

St. Thomas Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting (Hybrid)

Monday, June 29, 2022

Present: The Reverend Canon Lisa Fry, Rector; Elizabeth Moran, Senior Warden; Edmund Hartt, Junior Warden; Sarah Groman, Dean Jackson, Jan Lyle, Eileen Morelli, Kendra Watkins. Terry Mello, Interim Treasurer.

Excused: Troy Bickham. Shirley Fierro, Clerk

The meeting opened in prayer led by the Rector.

A motion was made by Edmund and seconded by Jan to accept the minutes from the May 9, 2022, meeting as written. Seven Vestry members were in favor and Edmund abstained as he was not present at the April meeting.

Interim Treasurers Report: PG Wiley cost for fuel is up 10%. Terry questioned whether the service contract was renewed. She offered to follow up with P.G. Willey.

Junior Wardens Report: Tour of the physical plant with the Vestry is completed. A stained-glass firm has been contacted and we are awaiting estimates. The architect will meet again the end of July.

Senior Wardens Report: Hayden family visit was a success. The gardens need to be tidied and Sarah will write an appeal to the Parish with the children included.

Rectors Report: Parishioners, please talk to people who are unfamiliar to us.

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.

Shakespeare Players will be with us again. A liaison for the church with information about our church would be helpful.

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

New Business:

Outsourcing bookkeeping is averaging \$600 per month. Terry discussed deposits and was willing to work with the Office Volunteers to process the deposits. She would like to reinstate Remote capture deposits (approximately \$50.00 per month.) Motion to allow the Interim Treasurer to reinstate Remote Capture for deposits was made by Edmund and seconded by Dean. All were in favor. We are eligible for an additional \$2000.00 from the diocese for upgrades to streaming, electronics, equipment.

Vestry Vacancy: Troy Bickham is leaving the area. Benjy Lowry will be his replacement. Motion to accept Benjy as a member of the vestry was made by Lisa and seconded by Edmund. All were in favor.

A \$50,000 donation originally for the building repairs has been redesignated for stained glass repair. Edmund made a motion to accept the redesignation of \$50,000.00 be used for the stained-glass windows. Elizabeth seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Next month we will discuss the Canons and Bylaws to be presented at the Annual Meeting

The concept of having a mediator help us with the continuing dissension in the parish regarding the tower etc. was discussed, but nothing was decided. Tabled until the next meeting to continue discussion.

The Building project will be discussed next month.

It was mentioned again that vestry meetings are always open to the Parish. The minutes will be posted once a month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley F. Fierro