

## St. Thomas Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting

Monday, December 12, 2022

**Present:** The Reverend Canon Lisa Fry, Rector; Elizabeth Moran, Senior Warden; Edmund Hartt, Junior Warden; Sarah Groman, Eileen Morelli, Benji Lowery, Kendra Watkins. Terry Mello, Interim Treasurer; Shirley Fierro, Clerk. Excused: Dean Jackson

The meeting opened with prayer led by Lisa at 7:31 pm.

### **Rectors Report:**

AA donated to St. Thomas to help with heating costs.

Lisa will facilitate a Sunday School Theatre class for the children from 9:00-9:45 and on the first two Sundays of the month. On the third Sunday of the month Lisa will teach Episcopal 101 for anyone who would like to attend.

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, a Newcomers potluck will take place – time yet to be determined. Suggestion: Install the new stoves prior to the potluck.

### **Annual Meeting – January 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Junior Wardens Report:** Chuck Campbell (architect) is finalizing the manual for the roofs on the flower room and over the chapel. The Building and Grounds, (B&G) committee are assembling the names of General Contractors whom they know can do the job. In the new year B&G will meet with all who are interested and give each of them what will be required and then put the project out to bid.

The ad hoc stove committee met with B&G and have been advised the old gas cook stove should be removed. Two domestic stove models with gas cook tops (with electric starts) and electric ovens and broilers will be the replacement. This will provide much cleaner air in the kitchen as there will not be pilot lights allowing gas fumes to emit into the air. Also, less gas will be used over the course of time. The B&G committee is also forwarding this recommendation to the vestry.

**Senior Wardens Report:** There has been a limited response to the new Prayer Book, but it will appear in Tidings in January.

Families who cannot come to church appreciate the streaming of the services. Terry and Carlos stream at the 7:30 and Luke will be streaming the 10:00.

**Treasurer:** December is the month for renewal of the Rectors housing allowance. A motion was made by Edmund and Eileen seconded that the Rectors housing allowance be approved. All were in favor.

How to Pledge has appeared in Tidings and individuals received pledge information in the mail.

**New Business:** The keys kept in the hallway are not secure. We have been keeping a list of people who have keys for a few months. A motion was made to replace the sacristy door and put locks on the sacristy closet door add a new safe for the money. A motion was made by Benji

and seconded by Jan to replace sacristy door, add a lock to the closet, and to add a new safe using a portion of the Parker Laite funds. All were in favor. This item will be referred to the B&G Committee for implementation.

A motion was made by Edmund and seconded by Kendra that the Louise Knowlton fund be used to send Toys for Tots in Rockland \$758.00. All were in favor. We would like to apply to have a box for Toys for Tots by October 2023.

Victor Edmund Trust - \$4700.93 is the annual distribution from this fund. \$2500 will be sent to Christ Church in Gardiner to support an additional teacher at the school Christ Church is funding in Haiti, with the balance going to Episcopal Relief and Development.

New Suggestions: money counters are to deposit every other week – 2 Sundays a month. What is mailed and what comes in on Sunday will be counted. Counters must be rotated.

Utilize the school rooms for Day Care for low-income families. Let Lisa know if you are interested in being on the committee. Kendra volunteered.

Must publicize Annual Meeting 10 days prior to 29 January 2023.

Vestry Nominations update: 4 vestry members are required plus a Junior Warden. Two vestry members to serve 2 years and two to serve 3 years plus a Junior Warden. Give suggested names to Lisa.

Discussion about the current mail situation as the Camden PO is closed. Camden will reopen in a few months. Decided to not add a mail slot.

Next Vestry meeting will be on Thursday, 12 January 2023.

Meeting closed at 8:50 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley F. Fierro, Clerk