

ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Perrysburg, Ohio

Vestry Retreat Minutes
February 19-20, 2010

Friday

5:00 Attendees: Rev. Ken Pepin, Greg Gregory, Kim Boos, Bonnie Martin, Ron Davis, Doug Neckers, Asher Rieck, Allison Fisher, Paul Tait, Stepanie Rieck, Mindy Withrow (Director of Communications and Program Director), and Dottie Wilkerson

Vestry members gathered in the sanctuary for a prayer service and group reading of the Baptismal Covenant. The group moved to the parish hall for a time of individual introductions and a general discussion of vestry expectations. Among the expectations were:

- a greater understanding of the Vestry as a body
- a sense of connectiveness with each other and the parish
- a desire for the group to focus on 1-2 goals for 2010
- clarification of how the Vestry works as a whole and in individual groups
- be an advocate for Children's Christian education and youth group programs
- introduction of Vestry to dynamics
- using individuals as resources
- the Vestry structure
- cooperation between the Vestry and church staff
- engaging parishioners and keeping them involved

We departed for dinner and socializing at Nagoya's at Levis Commons returning to the church at 9:00 to say our goodbyes and anticipate the program for Saturday.

Saturday

The day began at 8:00 with breakfast prepared by the men.

MORNING PRAYER : Rev. Ken Pepin

"VESTRY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES" - Greg Gregory - A group discussion from The Vestry Resource Guide entitled "The Ministry of the Vestry Is..." Highlights were

- to use our gifts and talents for the glory of God
- the church's mission to restore people to unity with God and each other in Christ
- the responsibilities of the rector and Vestry as listed in the Canons
- the responsibilities of the Vestry to represent the congregation and not just an individual or group of individuals

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS: Two groups discussed and presented findings on the subjects of

- The Vestry as Leaders (what does being on the Vestry mean)
- The Vestry as a Steward

PERSONAL PRAYER: Rev. Ken led a discussion on what is personal prayer and then members scattered to separate areas for 30 minutes of individual worship and prayer.

Lunch and fellowship was followed by an afternoon session.

THE CHURCH AS COMMUNITY: small group discussions and presentations on :
WHAT ARE WE DOING RIGHT AS A VESTRY AT ST. TIM'S:

- fiscally responsible
- proper staff in place
- a lot of opportunities are offered
- well maintained facility
- a caring community
- strong outreach program
- individual talent and resources available

WHAT DO WE NEED TO IMPROVE ON AT ST. TIM'S:

- Children's Christian Education participation
- an increase in youth group participation
- visitor follow up
- member involvement first then outsiders
- website update
- expanded community outreach
- small group offerings

OTHER BUSINESS

Doug Neckers (Property Committee) distributed a written report revealing projects completed in 2009 and those still needing our attention in 2010.

Asher Rieck announced that he has been chosen to be part of a mission team from St. John's HS to Guatemala this summer. The Vestry recommitted to provide the funds decided on by the Executive Committee.

CALENDAR

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| Mar 6 | Souper Supper |
| Mar 7 | Clothesline Open House |
| Mar 10 | Souper Supper |
| Mar 17 | Souper Supper |
| Mar 24 | Souper Supper |
| | Vestry meeting |
| Mar 28 | Palm Sunday |
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| Apr 1 | Maundy Thursday supper and all night vigil |
| Apr 2 | Ecumenical Service at Grace church |
| Apr 3 | Easter Vigil |
| Apr 4 | Easter Sunday and baptisms |
| Apr 18 | Confirmation with Bishop Williams |
| Apr 23 -25 | Ohio Day at the National Cathedral |
| Apr 28 | Vestry meeting |
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| May 9 | Mother's Day |
| May 16 | Even Song with St. Michael's at St. Tim's |
| May 23 | Pentacost |
| May 31 | Chicken BarBQ |
| May 26 | Vestry meeting |
| May ? | Parish Picnic |
| May ? | Youth Sunday |
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| June 23 | Vestry meeting |
| June ? | Vacation Bible School |

June ? Relay for Live

July NO VESTRY MEETING
July? Wine and Cheese party

Aug ? Mid year Vestry retreat

Sept 12 Sunday Sundaes
Sept 22 Vestry meeting
Sept ? Founder's Day and Sr. Warden's luncheon
Sept ? Road Rally

Oct. 3 Pet Blessing
Oct. ? Thanks+giving Kick Off
Oct. 27 Vestry meeting

Nov 12 Diocesan Convention in Toledo
Nov 14 Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov 17 Vestry meeting
Nov 21 Louisiana House Dinner
Nov ? Chili Cook Off

Dec 5 Advent workshop
Dec 12 Sr. Tea
Dec 15 Vestry meeting
Dec 19 Christmas Pageant
Dec 26 Lessons in Carols

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 with prayer.

Respectively submitted,

Dottie Wilkerson, Clerk