



# The Episcopal Church of St Thomas the Apostle

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## Monthly Vestry Meeting - Minutes January 21, 2025

### IN ATTENDANCE

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**Rector**

Father Christopher Thomas / on vacation

**Clergy, Staff/Guest**

None

**Ex-Officio Officers**

Joe DeuPree, Treasurer  
Bob Stutz, Clerk  
Rusty Rippamonti, Chancellor

**Vestry Members**

Rene Aguirre  
Hampton Burwick  
Janet Elsea - Senior Warden  
Jami Mifflin  
Steve Sale  
Jack Sartin

**Parishioners**

none

### SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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- **December 2024 Vestry Minutes were approved.**
- **Welcome New Members**
- **Election of Vestry Officers**
- **Standing Vestry Committee Assignments**
- **Vestry Liason Reports**
- **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary discussion**
- **Senior Warden Report**

### NARRATIVE

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**I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer****Janet Elsea**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Janet Elsea, and the meeting began with an opening prayer.

**II. Resource Person for Meeting****Jami Mifflin****III. Welcome New Members.****Janet Elsea**

The Vestry welcomed new members Steve Sale and Rene Aguirre. The Vestry also welcomed the new Clerk of the Vestry, Bob Stutz.

**IV. Election of Vestry Officers****Janet Elsea**

Junior Warden / Dan Hall was nominated with a move by Steve Sale and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hampton Burwick. The vote was unanimous for Dan Hall to become the new Junior Warden.

Slate of other nominees: Chancellor: Rusty Rippamonti; Clerk: Bob Stutz; Treasurer: Joe

DeuPree; Assistant Treasurer: Jerry Knight. The slate as nominated was moved by Hampton Burwick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jami Mufflin. The vote was unanimous for the slate as nominated.

**V. Standing Vestry Committee Assignments:**

- a) Building & Grounds: John VanBuskirk, Chair with Rene Aguirre and Dan Hall
- b) Finance: Joe DeuPree, Chair with John Billingsley, Hampton Burwick and Jack Sartin
- c) Mission/Outreach: Janet Elsea, Chair, Jami Mifflin and Steve Sale

Janet Elsea stressed the importance of having active committees and active committee members. The best way to accomplish that is for the committees to meet in person whenever possible.

**VI. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval**

**Janet Elsea**

The meeting continued with a review of the previous month's minutes. Hampton Burwick moved, and Steve Sale seconded, a motion for approval of the December 17, 2024 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

**VII. Finance Committee**

**Joe DeuPree**

Chancellor Rusty Ripparmonti presented Banking Resolution for Inwood National Bank Accounts. A copy of the resolution is attached to these minutes. Steve Sale moved, and Jami Mifflin seconded, a motion for approval of the Inwood Bank Proposal. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Chancellor Rusty Ripparmonti presented Banking Resolution for Fidelity Brokerage Services LLC Account. A copy of the resolution is attached to these minutes. Jami Mifflin moved, and Steve Sale seconded, a motion for approval of the Inwood Bank Proposal. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Copies of the Banking Resolutions are attached.

Joe DeuPree reviewed the St Thomas Financial Statements. Copies attached.

**VIII. Mission – Outreach Committee**

**Janet Elsea**

The Committee did not meet, however Janet Elsea reminded everyone of the February 2, 2025 Baby Shower. The shower is for a baby boy and the immigrant mother will be in attendance. Please bring a wrapped gift for the baby shower which will be held in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 service.

**IX. Building and Grounds (B&G) Committee**

Rusty Ripparmonti announced the problem with the water bill has been corrected and a partial refund has been requested from City of Dallas.

## X. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

Joe DeuPree

Due to the importance of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Joe DeuPree asked that the committee include the Vestry Members as well any others who want to serve.

There is currently not a budget for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, but it will not be inexpensive. It was suggested money from the Endowment Fund may be available.

There was discussion on the format for the celebration: perhaps rather than one large banquet, perhaps a number of smaller events throughout the year.

## XI. Other

General discussion of Ash Wednesday event on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

## XII. Guild Liaisons Reports

- **Acolytes/Eucharistic Ministers** No report. There should be a replacement for Jerry Knight
- **Eucharistic Visitors** (John Billingsley) – No report.
- **Altar Guild** (Rene Aguirre) – No report.
- **Greeters/Ushers** (Hampton Burwick) – To schedule a meeting with Greeters/Ushers to create new visitor gifts.
- **Kitchen/Social:** (Jami Mifflin) – February 5<sup>th</sup> is the Chili Cookoff / Game Night is February 21<sup>st</sup> and perhaps schedule Game Nights on a regular basis. / It was suggested perhaps St Thomas could do a Spaghetti Dinner.
- **Lectors (Readers)** (Alyssa Abadinsky) – Absent, no report.
- **Music** (Janet Elsea) – Search for new Organist. Reaching out to Organ Associations and local colleges.
- **Invite Welcome Connect** Steve Sales offered to assist.

## XIII. Senior Warden's Report

Janet Elsea

- a) Annual Meeting: February 9, 2025 after the 10:30 Service
- b) Vestry Retreat: Need location for Friday night gathering. Saturday 9-4 at St. Michael & All Angels.
- c) Rector Holiday: January 17-31, 2025
- d) Other Items: Colored pages in handout indicates assignments for the St. Thomas Offering Security Schedule for 2025. If a person needs to change the date they are assigned, it is their responsibility to find a replacement.

## XIV. Resource Person for February 18, 2025.

Rene Aguirre volunteered.

**XV. Compline**

Conducted By Steve Sale

**XVI. Dismissal**

**Janet Elsea**

The meeting was closed by Janet Elsea at 8:05 PM.

**Meeting Minutes prepared by Bob Stutz, Clerk**