

St. Thomas Vestry Meeting
October 14, 2025
5:00pm

Present: Cheryl Reif, Gwen Prosser, Benjy Lowry, Haunani Wallace, Kelli McGuire, Ron Zdjoreski, Bill Freeman.

Elizabeth Moran, senior warden; Br Donovan Bowley, junior warden; Terry Mello, treasurer; Anne Rogers-Popejoy, clerk.

Motion to approve consent agenda: Gwen, second Kelli.

Reflections on the September retreat follows, and a discussion of the article *The Episcopal Church Welcomes You: That's Not How We Do It Here*.

Treasurer Terry Mello provided a quarterly deep dive on the financials.

Gwen Prosser gave an update on Outreach: highlights include the funds raised at the Comfort Food Dinner went to provide a teacher appreciation lunch. Exploring the idea of expanding to the elementary school and the wider district. The committee is meeting needs that are brought to them – work can expand as needs are made clear.

Cheryl provided an update on the fall pledge campaign: off to a strong start with new and increased pledges, and new and diverse Ministry Minute speakers this year.

Bell Tower Update: Bill and Fr Paul will meet with the architect to clarify pricing. Carlos Mello and Edmund Hart will create a presentation to be shared in early November with a historic view of the pricing of the project.

Review of calendar: will move to one 9:30 service beginning November 30, Advent 1.

Reports to Parish:

1. Follow ups on Bell Tower presentation: cost investigation in progress
2. Outreach: how much money has been spent to date and where it has gone (clip from treasurer's report)
3. Stewardship update: statistics from Ministry Minute and November 2 ingathering harvest celebration.

10am - Cheryl. 8am - Benjy

Meeting closes in prayer at 6:55pm.