

January 2024 Vestry Meeting Summary – for Truro News

The Truro Vestry gathered on January 27, 2024 at 8:59 AM in the Van Dyck house for its regular meeting which was rescheduled from January 16 due to inclement weather. The meeting was called to order, opened in prayer by Jamie Brown asking the Holy Spirit to guide us in unity. The devotional was led by vestry member Ken Schutz.

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

- Vestry Meeting Minutes – November 28, 2023
- Financial Reports – November & December Finance Committee, Trinity Burke and TPK

Summary

1. A decision brief was presented by Tom Heitman and approved to add two members to the Building and Grounds Committee. Members added were Steve DeThomas and Tyler Smith.
2. A decision brief was presented by Clare O’Leary and approved to delete Josh Cullum from the Vision Alignment Committee. He is now a member of Trinity Burke.
3. A decision brief was presented by Jamie Brown and approved for vestry consent to call the Rev. Steve Cannizzaro as a full-time Associate Rector. Jamie discussed the new associate rector’s roles with the vestry. Jamie said that he is man with a shepherd’s heart and fits Truro needs. Thank you Jesus! We are truly blessed!
4. Jamie and the Vestry noted Rev. Mike Seawright’s encouraging written report. Jamie asked the Vestry to specifically pray for the rent increase and that Mike will get the logistics help needed. The vestry plans to attend services on a rotational basis. For more details see trinityburke.org.
5. Tom Heitman, Building & Grounds Committee, discussed the committee’s progress on the *Truro Emergency and Security Planning* procedure being developed.
6. Mary Hudson, Personnel Committee – nothing to report.
7. Clare O’Leary, Vision Alignment Committee, reported that the committee met with Matt Yi, Director of Missions & Outreach, and heard his perspectives and vision for outreach. The committee was encouraged and prayed for Matt. This is another sign of how God is bringing the right people into leadership at Truro.
8. Daria Brown, Director of Operations, thanked the vestry for approving the Employee Handbook. She asked for prayer for the Truro and TPK staff to stay well and fight off any seasonal bugs. She reported that: the electrical panel in the education building was replaced and plans are underway for other maintenance, repair, and replacement work on Truro campus. She provided an update on potential nominees for the next Vestry Class of 2027.
9. Jim Osterhaus, Senior Warden, provided an article by Nathan Betts about how Christians can love by listening to one another. He said that generally people do not listen well. He wanted to make the vestry more aware to being more intentional about listening to one another. Also Jim provided each person with a copy of his co-authored book titled, *“Thriving through Ministry Conflict”* by James Osterhaus, Joseph Jurkowski and Todd Hahn.
10. Jamie Brown, Rector, shared with the vestry the same reminders and questions that the staff is working through as they begin a new ministry year. We are only workers; we get none of

the glory! God's promise and faithfulness will do more than we can infinitely imagine. Jamie spoke about his vision of restoration and that we've had a good focus on the fundamentals and basics, and that we should never lose sight of them. Jamie asked for continued prayer for a Director of Worship. Truro plans for a return to Vacation Bible School from June 17 – 25. Jamie asked Nancy Gordon to lead a group to address the need for a Truro Sanctuary refresh and renewal. With agreement of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia, the application for the new Main street signage (designed by a Truro member), was sent to the City of Fairfax Board of Architectural Review. Community Night dinners commence weekly during lent beginning February 13 with a Shrove pancake dinner from 5:30pm – 7:00pm. He encouraged the vestry to attend / serve at Community Nights as these are opportunities for growth and connection. On March 10, Bishop Chris Warner will be at Truro for confirmations. The Truro Annual Parish Meeting will be from 4pm – 5:30pm, followed by an appetizer reception in the undercroft.

11. Jamie concluded the meeting with prayers of thanksgiving and for giving us dreams and visions, faith, and continued provision.

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