St. Thomas Vestry Meeting March 11, 2025 5:00 pm

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

Haunani Wallace, Bill Freeman, Benjy Lowry, Kelli McGuire, Jacqueline Recht; Cheryl Reif, Gwen Prosser, Ron Zdjoreski

Consent Agenda is approved as amended. Motion: Haunani Wallace, Second: Bill.

Review of priorities of this vestry, with context from Holy Cow survey and recent congregational conversations.

Having access to, and basic knowledge of, the Realm software helps us to get information to the congregation as leaders.

Further discussion of welcoming visitors and new members:

The Welcome Mugs! Vestry greeter Vestry nametags

Belltower Update:

Review of the Barba + Wheelock Architecture (B+W) proposal Discussion follows

Motion to accept an offer by anonymous donors to hire the firm of Barba + Wheelock of Portland, Maine to conduct a comparative analysis to evaluate four (4) options for addressing the existing issues at the historic tower at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Camden, Maine, including masonry displacement and moisture infiltration issues. (Estimates for the work are estimated at about \$35,000). *Motion Donovan, second Bill. Motion carries.*

Motion to accept a gift to the Endowment Fund (specified in the Will) in the amount of \$5000 from the estate of Tiffany Andrews. Motion Donovan, second Kelli. Motion carries.

Motion to accept a gift in the amount of up to \$2000.00 from an anonymous donor for the purchase of a 78" TV and moveable stand. Discussion follows. Motion Bill, second Cheryl. Motion carries.

Discussion of treasurer's report; Building and Grounds report, Rector's report.

Meeting closes in prayer.