

***Vestry Minutes***  
***May 21, 2019***

**Attending:** Rev. Lisa Fry, Carlos Mello, Sr. Warden, Edmund Hartt, Jr. Warden, Vestry Members: Donovan Bowley, Fred Bucklin, Sarah Groman, Barbara Lawrence, Elizabeth Moran, Eileen Morelli, Suzanne Scott, Haunani Wallace. Terry Mello, Treasurer

**Absent:** Shirley Fierro, Clerk of the Vestry

**Approval of Minutes** – Haunani moved to approve, Carlos seconded. Unanimous approval.

**Ministry Liaison Reports:** Evangelism – Eileen Morelli; Christian Education – Sarah Groman

**Treasurer** –Our finances are stable; however, there is a caveat – no Administrative Assistant for almost 3 months. Reported on Finance and Endowment meeting and shared information regarding R.W. Baird fees – there are no fees charged on our accounts. We are currently looking into where to invest the remaining bequest monies that are currently in CNB. Terry will update at the June meeting.

**Rector Report**

- Title 4 Litigation – Clergy brought up misconduct charges. Most of the charges are that Clergy are not reporting on others when they hear of something. When they don't report, the rector is brought up on charges. Sometimes rectors are not responding appropriately. But more frequently, parishioners are creating an adverse environment, and rector is not responding as the parishioner would like. The Rector and Vestry need to be aware that when people are not treated with dignity, we can't accept that behavior. Model appropriate behavior. Diocese will be instructing clergy on Title 4 in the coming months.
- Bishop's Consecration (June 22) – 8 tickets available. 2 – Nave, 2 – Chapel, 4 – Large Rooms with monitors.
- Bishop Curry will be preaching a revival on June 23 in Old Orchard Beach. No tickets needed...register on Diocese website. Very good preacher.
- Dialog – sign up for it if you have not done so.

**Sr. Warden**

- Membership engagement committee will begin in June. Vestry members should think about others that may want to be involved. Not just new members. Embrace the culture and include everyone. During the conversation, Lisa thanked everyone for all the work they do for St. Thomas'.
- Carlos summarized the May 17<sup>th</sup> Finance and Endowment Committees meeting.

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- Summarized his conversation with Scott Whitaker of BES. Deferred to Edmund for further information.

**Jr. Warden**

- Edmund Hartt spoke to Tim from BES and should be receiving a report next week.
- Discussion on what boxes the children planted the seeds. Doesn't look like any soil was disturbed in the boxes by Wood Street entrance. Lisa will check this out.
- Discussion on what to do with the lawn in front of the Chestnut Street area where the window was repaired. No decision was made.

**New Business**

- Fred recommended that St. Thomas' have a cookbook "fundraiser". Need someone not on Vestry to head it up. Lisa and Fred will discuss further.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Terry Mello*

Treasurer

**Upcoming Dates:**

May 27	Memorial Day (Office Closed)
May 30	Watershed School using building 5 pm – 7 pm
June 1	SECRET Farewell to Jane
June 2	Quarry Hill
June 5-11	Rector vacation (week 1)
June 10	Baccalaureate Camden High School
June 12	COM
June 13	FINAL Fresh Start
June 16	Father's Day
June 18	Vestry
June 20	(Lisa afternoon COM special session)
June 21	Presiding Bishop clergy meeting (Falmouth Foreside)
June 22	Consecration of Thomas Brown as Diocesan Bishop

***Next Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm***