

St. Thomas Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting (Hybrid)

Monday, May 9, 2022

Present: The Reverend Canon Lisa Fry, Rector; Elizabeth Moran, Senior Warden; Edmund Hartt, Junior Warden; Troy Bickham, Sarah Groman, Dean Jackson, Jan Lyle, Eileen Morelli, Kendra Watkins. Jim Ebbert, Treasurer; Shirley Fierro, Clerk.

The meeting opened in prayer led by the Rector.

A motion was made by Edmund and seconded by Eileen to accept the minutes from the April 18, 2022, meeting as written. Seven Vestry members were in favor and Edmund abstained as he was not present at the April meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was given and presented by the Treasurer. The information was read from the report that was sent to all Vestry members. Jim made recommendations including touching base with Ballou and Associates, specifically Shelley Mills our consultant. He suggested consolidating many of the designated funds.

Junior Wardens Report: The painters have finished. Floor Sanders report: the short hallway and guild room have a water-based finish that has not protected the floors. They will require more sanding to remove the pitted areas due to the finish formerly applied. They are being sanded and the new finish will be oil based. The closet doors are not finished inside. They will be stripped and finished as well.

A motion was made by Eileen and seconded by Jan to complete all the finishes with an oil-based finish. All were in favor. None opposed,

Senior Wardens Report: Received by all Vestry Members denoting the visit of Bill Hayden, grandson of former rector, Father Ralph Hayden, (1919 – 1933) . Elizabeth has asked both the Rector and Brother Donovan to make themselves available for his visit. Eileen asked that the Vestry be alerted when he visits St. Thomas.'

Old Business: Rector advised the Vestry that Bishop Brown did not approve the proposed plan for substituting two weeks' vacation for the next 8 years added to the Rectors 4-week vacation in lieu of a 4-month sabbatical after five years of service. He would prefer a 4 month sabbatical to be taken.

The Vestry Retreat is set for September 10, 2022, at Bishopwood.

New Business:

Bill and Susan Freeman have decided to take a hiatus from St. Thomas' for awhile.

Jim Ebbert has resigned as Treasurer and a letter stating his reasons was read to the Vestry. The Rectors (possible) response was also read. The Rectors response and Jim's letter will be sent to the Vestry for comment/critique and returned to the Rector within 24 hours upon receipt.

Terry Mello offered to set in as the Interim treasurer, and to work with a new treasurer designee to bring her/him up to speed when we get one. (Vestry agreed to the appointment via email May 31, 2022)

Next month we will discuss the Canons and Bylaws.

The Meeting ended in Prayer at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley F. Fierro, Clerk