

February 2024 Vestry Meeting Summary – for Truro News

The Truro Vestry gathered on February 20, 2024 at 7:03pm in Common Grounds for its regular meeting. The meeting was called to order and opened in prayer by Jamie Brown asking the Holy Spirit to lead and provide us with grace in vestry discussions. Mary Hudson led the meditation.

The Vestry moved, seconded, and approved acceptance the following items:

- Vestry Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2024
- Financial Reports – January Finance Committee, Trinity Burke and TPK

A prayer of thanksgiving was offered by Clare O’Leary for providing Truro *resources ahead of schedule* and for answering prayers, as we trust in Him for the future.

Summary

Jamie welcomed the vestry and introduced the Rev. Steve Cannizzaro, our new Associate Rector. The vestry members provided a brief introduction to Steve. He spoke a bit about himself and how he and his wife Libby were so blessed to be called to Truro. He is excited to support Jamie and looks forward to defining his primary role. He feels a calling to “raise up” and connect with the folks at Truro. Steve senses God at work in Truro! The vestry then laid hands on him and prayed for Steve and his family.

1. A decision brief was presented by Annette Niles and approved to remove Jim Osterhaus from the Nominating Committee since he is running for reelection.
2. A decision brief was presented by Daria Brown and approved to authorize the 2024 housing allowance for our new Truro clergy member, Steve Cannizzaro.
3. Tom Heitman, Building & Grounds Committee, is in the process of writing the first draft of procedures for the Truro Emergency and Security Planning. Approval of members and training is anticipated to occur in the next couple of months.
4. Mary Hudson, Personnel Committee – nothing to report.
5. Clare O’Leary, Vision Alignment Committee, reported that the committee did not meet.
6. Daria Brown, Director of Operations, reported that: broken doors outside Common Grounds were replaced; Common Grounds was painted; an arborist provided a good report about an ailing 200+ year old tree and options to prevent further damage. The TPK Annual Fund Raiser is on April 13, 2024. Donations are encouraged.
7. Jim Osterhaus, Senior Warden, was absent but provided a survey for Vestry members to respond, about how the culture of our vestry is developing.
8. Jamie Brown, Rector, shared about his recent prayer retreat and some of what he’s praying about and giving thanks to God for in the life of our church. Like a big jigsaw puzzle, piece-by-piece, God is building this church. There are signs of life and growth all around us. Jamie asked for continued prayer for the search for a full-time worship director, and for the upcoming vestry elections and annual meeting. Beginning in April, Jamie will lead vestry devotions from the book of Acts. The vestry spent time praying boldly for Truro and our property. Jamie read Isaiah 2:2-5, asking the God would help us walk in his light, and concluded the meeting by reading Psalm 121.

For a copy of the complete minutes, please contact Molly Andreson, mandreson@truroanglican.com.