

ST. THOMAS VESTRY MEETING

February 17, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Present: The Reverend Canon Lisa Fry, Rector; Carlos Mello, Senior Warden; Brother Donovan Bowley, Fred Bucklin, Bill Freeman, Dean Jackson, Jen Johanson, Barbara Kent Lawrence, Elizabeth Moran, Terry Mello, Treasurer; Shirley Fierro, Clerk.

Absent: Edmund Hartt, Eileen Morelli, Sarah Groman.

The meeting opened in prayer, led by the Rector, followed by a reading from Matthew 17: 1-9. Discussion followed.

The Minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting were approved upon the correction of the date to reflect 2020 in the header. A motion to accept the Minutes as corrected was made by Fred Bucklin and seconded by Barbara Kent Lawrence. The Vestry unanimously accepted the Minutes of the January 14, 2020 Vestry Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Terry indicated that January finances looked in line with the budget; she will continue to monitor the finances throughout the year. She reviewed the building fund reports and explained that the money for designated and undesignated funds are kept separate.

In response to a question regarding the current issues with the tower - a meeting of the Building and Grounds Committee will be set up by the Junior Warden.

Two volunteers are needed to take the place of the current two Finance Office volunteers (check disbursements and inputting deposits into QuickBooks). Please speak with Terry directly if you would like to know more about what is entailed.

The finance section of the Parochial Report was presented and explained.

Reports

Rector

Welcomed the new Vestry Members: Bill Freeman, Dean Jackson, Jen Johnson, and Eileen Morelli. Expectations of Vestry Members was read.

St. Thomas will host the League of Woman Voters in a symposium and practice in the art of civil discourse, Saturday, April 18 at 10:00 am. Pre-registration is required.

Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist will be offered at St. Thomas each morning during Lent. Morning Prayer will begin at 8:15 am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Holy Eucharist will continue Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Senior Wardens Report

The Senior Warden presented the Principles, Goals and Key Activities the Vestry previously developed. These will be included in the Parish Annual Report and were discussed at the Parish Meeting on January 26, 2020

The Ministries supported by St. Thomas will be included in next month's Vestry meeting.

New Business

1. The Parochial Report that will be sent to the Diocese was presented. A question about the report was asked and will be answered after research is completed. (*Terry Question: what is being researched?*) A motion to accept the Parochial Report as written was made by Elizabeth Moran and seconded by Brother Donovan Bowley. The Vestry unanimously accepted the Parochial Report as written.
2. Solar Energy Initial Proposal:
The Diocese sent a letter regarding the Faith Community Solar Farm project. The Diocese has asked all congregations to consider participating in purchasing electricity from the proposed Faith Based Community Solar Farm once the project is completed. All congregations have the right to withdraw from participation in the project for any reason. We will need to supply information about our electricity usage. It was stressed that this is not a commitment to the Diocese - only an inquiry from the Diocese. Brother Donovan Bowley made a motion to be a part of the Community Solar Farm project, seconded by Fred Bucklin. The Vestry unanimously accepted this proposal and Lisa will find out what information is needed for the Diocese.
3. Norms from 2019 for the Vestry were presented and it was agreed that they will be the Norms for 2020.
4. Commissioning of the 2020 Vestry will be held on the 1st Sunday in Lent - March 1, 2020.

The meeting closed at 6:40 p.m. with prayer, led by Canon Fry, and the Lord's Prayer prayed by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley F. Fierro

Clerk

Upcoming Dates

February 21 – 23	All Day	Camden Conference
February 26	9:30, 5:30	Ash Wednesday services
February 28, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3	Noon	Friday Lenten music series
March 1	7:30 and 10:00 am	Commissioning of the 2020 Vestry
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Rector's Classes	<i>Sabbath</i> , by Wayne Muller
March 15	11:15	New Vestry Members Meeting
March 17	5:30	Vestry Meeting
March 21	All Day	Spring Training
Mar 23-27	Rector out of office	Reading week (Continuing Ed.)