

***St. Timothy's Episcopal Church***

***Lake Jackson, Texas***

***Annual Parish Meeting***

***January 15, 2017***

***(Minutes and Summary)***

**Our Vision**

*As a family of God, we are called to invite and welcome all people to connect and grow in Christ's love while serving and sharing with our community.*

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| <b>1. Call to Order &amp; Announcements</b>     | <b>Rev. Mark Crawford</b>           |
| <b>The Meeting was called order at 9:20 am.</b> |                                     |
| <b>2. Opening Prayers</b>                       | <b>Led by Rev. Crawford</b>         |
| <b>3. Senior Warden's Report</b>                | <b>Kim Lehnhoff</b>                 |
| <b>4. Junior Warden's Report</b>                | <b>Summary by John Pitts</b>        |
| <b>5. Financial Report 2016</b>                 | <b>Carol Bohley</b>                 |
| <b>6. Budget for 2017</b>                       |                                     |
| <b>7. Interim Rector's Report</b>               | <b>Mark Crawford</b>                |
| <b>8. Youth Ministry Report</b>                 | <b>Stephanie Townes, Chris Weis</b> |
| <b>9. Search Committee Report</b>               | <b>Sara Eddy</b>                    |

**Reports are posted in the Parish Hall and will be put on the St. Timothy's Web page.**

**10. Vestry Elections – four nominees, nominees from the floor**

**Jim Cutshall, Jackie Kaus, Kay Aplin and Sharon McKey were elected by acclamation.**

**Election of Diocesan Council Delegate – one member  
Sondra Griner was elected as the fourth delegate to replace  
Anne Bartlett, Stephanie Townes was elected as the alternate  
to replace Dena Cline.**

**Recognition of Retiring Vestry Members -- *Harriet Cutshall,  
Elizabeth Hargrove, Greg David, Rick Griner***

**Recognition of two members who served this year: *Michael  
Gay and Kathie Jinks***

**Continuing Vestry Members: *Kim Lehnhoff, Wenzel Bartlett,  
Bob Bohley, Arleen Frank, Rudy Laurel***

**Commissioning of New Vestry Members: was postponed to the  
next worship service on January 22.**

**11. Celebration of the Extraordinary Giving Campaign  
Fran Hammond**

**We'd like to thank everyone who contributed to the retiring of  
the debt and contributions in past years to the building and  
maintenance of the St. Timothy's facilities.**

**The base of the plaque was made by Bob Ziegler who will place it in  
the Hallway by the main door.**

**The Meeting ended at 10:25 with the singing of the doxology.**

## Junior Warden's Report – Annual Meeting January 15, 2017

Folks to be recognized:

- Our Sexton – Rhonda Woodard (a little fact – the square footage of the church equals 13 Lake Jackson homes).
- Mike Cline – who served as Junior Warden in 2016 – Thank you!
- Mr. & Mrs. McKneely – lawn and flower bed overseers with the help of Ron Weeks and the Friehauf family
- Duane Ulmer – ice machine cleaning
- Lee Massoletti – water filter maintenance
- The ARM with a whole lot of help from John Pitts, Greg David, Jim Cutshall, Mark Lehnhoff and Ed White
- Terri and Bob Zeigler – incredible job of refinishing all of the sanctuary pews. They also replace the baseboards with wood.

Notable things that happened this year:

- A/C in the kitchen and sanctuary replaced
- Two single bathrooms remodeled
- Sound System in sanctuary replaced
- Two work days in the Spring and Fall
- Dusk to dawn light fixtures on timers on all outside lights completed
- Kitchen inspected and certified (Jim Cutshall is the certified person)
- A/C filters changed
- Toilet water closet maintenance
- Did annual inspection of all inside emergency lighting and batteries
- Sprayed bricks for algae
- Repaired water fountain
- Enormous amount of time spent planning and drinking coffee (Donuts are always appreciated)
- Cleaning of the Labyrinth

John Pitts, ARM

## **Interim Rector's Report – January 15, 2017**

*Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4-7*

Since my arrival in March, 2016 we have had various special events, celebrations and services at St. Timothy's.

