

St. Thomas Episcopal Church Vestry

Minutes of meeting: March 19, 2019: 5:03 pm

Present: The Reverend Lisa Smith Fry, Rector; Carlos Mello, Senior Warden; Edmund Hartt, Junior Warden; Members: Haunani Wallace; Fred Bucklin, Hospitality; Suzanne Scott; Brother Donovan Bowley; Elizabeth Moran; Barbara Kent Lawrence. Others in attendance: Terry Mello, Treasurer; Shirley Fierro, Clerk. Excused: Sarah Groman; Eileen Morelli

Opening Devotional and Reflection let by the Rector-Luke 13: 1-9

Minutes approved of the February 19, 2019 Meeting.

Treasurers Report: (Attached)

- Deficit so far is \$17,000 for the year. Pledges are down;
- So far doing well even with the deficit;
- Oil is higher due to cold winter. Utilities about the same;
- Summer people do not pledge until they come back;
- Our financial outlook is healthy due to endowment income;
- Treasurer is meeting with financial institutions regarding information on the best ways to invest the endowments we have been blessed with.

Rectors Report (Attached)

Senior Wardens Report

- Careful consideration is being given to the desire to be transparent to the parish regarding the survey's 50 parishioners recently completed. Further discussion will follow at the next Vestry meeting. Lengthy discussion followed.

Minister of Music Report

- Lenten Noon Music is seeing increasing number of folks for both the music and soup luncheon following;
- Lucy Ebbert has skillfully organized soup makers, bread bakers, fruit suppliers, and folks who are setting up and cleaning up. Thank you to all who are helping with the success of this event;
- The Organ is still functioning at three-quarters of its capability. Companies have been called to help establish exactly where the issues are: the roof, the organ pipes, the bellows, etc.

Junior Wardens Report

- List of issues for Building and Grounds: Stone Tower Roof may need remediation; Gardens in front of Chestnut Street window will need major work this spring;
- Building and Grounds will meet soon;
- The Bell Tower is in need of repair.

Hospitality (attached)

Old Business

- Junior Warden Job Description will be written by Rector.
- Amending By-Laws: Before By-laws can be changed, they must be approved at a Special Parish Meeting or Annual Meeting and approved by the Diocese.

New Business

- Suggestion of beginning the Vestry meeting at 6:00 pm instead of the current 5:00 pm. No decision was made. Will re-address at a later meeting.
- Change next Vestry Meeting from April 16 to April 23, 2019 due to Holy Week
- Bequests
 - Discussion of the Vera June Hill, Stormy Bok, and Stone Marital Trust bequests;
 - Decision from prior Vestry meeting on how to allocate remainder of the Stone Marital Trust bequest (~\$300,000) – half to building fund and half to maintenance reserve;
 - April 15, 2019 next Finance Committee meeting;
 - Decision to postpone further discussion about allocating bequests until estimates of roof and bell tower are in hand;
 - All investment accounts should be reviewed.

Next Meeting: April 23, 2019

Vestry Reports due:

- Christian Education Report – Sarah Groman
- Vestry Papers – Suzanne Scott

Meeting Ended with Prayer at 6:42 pm.

Upcoming Dates:

March 22, 29 NOON Music in Lent

March 21 Fresh Start

April 5 NOON Music in Lent

April 10 Commission On Ministry (Rector in Waterville)

April 11 Chrism Mass and Clergy Renewal of Vows (Rector in Portland)

April 12 NOON Music in Lent

April 14 Palm Sunday

April 18 Maundy Thursday service (5:30 pm)

April 19 Good Friday service (5:30 pm)

April 20 Easter Vigil at Nativity Lutheran (7:45 pm)

April 21 Easter Sunday/Quarry Hill

April 22 Easter Monday: Office Closed

April 23 Vestry

April 27 Diocesan Spring Training, Augusta