

Vestry Minutes
June 18, 2019

Attending: Rev. Lisa Fry; Vestry Members: Donovan Bowley, Fred Bucklin, Sarah Groman, Barbara Lawrence, Elizabeth Moran, Eileen Morelli, Suzanne Scott, Haunani Wallace; Shirley Fierro, Clerk of the Vestry; Terry Mello, Treasurer

Absent: Carlos Mello, Sr. Warden; Edmund Hartt, Jr. Warden

Lisa read Luke 8:26-39 – a short discussion followed.

Lisa asked for prayer for Edmund Hartt who is in Syracuse Hospital.

Approval of Minutes – Fred moved to approve, Barbara seconded. Unanimous approval.

Rector

We have 3 applications for the Music Minister position. Interviews will begin as soon as possible. Candidates will be asked to play including a mock choir rehearsal. Committee Members: Suzanne Scott, Elizabeth Moran, Br. Donovan Bowley, and Chris Glass.

In Carlos' absence, Lisa summarized the Membership meeting that was held recently. She reported that 60% of the households have at least one person who volunteers for a ministry. Plans for a Ministry Fair was discussed. We need to find ways of welcoming people into the congregation. Haunani asked that she be added back to the committee.

In Edmund's absence, Lisa spoke about the information we have regarding the Tower Project. We have received information and it is very confusing. A special Vestry meeting will need to be called to begin the next phase – potential meeting on Sunday, June 23rd, between the Services. Lisa will keep everyone informed.

Treasurer

Our finances are in good shape as of May 31st.

We have moved \$150,000 from our CNB accounts to a new account at Baird – 2.5% interest rate. The funds were from two recent bequests.

The Church Internal Audit has begun. The Diocese has extended our requirement for a Diocesan Supervised Audit until the 2019 audit.

Susan Fockler and Haunani Wallace are assisting Terry; this will free up some of her time.

Church Internal Audit Update

Fred Bucklin reported that the Audit Committee (Fred Bucklin, Chair; Haunani Wallace, Phil Groman and Bob Knapp) met on June 18th and completed the 2018 audit. A report will be ready to be presented to Vestry in July. Lisa advised Fred that the report needs to go to the Finance Committee first – as chair, Susan Fockler should receive it. Terry was thanked for supplying all the information necessary to complete the audit. Fred suggested that since we are required to have a Diocesan Supervised Audit every 4 years, we put a reminder on our calendar for 2020 and 2024. A Church Internal Audit is required for the other 3 years.

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New Business

Haunani Wallace discussed the possibility of having Hector Olivera perform at St. Thomas' – his minimum fee is \$2,700. He lives in Florida. Decision was to table discussion until we have a Music Director in place and the organ is fixed.

The Morris Dancers approached Lisa and asked that they be able to perform at St. Thomas' prior to the 10:00 Service on August 11. They were at St. Thomas' in 1979. Donovan asked Lisa to discuss with Pam and David Bardon as they have their own group in town.

Tenant Appliances – there are three appliances that are not working – washing machine, dryer and dishwasher. The tenant will be given a \$1,800 budget to purchase the appliances at Kelsey's. Terry will be in touch with Kelsey's to give them our exemption certificate and the church credit card. The appliances will be purchased by St. Thomas' and the warranties will be under St. Thomas' name. Elizabeth moved to spend \$1,800 for the purchase of the appliances. Unanimous approval.

End of Summer Event – Fred Bucklin agreed to head this event. Lisa wants to meet with him and his committee shortly.

By-Laws review was tabled.

Respect – Lisa stressed the importance of showing respect at meetings and toward others. When people interrupt one another, it is rude. We must respect dignity at every meeting. It is hard to regain respect once it is gone.

Lisa asked that we review the upcoming dates on the agenda. The August meeting may need to be moved. Elizabeth Moran started a discussion to move the meeting to a later time – Vestry will discuss at July meeting.

Lisa closed with The Lord's Prayer at 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Shirley Fierro, Clerk of the Vestry

Upcoming Dates:

June 20	Lisa afternoon COM special session
June 21	Presiding Bishop clergy meeting (Falmouth Foreside)
June 22	Consecration of Thomas Brown as Diocesan Bishop
June 23	Presiding Bishop at Old Orchard Beach
July 4	Fourth of July - Church and Office closed.
July 14	Quarry Hill
July 16	Vestry Meeting