

St. Thomas Vestry Meeting

October 8, 2024

6:30 pm Zoom

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

Sarah Groman, Haunani Wallace, Gwen Prosser, Kendra Watkins, Benjy Lowry, Ron Zdrojeski

Fr Paul Briggs opens the meeting in prayer at 6:30pm
Bible study follows.

Motion to adopt the consent agenda, including the minutes, the financials, and the reports of the rector and junior warden: Donovan, second Elizabeth.

Discussion around a discrepancy in the amount of the gift from the Joan Foxwell estate, recorded incorrectly in the minutes of March, 2022. **Elizabeth motions to amend the March 2022 minutes to show that the donation from the Joan Foxwell estate was \$50,000 and not \$25,000. Second: Gwen. Motion carries.**

Anne motions to send this correction to the finance and endowment committee to determine the best designation for the funds, and return a recommendation to the Vestry, second Ron. Motion carries.

Nomination Committee:

The interim rector suggests that we ask Sarah, who is rotating off the Vestry and is ineligible to serve next term, plus two others to comprise that committee. We need to ensure that we have a clear set of guidelines for what we expect of our Vestry members, including time commitments and regular parish duties. Haunani and Benjy volunteer to be committee members, with Sarah as chair.

We need: 3 vestry members to each serve a 3 year term and 3 delegates to convention plus one alternate.

Calendar Planning:

Discussion around one service at 9am from December 29 - March 2. Suggestions include a shorter trial period, or establishing a regular once a month combined service. Item tabled.

Discussion regarding 4th Sunday of the month as Morning Prayer. Perhaps the solution is to have one morning prayer service per month, at 9am on the 4th Sunday.

Potentially changing the date of the annual meeting to January 19; it is currently set for January 26: tabled, but acceptable in terms of the bylaws.

Vestry retreat: Fr Paul finds it ideal to have a retreat earlier in the year so that the group can plan for the calendar year. Discussion includes two retreats: one to establish expectation and one to vision.

The focus of the December meeting is to establish a budget for 2025.

Haunani motions to accept a \$3,000 designated donation to the Building Fund (unrestricted) from a member of the 12-Step Group, second Ron. Motion carries.

Unfinished business:

- Bylaw revision will begin once the Diocese releases sample guidelines for all churches.
- Stewardship
 - Committee has a mailing going out this week. Fr Paul encourages the Vestry to pledge early to drive participation early in the pledge count.

Prayers for those in need of healing.

Reports to the parish:

-Nominating committee

-Calendar planning

-\$3000 gift for building fund from member of 12step group

8am: Gwen

10am: Haunani

Fr Paul closes the meeting in prayer at 8:15pm.