

St. Thomas Vestry Meeting  
May 13, 2025  
5:00pm

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

Gwen Prosser, Kelli McGuire, Haunani Wallace, Cheryl Reif, Bill Freeman, Jacqueline Recht  
Phil Groman, Endowment & Finance committee

Meeting opens in prayer at 5:03pm, followed by the recitation of the Vestry covenant.

**Motion to approve minutes of APRIL 8 and other items in the consent agenda: Elizabeth, second Bill.**

Phil Groman gives an update from the Endowment and Finance Committee following a meeting with Allen Financial. Fr Paul notes that the work to build the endowment is ongoing, and that a planned giving event is in the works.

Invite, Welcome, Connect: the Vestry visions around parish events and community programs in the next three years, and speaks concretely about summer events to try this year.

Fr Paul checks in on the efficacy of the print bulletins, children's materials, etc. Discussion follows.

Update on the bell tower: Fr Paul leads a discussion regarding the plan for building consensus and coming to a decision about the bell tower.

Review of proposed changes to the All Soul's Memorial Garden bylaws and application for burial. Elizabeth recommends that we include a clause that cremated remains not be scattered. Fr Paul recommends consistent use of "St." vs "Saint."

**Bill moves to approve the All Soul's Memorial Garden bylaws as amended above, second Haunani.**

Bill Freeman provides a building and grounds update.

Request for permission to serve alcohol at the funeral of Jan Dolcater on June 21:  
**Haunani moves to approve, Bill seconds with the provision that Fr Paul check with the Diocese to make sure that the motion is in compliance with Diocesan policy.**

Safe Church Certification: required for vestry members.

Terry will offer two sessions: Tuesday June 12 at 9:30 am or Sunday, June 29 at 11:30am.

Terry gives a report from the Sarah Davenport Committee: look for information on the website and in Tidings.

Talking points for report to congregation: 10am Bill; 8am Elizabeth

-Bell tower conversation: how to build consensus. Notify Parish of June 4 meeting.

- Endowment & Finance Committee update: invested funds are healthy

-Memorial Garden bylaws approved.

The meeting concludes in prayer at 6:55pm.