

## June 2024, Regular Vestry Meeting Summary – for Truro News

The Truro Vestry met on June 18, 2024 at 7:00pm in Common Grounds. The meeting was called to order and Jamie Brown opened the meeting by inviting Fiona Bracy (TPK) and team members (*nine attending and two absent*) into our vestry meeting for prayer because the team is going to a rural village in Columbia to assist in running Vacation Bible School for the children, and to provide training for teachers. The vestry laid on hands and prayed for each team member. After their departure, Jamie talked about Acts Chapter 4 with specific focus on verses 29-31. Jamie asked us to pray for boldness and courage, and encouraged us to receive it.

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

- Vestry Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2024
- Financial Reports – May Finance Committee, Trinity Burke and TPK

Tom Heitman provided additional information about the TPK budget for next year. Revenue is less due to a decline in enrollment; expenses are higher due to an increase in benefits costs. We prayed and gave thanks for God's provision to our church and its people, to include TPK and Trinity Burke.

### Summary

1. A decision brief was presented by Annette Niles and approved for changes in Vestry Handbook to include: deleting references to the Vision Alignment Committee and Missions AOM; and inserting the newly commissioned Outreach Committee. Additional Vestry Handbook changes are forthcoming as the Outreach Committee develops the policy, purpose, responsibilities, membership, size, and structure for the Committee.
2. Tom Heitman, Building and Grounds Committee, provided an update about development of procedures for responding to emergencies during a Truro service or event, and provided three near-final procedures for responding to possible emergencies. Action items and next steps were discussed.
3. Eric Jensen, Outreach Committee, provided the current status of the Outreach Committee. A gathering is being planned to discuss and create a shared vision for Outreach that supports the overarching Truro vision. Subsequent meeting(s) will be scheduled to discuss principles and policies for outreach governance, with the expectation that sub-committees will be responsible for particular outreach activities, and report to the Outreach Committee.
4. Daria Brown, Director of Operations, said that the facilities narthex project is nearly complete. The next project is cleaning the sanctuary ceiling vents and ducts. The work on the brick ramp exiting the narthex is complete. Replacement of flat roof of education building is on hold for now. The in-person portion of the church audit is done. The head auditor provided kudos for Marsha Foos who made their job much easier, and wishing more clients were like Marsha!
5. Jim Osterhaus, Senior Warden, provided a Wall Street Journal report about conflict and the need to plan ahead, actively listen, and discuss how to move forward. Jim said that the article says to be intentional and think through the end game and how to present the argument. He monitors how things are said rather than what is being said. Jim said the highest performing organizations are loaded with conflict.

**For a copy of the complete minutes, please contact Molly Andreson, [mandreson@truroanglican.com](mailto:mandreson@truroanglican.com).**

6. Jamie Brown, Rector, expressed his gratefulness to God for the continued signs of life here at Truro, *(e.g., an increase in the number of newcomers, huge success of VBS, progress with the sanctuary renewal, and congregational giving)* as we continue to take steps (one step at a time!) towards deeper restoration, rebuilding, and raising-up of this church after a prolonged season of turmoil and transition. He thanked all those who are helping with the sanctuary renewal to include Nancy Gordon, Elizabeth Scott, Steve DeThomas, Daria Brown, and the facilities staff members. He asked for continued prayer for a Worship Director as one candidate is exploring/thinking/praying about potential ministry service at Truro. Jamie is encouraged by the congregational giving. He asked the vestry to pray for wisdom and unity for the college of bishops as they begin their conclave on June 20 for the next Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America. Selection will be announced the weekend of June 22-23. Executive Session began at 7:59pm to discuss personnel and property; ended at 8:24pm.
7. Cindy Olland blessed the vestry by saying that in addition to praying for the vestry as a whole, the Vestry Intercessory Prayer team is offering additional prayer support for vestry members individually. What a great blessing and gift for our vestry!
8. Steve Cannizzaro concluded the meeting with prayer. We adjourned at 8:29pm.