

St. Thomas' Vestry Meeting
October 10, 2023
6:00 pm

Present: Elizabeth Moran, senior warden; Donovan Bowley, junior warden; Terry Mello, treasurer; Anne Rogers-Popejoy, clerk; Rev. Paul Briggs, interim rector;

Jan Lyle, Sarah Groman, Gwen Prosser, Benjy Lowry, Kendra Watkins, Jacqueline Recht

Interim rector opens the meeting in prayer with the doxology, followed by Dwelling in the Word: Luke 10:1-12.

Agenda Items:

Stewardship:

Jan Lyle and Terry Mello have been working on stewardship. The pancake breakfast is planned for October 15 as a kick off event. The stewardship letter will be personalized to each person, and include a stewardship card and proportional gift information. The campaign utilizes the *Rooted in Abundance* theme and materials from the national church. November 19 will be ingathering Sunday. The campaign consists of five Sundays: the co-chairs request that someone speak for 1-2 minutes at each service about why St. Thomas' is important to them. Ideally, there will be an exchange of individuals between 8am and 10am services.

Communications/Administration:

Realm Database demo this Thursday, October 12 from 11am-12pm in the conference room. Terry did research, and is exploring Realm in depth at the recommendation of the Diocese.

The Memorial Garden committee needs to be reinvigorated. Duties include coordinating policies and fee structure; making linen bags for ashes; gardening.

Community Events:

December 2: Christmas Fair on hold for this year.

Fair chairs would prefer to put focus and energy into the summer fair.

Benjy will ask Shelly to assist with transitioning the fair items out of the Sunday school room, ideally before the community Thanksgiving dinner on 11/23.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner: 11/23 at 1pm, dinner served at 2pm. Advertising discussed. Event will be alcohol free.

Property:

In the interest of security, several on the Vestry, recommend rekeying the building, likely with multiple levels of access. Jan Lyle will call Sargent Lock.

Fundraising Committee presents summary report from Evergreen Philanthropic Solutions and accompanying cover letter signed by interim rector and senior warden. The senior warden sees two next steps: distribute the mailing and communicate with the parish. Ideally, the document will be mailed tomorrow, October 11.

Organ repair is on track, reports Senior Warden. Junior warden is working to raise the floor in the flower room.

Interim Rector Updates

Convention Updates

Meeting with families and youth a Sunday in November; Anne will follow up with families on a date.

Worship:

Ideas for Christmas by the Sea weekend

Altar guild revitalization meeting: November 7

Advent 4 falls on Christmas Eve: one service at 9:30am; 4pm Children's Service, 10pm

Candlelight service.

January 5 - Epiphany celebration?

Next meeting: Monday, Nov 20 at 6pm

Meeting closes in prayer at 8:30pm