

**Minutes of a meeting of the Vestry  
of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church  
Camden, Maine  
January 15, 2019**

**Opening Devotional**

**Vestry members present:** The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry, Susan Fockler, Edmund Hartt, Elizabeth Moran, Suzanne Scott, Carlos Mello, Eileen Morelli, Barbara Kent Lawrence, Terry Mello (Treasurer) and Sarah Groman. Fred Bucklin was excused.

**Minutes**

- Upon the motion of Edmund and seconded by Barbara, the minutes of the December 11, 2018 Vestry meeting were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report**

- We ended the year with a small deficit. This despite only taking out 54% of the endowment income that was budgeted.
- The Parker S. Laite Building Fund ended the year with a 14,000 cash balance and matching gift receivable of \$28,000.
- The second payment from the Stone Bequest of \$280,000 has been received.
- The Budget for 2019 was presented. Because anticipated pledge totals were short by about \$16,000, some expense lines had to be cut or reduced such as outreach.
- Upon the motion by Susan and second by Edmund, the 2019 budget was approved as presented.
- The Vestry asked that the Treasurer inform the parish that an increase in pledge income is needed to fully fund the 2019 budget.
- The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

**Reports: Rector**

- The written Rector's report was accepted.

**Reports: Senior Warden**

- An analysis of the parish survey responses was reported. Worship and pastoral care were chosen as the most valuable functions of the church in the survey. Over 50 parishioners responded.
- The results of the survey will frame future discussions of where we are going this year.
- It will also be used in the Mutual Ministry Review.

**Reports: Junior Warden**

- The work on the Chestnut St. Wall is done and the scaffolding will be removed shortly .
- The work on the bells in the Bell Tower is not as extensive as originally thought. Rockport Steel will be able to do all the repairs in the spring.
- We are still waiting for the BES contract to come in re further work.

**Housing Resolution**

- The Housing Resolution was passed unanimously. (attached)

## **Treasurer's Term**

- This item was tabled until the next Vestry meeting.

## **Audit**

- An audit is required by the Diocese every 4 years. The Vestry was asked to recommend parishioners who might undertake this.

## **Vestry Retreat**

- This was tabled until the next Vestry meeting.

## **Upcoming dates**

### **January 18-20 Walkabouts**

<b>January 27</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>
<b>February 3</b>	<b>Quarry Hill</b>
<b>February 9</b>	<b>Electing Convention</b>
<b>February 13</b>	<b>COM (Rector in Waterville)</b>
<b>February 19</b>	<b>Vestry</b>
<b>February 21</b>	<b>Fresh Start (Rector in Waterville)</b>
<b>February 23</b>	<b>Electing Convention (Snow Date)</b>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM. The next Vestry meeting will be February 19, 2019.

Respectfully submitted:

*Elizabeth A. Moran*

Clerk of the Vestry