

ST. THOMAS VIRTUAL (Zoom) VESTRY MEETING

April 19, 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; Shirley Fierro, Clerk.

Absent: Kendra Watkins

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

Rector called for a motion to accept the minutes as read. A motion was made by Bill Freeman and seconded by Elizabeth Moran to accept the minutes of the Vestry meeting of March 15, 2021. A vote was taken and the minutes were accepted.

Rectors Report

Accepted as read.

Senior Warden

No Report

Junior Warden

Building and Grounds Committee met. At the next Vestry Meeting in May a briefing will be presented by the Building and Grounds Committee. The Vestry will meet in person in the Parish Hall. Drawings of the proposals will be given to each Vestry member to study. A final set of choices will be brought before the Parish for discussion and decision.

New Business

- Volunteers (3) are needed to be on call if the building alarm is tripped and a call out is made by the company receiving an alarm from the church. The volunteers should live no further than 10 minutes from the Church. Pam Bardon has agreed to be number 1 on the list of volunteers. Occasionally a volunteer may be asked to open the building for a specific need. Bill Freeman also volunteered for this ministry.
- A Letter of Agreement (LOA) for the Rector is overdue. Elizabeth Moran, Eileen Morelli and Bill Freeman have agreed to volunteer in assisting the Rector with updating. Eventually the LOA will be signed off by the Rector and Senior Warden and then at the diocesan level by The Reverend Michael Ambler and Bishop Thomas Brown.
- A Vestry Retreat has been suggested for the Fall.

Old Business

- Opening of the Church for in person worship will occur on May 9, 2021. Ushers are needed for this endeavor. Reservations will be required. Volunteers will then let people know whether or not there is sufficient room. Attendees will be assisted in finding seats by the usher(s). Designated seating will include the following: Families living together will sit together; Singles will be at either ends of the designated pews. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the opening. A banner is up announcing the new in-person Service hours.

- Personnel Update: The Personnel Committee is currently seeking a paid part time bookkeeper for three hours a week.
- Stewardship Update: A letter will be sent shortly regarding pledges. A discussion of the timing (month) for the Annual Stewardship Campaign was discussed. A challenge for our Vestry and Church – aside from pledges - how can we fiscally sustain the church for years to come?
- Finding a Treasurer – tabled until next month.

The Meeting closed in prayer at 6:47 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
- Vestry Meeting, Monday, 17 May 2021 at 5:30 pm