

St. Thomas Vestry Meeting  
May 12, 2026

Present: Elizabeth Moran, senior warden; Benjy Lowry, junior warden; Terry Mello, treasurer;  
Anne Rogers-Popejoy, clerk

Cheryl Reif, Haunani Wallace, Kelli McGuire, Sam Cotton, Bill Freeman, Derek Reed

Meeting opens in prayer

Recap of Holy Cow retreat, including review of the Transition Plan provided by Emily Swanson. Fr Paul will reach out to Emily to schedule a zoom call for the vestry to clarify some points in the plan and ask questions.

Terry Mello fields questions about the treasurer's reports, with special attention to high expenditures including quarterly payments, the heating bill, and discernment expenses.

Review of the bell tower project.

Sam Cotton makes a motion to recommend Option A: Tower Restoration (including the slate roof and restoration of the bells) to the parish, second Kelli McGuire. The vestry will present their recommendation to the parish to gather input, citing the financial reasoning found in the small gaps between each option, and with the intention to move the project forward by raising a total of \$2M. Motion carries, vote is unanimous.

Bill Freeman makes a motion to accept the Ukrainian stations of the cross donated by Taylor Pohlman, second Benjy Lowry.

Bill Freeman makes a motion to approve serving of alcohol at a birthday party for adults in the Parish Hall on November 7, second Haunani Wallace.

Reports to the congregation:

8am - Sam

10am - Haunani

1. Notes of thanks to Kayla (send in care of the church, by end of May).
2. Accepted the gift of Ukrainian made Stations of the Cross from Taylor Pohlman with many thanks.
3. As you read in Tidings, the vestry unanimously recommends the restoration of the tower, slate roof and bells. On June 7, we will hold a parish meeting for discussion.

Meeting closes in prayer at 7:30.