

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Perrysburg, Ohio

Mid Year Vestry Retreat Minutes
June 30, 2010

Present: Rev. Ken Pepin, Greg Gregory, Kristen Merrick, Ron Davis, Doug Neckers, Stephanie Rieck, Asher Rieck, Allison Fisher, Paul Tait, Barbara Coon, Mindy Withrow (Director of Communications and Program Director), and Dottie Wilkerson (Clerk).

Absent: Bonnie Martin, Kim Boos, and Gary Swartzbeck

Evening Prayer: Rev. Ken began the meeting at 5:30 with readings from the book of Common Prayer.

A cookout was enjoyed by all thanks to the organization of Louise Gregory

Mid Year Review: Comments from Vestry members

What are we doing well?

- Memorial Day Barbecue
- A more spirited coffee hour
- Youth Group progress
- Getting Mindy Withrow on board
- A successful Evensong program
- Exposing St. Tim's friendliness
- More involvement in the community
- Successful Outreach programs
- The rental of a section of the building - financially good
- Smooth transition of the property committee from 2009 to 2010
- Demonstrating that St. Tim's is caring and honorable

Where do we need to continue to focus?: our faithfulness to Mission

- Success of Outreach with the Clothesline program and Relay for Life
- Commitment to the Youth and Christian Ed programs
- Consistency in worship - following the Episcopal tradition
- Asher Rieck expressed his appreciation for the support of St. Tim's in making his school related mission trip to Guatemala possible

What are our long term goals? What needs our immediate attention?

- More participation by members in scheduled events
- Attracting new people to St. Tim's
- A successful Vacation Bible School
- A success move of the Clothesline location

What are our short term goals?

- Reassess the role of Membership/Communication committee
- Successful work with the fire marshall
- Work to get the Head Start WSOS program up and running
- Continue our friendly and welcoming attitude
- Redevelopment of the website by Mindy
- Develop a marketing strategy
- Work for a successful stewardship drive
- Solve the kitchen range hood problem

How can we better respond to the 20-50 year old age group?

- Listen to suggestions from that age group
- Offer different functions for choosing
- Offer more electronic presence ex. Website

Special Focus Areas:

Vestry/Collaborative Leadership - Rev. Ken discussed the order ranging from clergy to Sr. Warden to majority rules (congregation). Everyone is called to serve not rule.

Collaborative Governance's purpose is to envision, to engage, to energize, to empower, and to exemplify. The collaborative model is the Diocese, Parish and Rector all working with the Vestry.

Stewardship - Paul Tait discussed the reuse of neighborhood meetings but the need to train the leaders and to focus on testimonials from those helped by the church's giving. One dinner will be held at the end of the campaign.

Christian Education - Mindy Withrow explained that the Adult Forums will return in September. The Youth group is planning two summer activities per month and joint a session(s) with St. Paul's Maumee. Some Bible study will be incorporated into the activities. The Children's Ministry curriculum is working well with spiritual information being the focus. A vision setting meeting will be held on August 29 with Greg Gregory to answer questions by the CM committee. Having Kim Boos as a member of vestry and CM has been helpful. Sunday Sundaes will be held on September 12. There is a call for more teachers and commitment to the CMC program.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Fire Suppression: Ron Davis - We need to disconnect the top burners of the stove to be in compliance with the Perrysburg fire code. A proposal was made to put a special needs committee together to discuss installing a fire suppression and exhaust system. Kristen Merrick so moved and Stephanie Rieck seconded. All Approved

Building Security: Ron Davis - St. Tim's is the only Perrysburg church without an alarm system. A schedule and system will be presented to Vestry at the next Executive and Vestry meeting.

Rental Status: Ron Davis moved to submit the rental contract to WSOS for their comments. Kristin Merrick seconded. All approved.

Asher Rieck's commitment as youth representative on the Vestry ends now and he was thanked for his service and dedication. His non-voting attendance has been extended until the Annual meeting in 2011.

Rev. Ken announced that audit report signatures are needed. He, Greg Gregory, and Gary Swartzbeck will sign off on the report verifying that the auditor has been given all the necessary information.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Dottie Wilkerson, Clerk

Items voted on:

Initiate a committee to discuss installing a fire suppression and exhaust system. Approved
Submission of the rental contract to WSOS for comments. Approved