

July 2024, Regular Vestry Meeting Summary – for Truro News

The Truro Vestry met on July 16, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Rector's Office. The meeting was called to order and Jamie Brown opened the meeting with prayer, then talked about a phrase that has been circling in his mind this week; "everything we do is worth it." In **Acts Chapter 5** the Apostles performed signs and wonders; then the high priests filled with jealousy, arrested, and jailed the apostles. But the real focus is on the charge by the angel to go and speak to the people, to teach and preach at the temple the *Words of this Life*. Truro has the message of life and is a beacon of life to Fairfax, as we follow the angel's charge to teach and preach the Words of Life. We thank God for Life here at Truro!

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

- Vestry Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2024
- TPK Financial Reports for May and the 2024-25 Annual Budget for TPK

No Finance Committee meeting in June due to vacations - Don Foy provided a Financial Snapshot.

Summary

1. A **Brief for Conversation** was presented by Jamie Brown to discuss the vestry members interest as Delegates for 2024 Diocesan Synod scheduled for November 15 & 16. Truro is allocated five delegates. Volunteers included Carl Sperapani, Garth Wilson, Annette Niles, Patience Kaijuka, and Meredith Bowen as delegates; and Tom Heitman and Debbie Hatfield as alternates.
2. Tom Heitman, Building and Grounds Committee, noted that First Aid Training and CPR training are forthcoming and that vestry members should take one of the two training sessions.
3. Eric Jensen, Outreach Committee, plans to meet with folks about the new Outreach Committee on the morning of July 27th at the Van Dyke house. The agenda includes starting the process to discuss and agree on a common vision, noting that decisions for time, money and resources will be discussed at a future meeting. Jamie prayed for Eric and for good discussions at the meeting.
4. Daria Brown, Director of Operations, said that July is a busy month with employee reviews and contracts to include a review of contracts for sanctuary renewal. Signed contracts include replacing *In Fellowship* with *Touchpoint*; vent cleaning; and refinishing pews for the Sanctuary Renewal Project. The Vestry prayed for Daria in thanksgiving for all she does, being blessed with valuable expertise, and that she be provided with any additional spiritual gifts needed.
5. Jim Osterhaus, Senior Warden, provided an article by Danile K. Williams titled, "*3 Principles for Settling Political Spats in the Church.*" He discussed the importance of vestry leaders in respecting one another as Kingdom citizens with primary loyalty to Jesus.
6. Jamie Brown, Rector, had an open discussion with the vestry about the sanctuary renewal project, and provided an update about the funding and the expenses. He proposed that the Vestry prayerfully consider approving the use of savings so that the entire project may be completed by the Fall. The congregation would be invited to continue to give to this project with the intent of recouping a significant portion of whatever is withdrawn. Steve Cannizzaro discussed changes in Family Ministries reporting. Executive Session began at 9:12pm; ended at 9:14pm. Jamie concluded the meeting with prayer. We adjourned at 9:14pm.

No vestry meeting in August. For a copy of the complete minutes, please contact Molly Andreson, mandreson@truroanglican.com.