

St. Thomas' Episcopal
Vestry Meeting
February 13, 2024
6:30pm

Present: Elizabeth Moran, Senior Warden; Br Donovan Bowley, Junior Warden; Terry Mello, Treasurer; Anne Rogers-Popejoy, clerk

Sarah Groman, Gwen Prosser, Haunani Wallace, Jacqueline Recht; Benjy Lowry; Ron Zdrojeski

Absent: Kendra Watkins, Cheryl Reif

Fr Paul Briggs opens the meeting in prayer at 6:30pm. Introductions and welcome to new vestry members follows.

Vestry members share thoughts on the discernment exercise at the annual meeting on January 28, which are overwhelmingly positive.

Senior warden moves to accept the January minutes as recorded, second Sarah. Motion carries.

Election of the clerk of the vestry: Haunani nominates Anne Rogers-Popejoy, second Sarah. Motion carries.

The vestry retreat scheduled for March 23 is discussed. One key piece will be establishing a vestry covenant. We will discuss the tower project, the mission statement, our branding (establish an elevator speech), and review committees and corresponding contacts.

Reports:

Parochial Report: Terry Mello and Fr. Paul Briggs

Parochial Report reviewed page by page, with edits and discrepancies noted, and additional comments added to the narrative sections.

Haunani makes a motion to approve the parochial report, second Junior Warden. Motion carries.

Committee additions:

Memorial Garden Committee has been formed, Sarah Groman vestry representative. Members are Bill Freeman and Lucy Ebbert.

Unanimous vote to approve the members of the Memorial Garden Committee.

Finance & Endowment: Phil Groman, Chair. Bob Bannon, Cheryl Reif, Bill Freeman

Unanimous vote to approve the members of the Finance Committee.

Building & Grounds: Carlos Mello, Bill Freeman, Michael Moore, Sarah Groman, Edmund Hart, Ed & Sally Williamson, John Watkins, Bob & Connie Bock, Jan & Sandy Lyle.

Bylaws committee: Elizabeth Moran, Edmund Hart, Terry Mello, Ron Zdrojeski, Gwen Prosser.

Haunani moves to approve the slate of By-Laws Committee members, second Gwen.

Motion Carries.

Junior Warden's Report: Br. Donovan Bowley

- The plaster project funded by Bill & Susan Freeman has begun.
- Some roof repair is underway, but the Junior Warden thinks that the rectory roof needs to be replaced as well.
- There is damage to the stucco on the outside of the altar; the warden will look into repairing it.
- The new thermostats have been installed and programmed.

Outreach Report: Gwen Prosser

- The committee is working to narrow their focus to a single issue, likely homelessness.
- The committee is also hoping to host an outreach dinner after Easter.

Holy Cow Consulting Update: Fr. Paul Briggs

Can add two modules and up to five questions to the resource: Terry, Sarah, and Haunani will help to determine these custom additions.

Realm Update: Terry Mello

New Vestry members will receive an invitation; training with the new Parish Administrator is going quite well.

Lent: Fr. Paul Briggs

Godly Play and Sunday Forum are getting off the ground this Sunday, February 17.

Finance: Terry Mello

Early financials look very good, but some of that is due to pledges that are paid in full in January. She feels that we are off to a strong start and that deposits have been good. But won't have a strong picture of how the year is shaping up until March or April.

New Business:

Fr. Paul Briggs: Would it be helpful for one vestry member at each service to give a short summary of the vestry meeting at the Sunday following? (Succinct report consisting of no more than three bullet points). The group agrees that this is a good idea and will share the responsibility among members.

Senior Warden: Please bring ideas for advertising Holy Week and Easter to the senior warden via email.

Fr Paul Briggs closes the meeting with Lord's Prayer.
The meeting adjourns at 8:10 pm.