A few weeks after my arrival we celebrated Holy Week and Easter with numerous services. A highlight was the performance of the Faure Requiem by our choir and members of our community. The church was nearly full to its capacity. We celebrated the Easter Vigil at 6:30 AM and Easter Sunday at 10:30 with good attendance and music led by Joiful Noyse and the Adult Choir.

On May 15, Bishop Doyle visited our church in order to baptize and confirm a number of children, youth and adults. Three children were baptized, four youth were confirmed and five adults were received. One family alone, the Friehauf's had both boys baptized, a teenager daughter confirmed and both parents were confirmed.

The very next Sunday, May 22 we celebrated the end of the Christian Formation year recognizing teachers and students. We also enjoyed Blue Grass music during the service and luncheon led by the Pet Rooster Band. Thank you, Kathy and Jay Richardson!

After the summer we kicked off our Christian Formation year with the Blessing of the Backpacks. The Fall Schedule was busy with other special events and services such as the Rite of Belonging when we welcomed 16 newcomers and their families to St. Timothy's. We had quite a few families and visitors who showed up with the pets for the Blessing of the Animals on the first Sunday of October for St. Francis' Day. The Jazz Mass on All Saints' Sunday, the first Sunday of November

was a big success followed by Celebration Sunday on November 13 when we received our pledge cards for the New Year. A special word of thanks is owed to Sondra Greiner and members of the Stewardship Committee who led our yearlong emphasis on stewardship. At the end of this meeting we'll hear from Fran Hammond and the outcome of the Extraordinary Giving Campaign and the generosity of many of our members that enabled the church to retire its debt.

As December rolled around we had a special Advent Event where families gathered to make their Advent wreathes and receive devotionals for the season. The Living Nativity was held Dec. 9-11 for its 60<sup>th</sup> year at St. Timothy's. This is a great offering to our community and drew over 500 people over the three nights of the production. The Children's Choir sang during the offertory on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. After the service many participated in the Hanging of the Greens.

Our Christmas Eve and Day celebrations were wonderful thanks to our wonderful Choirs (Adult and Joyful Noyse). We also enjoyed the Service of Lesson and Carols on the Sunday after Christmas, January 1.

Naturally, there are many people to thank for their dedication to the ministries and work at St. Timothy's. First of all, let us thank Kim Lehnhoff for her leadership as Senior Warden and the members of the Vestry who served three year terms. Two people stepped up to fill unexpired terms, Kathie Jinks and Michael Gay. A number of the vestry and others served on the Profile Committee to get the Search Process going in its first phase. We'll hear from the Search Committee later in the meeting about the progress that they are now making.

I'd like to thank members of the staff: Mary Park, Paul Butt and Stephanie Townes for their work this year. Lela Seay stepped up to assume the leadership role as Director of Christian Formation. Lela planned and led many special events during the year and was assisted by Gigi Janeshek. Many teachers were present to lead the Catechesis for another year.

Sadly, Dena Cline decided to resign as our IWC Missioner at the end of the year. The work of the IWC will continue under the chair, Christopher Eddy. Also, Mike Cline served as Junior Warden the past year. You've already heard about the work

of his work and the support of the ARM in keeping our facilities in top shape. We'll miss Dena and Mike as well as their children at St. Timothy's.

Thank you all for your support and prayers during this interim period. I'm working with all of you to ensure that there is a good transition from Rector to Rector. A saying from Corrie Ten Boom, a Dutch Christian author hangs in our house: "Never fail to trust an unknown future to the known God." As we enter this year we trust that the mission, ministry and fellowship of St. Timothy's Church is truly in God's hands.

Mark Crawford, Interim Rector

### **Parish Statistics for 2016**

Total Sunday Attendance:	6833	ASA	131 (145 – 2016)
Easter Sunday Attendance:	212		
Christmas Eve & Day:	285		
All Other Services	905		
Saturday and Sunday Services	106		
Private Home Communion	31		
Daily Office Weekdays	41		
Marriages	0		
Burials	4		
Other Offices & Private	2		

