESS

Finance Committee Charter Update – Shawn highlighted the part of the Treasurer's Report that detailed the proposed changes to the Finance Committee Charter. Shawn asked for volunteers to review the proposed changes and then report back to the Vestry. Dig, Tim and Shawn volunteered to assist with the effort.

CALENDAR REVIEW

September 18 Vestry Retreat Outbrief – Adult Forum

October 4 Vestry Meeting

October 10 Fall Stewardship Campaign Mailing

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

The group closed with a prayer from Craig.

There not being any additional business, Craig moved, and Dig seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Approval was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dominic Dezzutti
Clerk of the Vestry