

St. Thomas' Vestry Meeting
April 16, 2024

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

Haunani Wallace, Gwen Prosser, Cheryl Reif , Jacqueline Recht , Ron Zdrojeski, Benjy Lowry

Absent: Sarah Groman, Kendra Watkins

Fr Paul Briggs opens the meeting at 6:30 pm with a prayer for world peace.

Reflections on Lent and Easter: sense of community; visual impact; the addition of Holy Saturday; the candles; music; the joy of Easter Day; education series for adults and children; commitment of the people of the parish.

Corrections to the minutes of the last meeting: Carlos Mello needs to be added to the Building & Grounds committee.

Motion to approve the minutes as amended: Haunani, second Donovan. Motion carried.

Setting regular meeting times for vestry meetings: Second Tuesday of every month.
Meeting with the Bishop on Wednesday, June 5 at 5:30pm. Will include a potluck dinner.
Vestry Retreat Saturday, June 8 from 9am - 4pm at Limina Renewal Center.
No regular vestry meeting on June 11.

Discernment/Transition

Holy Cow! Consulting work is moving forward.

Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) will go live April 28 and run through May 19.

Interim Rector's Report:

- Eucharistic Visitor Training to be held on May 4 at 9am. Following the training, Fr. Paul will bring names back to the vestry for approval.
- Bishop's Visitation: Jul 28, 2024 to celebrate the centennial of the consecration of the church building.
 - Ideas for celebration: timeline, historic display, time capsule, fundraising effort, community party, invite relatives of past rectors, special music, cake!
- May 5: Conversations around Christian formation: Emily Keniston will preach at 8am and 10am
- Interest in an Ascension Day eucharist? Thursday, May 9 at 5:30pm with dinner
- May 12: Michael Douglass, director of Camp Bishopswood will preach at 8am and 10am; also invited us for Eucharist in September
- May 19 - Day of Pentecost and conclusion of CAT survey
- July 28 - Bishop's Visit to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the consecration of the church building

**Interim rector adjourns meeting to executive session at 7:30pm.
Meeting resumes at 7:38 pm.**

Bylaws Update:

Elizabeth Moran, Senior Warden

The senior warden will gather the committee and continue working through the Diocesan bylaw process.

Junior Warden's Update:

Br. Dononvan Bowley

- Exterior stucco on Wood St side of the church needs immediate attention
- Flower room floor still needs work as well to address tripping hazards
- Donovan will gather the building committee; senior warden requests that he address the wrap on the tower.
- Parish Spring Clean-up Day outdoors, stay tuned for a date

Outreach Committee

Gwen Prosser

- Fundraising dinner in the works for September
- Invite a presenter from the food pantry to speak to the Parish

Summer Fair

Jacqueline Recht & Cheryl Reif

- This year's fair will be a combination of traditional components (antiques, lunch, kids activities) and involving the community in new ideas.
- Ideas include church tours, garden club/ flower guild demonstrations and sales.

Youth & Families

Anne Rogers-Popejoy

- 8 active families with young children in the parish; a 100% increase in the last six months
- Families will meet after the May 5 service to discuss formation and make a plan for next school year

Treasurer's Report

Terry Mello

- Communications email is no longer active.
- Kayla, the admin is doing very well and working independently.
- We still need to come up with a computer and email policy, ideally in May.
- Realm Database update: updating groups and schedules. Terry will host a training at 11:30 am on Sunday, April 18.
- No red flags on our financials.

Unfinished business:

- Elizabeth Moran: Richard I. Thomas scholarship fund is seeking applications from college students from St. Thomas' church. Deadline of June 1.
- Sound system will need to be upgraded eventually.

Report to the congregation on this meeting:

8am: Donovan

10am: Jacqueline

Report will include: Bishops visit; eucharistic visitors, and outreach committee updates.

Meeting closes in prayer at 8:20pm.