

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2021

Meeting was opened with prayer at 6:04 pm by Fr. Bob.

Devotions with participation by all present.

In attendance: Fr. Bob Goolsby, Cindy Mitchell, Jodie Bevel, Sal Brucculeri, Rick Cabrera, Judy Fields, Keith Myrie, Ben O'Kelley, Ed Ruddy, Ed Walker, Pamela Williams, Jadeen Wintz and Ralph Yearwood

Excused: Anna Andrews, Kathleen McCullough

September Minutes: Motion made by Ed Ruddy to approve the September minutes. Second by Judy Fields. Approved.

Senior Warden's Report: See report.
Audit deadline set for Nov 1.
Schedule of when Vestry members' terms are up was reviewed.
Boy Scouts of America interest in meeting at St. Thomas was discussed. Cindy Mitchell and Rick Cabrera will be meeting with the BSA group this week.
Choral Arts Society – no decision until late November regarding the holiday concerts.
Unity Concert in January – protocol questions regarding CDC guidelines for social distancing, masks, singers, etc. to be addressed with St. Thomas representatives.

Junior Warden: See report. Please Note Items No. 3 and 4 are now complete. Quotes for columbarium build-out can proceed now that the niches have been delivered and field measurements can take place.

Treasurer: See reports. Ralph Yearwood reported that revenues are still better than budgeted year-to-date and expenses are lower. The projected 2021 results right now are positive.
Motion made to accept the September financial statements made by Jodie Bevel with a second by Ed Ruddy. Approved.

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Other Committees: ECW: Cindy Mitchell noted that the liaison report stated labyrinth “restricted” funds were being re-allocated to benches instead. Cindy asked that ECW please get approval from the Property Committee before purchasing benches. Cindy asked that ministries not compete with each other for donations. For example, please wait until after the Halloween candy donation campaign is over before placing baskets in the narthex for AdventHealth donations.

Rector’s Report: The Fall Clergy Conference at Camp Weed went well. The guest speaker was a Priest from Montana and was very interesting.

The resumption of three (3) services is still uncertain due to the lack of volunteers to serve. It will be discussed at the Worship Committee meeting on October 21st.

Nov. 13th is the Visioning event with Paul Bruno and very important for the future of St. Thomas.

The regional Confirmation event has been moved from St. Paul’s to St. Thomas. Fr. Bob stated it is very important that the Bishop’s visit be well planned, scheduled and executed. The Bishop will meet with the Vestry. Fr. Bob would also like information from the Visioning event shared with the Bishop.

A colleague of Fr. Bob’s in Jacksonville has offered to make a presentation to the Membership Committee regarding the “Invite, Welcome and Connect” program.

Other Matters: Cindy Mitchell shared that attendance for ministry meetings is still lacking but improving. Cindy also reminded everyone there is currently no Kitchen Committee and no Coffee Hour Committee. Volunteers are needed.

The next regular meeting will be on Nov. 16th at 6:00 pm in Room 104.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm with prayer by Fr. Bob.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Snedeker
Vestry Secretary