

August St Thomas' Vestry Meeting Minutes, August 20, 2019

Attending: The Rev. Lisa Fry, Edmund Hartt, Barbara Lawrence, Elizabeth Moran, Fred Bucklin, Eileen Morelli, Sarah Groman, Suzanne Scott, Br. Donovan Bowley

Excused: Terry Mello, Carlos Mello, Haunani Wallace, Shirley Fierro

Meeting began at 5:00pm

Devotions: Lisa opened with the Collect for prayer. Devotional was Luke 13: 10-17, Lisa liked the Luke reading. Discussion ensued.

Edmund graciously agreed to take minutes.

Addition was made to July's minutes as to who seconded the motion about memorial donations (Fred Bucklin) and who seconded the motion about the music ministry fund set up in Ed Shindle's name (Barbara Lawrence).

Elizabeth Moran then made motion to accept the July Minutes as corrected. Fred seconded. Motion passed: 7 people approved, 1 abstention (member didn't attend that Vestry meeting)

Rector's report- almost taken as read.

Discussion about ASA being low. Is it weather? Times of services? More discussion .. August numbers are good, June July were way off. Or was it because it was hot in church?

Jr. Warden report—almost taken as read

Elizabeth Moran suggested that Parish Admin ask food pantry if they would like to pick apples (fresh produce for their clients).

Tower update—nothing to update.

Gift policy- Elizabeth moved to accept it and said it was thoroughly vetted. Barbara Lawrence seconded motion. Motion passed: 7 approved, 1 abstention (hadn't yet read policy thoroughly).

End of Summer event monies (after expenses and operating budget allocation) will be going toward the tower, with the exception of the 3 baskets raffled – whose proceeds will go to Meals on Wheels. Vestry asked by JoAnne Ryan to donate Maine made things to one basket. Motion was made to accept the designation of allocations (after expenses and operating budget allocation) to the tower, and the basket proceeds to go to Meals on Wheels. Fred Bucklin moved the motion, Donovan seconded, unanimously passed.

Upcoming dates (on agenda)

Shakespeare's use of the space created no problems—The rector regretted that more people didn't get involved. Good way to make St. Thomas' known as a church that sponsors events, gets involved in the arts, the Camden conference, other city-wide events. Would love to see St. Thomas' put more signage out to let people know what we are involved in, suggested next year the congregation "adopt" the Shakespeare troupe and possibly make them a meal during their rehearsal week next year.

Edmund Hartt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Barbara Lawrence.

Vestry ended with the Lord's Prayer at 5:40pm