

St. Thomas Episcopal Church Vestry

Minutes of meeting of September 16, 2019: 5:00 pm

Present: The Reverend Lisa Smith Fry, Rector; Carlos Mello, Senior Warden; Edmund Hartt, Junior Warden; Members: Brother Donovan Bowley; Elizabeth Moran; Eileen Morelli; Sarah Groman; Barbara Kent Lawrence. Others in attendance: The Reverend Abby Pettee, Deacon; Terry Mello, Treasurer; Shirley Fierro, Clerk.

Excused: Fred Bucklin, Suzanne Scott, Haunani Wallace,

Opening Prayer

Hospitality

Sally Williamson Presented the set plan for the Farewell to Summer event scheduled for September 20, 2019. After the presentation Sally was excused.

Minutes approved of the August Meeting. A motion was made by Edmund Hartt and seconded by Sarah Groman to accept the Minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously by the Vestry.

Treasurers Report:

- See attached notes.

Rectors Report

- Taken as read.

Senior Wardens Report

- Taken as read.

Junior Wardens Report

- Locks on the Conference room windows have been replaced.

Old Business

- Organ insurance claims update: the insurance company has denied the claim;
- Membership Committee – further discussion will occur with the Stewardship Committee for FY2020.

New Business

- Renewal Lease for Wood Street parking lot rental to Camden National Bank submitted and discussion followed. Edmund Hartt made a motion to approve the proposal as written and was seconded by Elizabeth Moran. A unanimous vote by the vestry to accept the proposal ensued;
- The “2018 Audit Report, Comments, and Actions Taken” report was presented. Edmund Hartt made a motion to approve the report as written. The Motion was seconded by Brother Donovan Bowley. The Vestry unanimously voted to accept the “2018 Audit Report, Comments, and Actions Taken” report.

The Vestry then moved to Executive Session.

Devotions

The Reverend Lisa Smith Fry let us in a Devotion bases upon 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 followed by prayer.

Edmund Hartt made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Sarah Groman and unanimously accepted by the Vestry at 6:25 pm.

Upcoming Dates:

September 17	5:00 pm	Vestry
September 20	6:30 pm	Farewell to Summer
September 29	11:30 am	Lisa's Story
October 6	1:30 pm	Quarry Hill
October 9	All Day	Commission on Ministry (Rector in Waterville)
October 26	All Day	Diocesan Convention
October ?		Wayfinders

Vestry Meeting Treasurer Notes:

- Finances are looking good as of the end of August. We will have a better feel for our situation at the end of the third quarter.
- The report was submitted for audit.
- Terry expressed a concern...she has heard from parishioners that there was no need to worry about the Tower expense because there is enough money to cover it. And on paper, it may look like we do. She asked for the Vestry's help in setting the record straight if they hear something similar. It is important to understand that the Tower is not the last expense our facilities will be incurring and if we were to use all our funds for capital repairs our Endowment would probably be wiped out in less than 5 years. She reminded everyone that each year we currently rely on 5% of our Endowment income to meet our operating expenses. This is 14.1% of our Budgeted income. Without this income, we would not be able to continue providing the services we do. She asked the Vestry to stop the rumor before it continues to spread.
- Terry spoke to Terry Reimer at the Diocese about the facilities and capital improvements we have on our Balance Sheet. He did confirm that all facilities are owned by the Bishop and Diocese; however, he advised that as long as we are in good-standing we can use the facilities as we see fit and it is actually a leasehold. She will change to Balance Sheet to read: Capital and Other Leasehold Improvements.