

ST. THOMAS VIRTUAL (Zoom) VESTRY MEETING

March 15, 2021

Present: The Rev Canon Lisa Fry, Rector; Elizabeth Moran, Senior Warden; Edmund Hartt, Junior Warden; Troy Bickham, Brother Donovan Bowley, Bill Freeman, Roy Gilley, Jan Lyle, Dean Jackson, Jen Johanson, Eileen Morelli, Kendra Watkins; Terry Mello, Treasurer; Shirley Fierro, Clerk.

Meeting opened at 5:35 p.m. with Prayer led by the Rector.

Rector called for a motion to accept the minutes as amended. A motion was made by Bill Freeman and seconded by Edmund Hartt to accept the minutes of the Vestry meeting of February 15, 2021. A vote was taken, and all accepted the minutes as previously amended.

Rectors Report

Accepted as read.

Senior Wardens Report

We are entering a time of transition as we carefully and deliberately move to worshipping together again. Although the ultimate decision of the form and content of our worship is the Rector's, we need to think about, discuss and listen to our fellow parishioners as to what the worship could look like. There are other aspects of Church life that have been affected by the pandemic We need to identify those areas and see what changes (or not) need to be made.

Junior Wardens Report

No report.

Treasurers Report

Pledge income is on track - 2/12ths of pledges are in for 2021. Twenty-eight people have pledged which is about 50 less than 2020. Currently we are seeing "Givers of Record" increase; however, Terry has not been able to do an analysis as to why.

Finance 101: The Treasurer proceeded to give an overview of the accounts that are held by St. Thomas'. There are some accounts that are designated for specific purposes which is detailed in the February 2021 Financial Report.

Internal Controls are sorely lacking volunteers for the following:

- a. Volunteer/Bookkeeper to handle the input of deposits into QuickBooks as well as process and input all disbursements.
- b. Volunteer(s) (at least 4 people on a rotating basis) to process all checks (and cash) for deposit to our Operating Account at Camden National Bank.

Currently this is an untenable situation with the current treasurer doing the entire process which is not in keeping with the guidelines set forth by the Diocese. This situation is putting St Thomas' in jeopardy as well as the Treasurer's potential personal liability. A call for volunteers is necessary and must be resolved by April 30, 2021.

Terry also reminded the Vestry that she has been asking for an audit of the accounts since October 2020.

New Business:

Covid Task force had met and will continue to meet regarding the protocols set forth by the Diocese. We follow State Regulations as we safely return to congregating in groups.

Easter will not take place in the church this year. There will be several online options offered.

Vestry will not meet in person until May/June timeframe.

After the Church has opened three Sunday services to accommodate parishioners during tourist season will be considered: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and an evening service at 6:00pm. This will happen potentially in June. This is being considered for further discussion by the Covid committee and the decisions ultimately to be made by the Rector and Vestry.

All classes will continue online for the foreseeable future.

A discussion ensued about the Parish Administrator position that is at present vacant. Also, a volunteer could be sought to meet and greet people when the office is open.

Holy Week: Watch Tidings.

Thank you to Gwen for all her help as interim person doing video ministry coordination, Tidings, Bulletins and Mailchimp.

The Meeting closed in prayer at 6:45 pm.

Upcoming activities for the congregation:

- Every Sunday: Holy Eucharist Rite 2/sermon/music Open timing
- Coffee and Check-in M-Th 9:30 am
- Monday-Friday: Noonday Prayer (w/Sarah, Lisa, Donovan, and Shirley)
- Wednesday and Saturday - Compline at 8 pm (w/ Jacqueline)
- EFM Wednesdays (Donovan and Rosalee)
- Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:30 am (with Donovan)
- Rector's Class Sundays at 4:00 pm (Lisa)
- Food pantry remains open.
- Loaves and Fishes continuing - take out.
- Phone tree calling parishioners at risk, without internet.
- Pastoral visits with Rector continuing.
- Tidings weekly
- Website – links to all online offerings
- Holy Week (March 29 – April 3): Compline Monday – Wednesday, Saturday
Noonday Prayer: Monday-Friday
Maundy Thursday service – released at 5pm
Good Friday service – released at 12pm
Easter Sunday service – released at 7:30 am

Next meeting: Monday, April 19, 2021 @5:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Shirley F Fierro
Clerk

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