

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Greenville, North Carolina
Vestry Minutes
May 15, 2023

The Vestry of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church held a meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose building.

Members Present: Steve Callender, Ray Franks, Ashton Johnson, Sharyn Lennox, Angela Mallette, Chip Williams, and Malcolm Williams

Member(s) Absent: Debbie Strickland, Marty Michaels, Heather Tepper, Mary Vincent,

Others Present: Julie Crippen, Scott Crippen, Valerie Foster, Diane Hatfield, Tommy Tucker

The senior warden opened the meeting at 5:30 pm. A quorum was present. The Rev. John Porter-Acee is on sabbatical.

Prayer: Mr. Franks

Senior Warden Report: Mr. Franks spoke on the following:

- **Revisiting Mission Statement:** The senior warden encouraged the vestry to continue to be in contact with their respective liaison areas to remain involved and to receive monthly reports.
- ***Innovating for Love:*** There was continued conversation about the book.

Accomplishments: Mr. Franks led conversation on the following accomplishments:

- **ECU Choral Recital:** There were approximately 300 persons who attended the recital that was an excellent performance.
- **Family First Service:** The service was well attended with a large group of youth.
- **Goal 1 Team Efforts:** The announcements being made are good for communication to the parish.
- **Audit:** The audit has been completed with the report expected to be received soon.
- **Goal 2 Meeting:** There have been two (2) meetings since the last vestry meeting. It was mentioned that Veronica Stokes from Operation Sunshine spoke to the congregation during the May 14, 2023, 10:15 am service about the program and thanked the church for the support received.

Challenges:

- **Lobster Fair Committee Report:** The members of the committee in attendance at the meeting updated the vestry on the progress of preparation for the fair. The date is September 30, 2023. The cost for live and cooked lobsters (\$22), lobster dinner (\$30), and shrimp dinner (\$24) was announced. A hot dog, chip and drink meal will also be available (\$5). The committee requested the full support from and involvement of the

vestry to make the fair a success. There will be children's games and outdoor tent seating this year. Formal announcement of the fair will be made at both services on May 21, 2023. Sign-up sheets will be posted. The vestry expressed appreciation for the work of the committee.

- **Vestry Resignation:** Ms. Liz Lane has resigned from the vestry. There was conversation about a replacement to fill the unexpired term ending in 2024 and several names were mentioned.

Action Item: Mr. Franks will contact perspective members to serve.

- **Goal #1 Meeting Objectives:** Ms. Mallette gave an update on meeting the objectives of this goal.
- **Stewardship Campaign:** Mr. C. Williams reported on the progress of the annual stewardship campaign. He distributed a timeline to occur between July and November. A final decision on the theme will be made soon. There was conversation about the "time" and "talent" components of giving as well as the "treasure". There was discussion about the need to make follow up contacts after the pledge drive, preparation of next year's budget, and whether the church will need to draw from reserve funds. There was also discussion about "Pledge Sunday" and how to have the pledge cards presented during the service.
- **Sunday School Attendance:** There was discussion about the Christian education programming for children and adults at St. Timothy's. Several comments were made about formation as well as EYC and other formation offerings, and the competing events that remove youth from participating. A comment was made that Ms. Whitesides' organizing and leading CHIPS during the 10:15 am service has been well received. The Families First service each month is also beneficial for children that draws a larger number of youth than at other Sunday services. The senior warden said that the services during Lent were well received. It was decided to form a committee to explore formation. Mr. Callender and Ms. Johnson agreed to co-chair the committee. It was mentioned that Martha Whitesides will be a key member of the committee.
- **Full Time Childcare Committee:** The members of the committee are Mr. Franks, Mr. C. Williams, Sharon Canosa, Leslie Bowman, and Mary Vincent.
- **Fundraising Committee:** There was discussion about the benefit of conducting fundraisers to generate revenue to offset the transferred funds that are in this year's budget. Initiatives that include community wide participation was mentioned. Mr. M. Williams agreed to chair a committee.

Action Item: Mr. M. Williams will convene a committee. Several potential members were suggested.

Approval of Minutes: The April 17, 2023, vestry minutes were *approved by acclamation*.

Treasurer's Report: *The report was accepted by acclamation.*

The vestry welcomed Ms. Johnson as a new vestry member.

Closing prayer: Ms. Johnson.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

The next scheduled vestry meeting is June 19, 2023, at 5:30 pm in the multi-purpose building.

Respectfully submitted:

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Clerk to the Vestry