

October 2024, Regular Vestry Meeting Summary – for Truro News

The Truro Vestry met on October 15, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Common Grounds. The meeting was called to order and Jamie Brown read John 6:35-40. We give thanks for those who give their lives to Jesus, and who trust in His promises. He prayed for us to have boldness, courage, and patience for those who don't yet believe. Praise God that this good news really is true.

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

- Vestry Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2024
 - Financial Reports - September Finance Committee, TPK and Trinity Burke
- Jamie and other vestry members prayed in thanksgiving for all of the provisions that our Lord has given to Truro and protection over Truro. Don Foy prayed that our budget would no longer fall behind and that the pledge and plate giving increases.

Summary

1. A Brief to discuss the 2025 Truro Budget was presented by Don Foy; and two options for action if we don't meet budget by the end of December. The vestry discussed. Jamie and the vestry prayed for wisdom as all discern the 2025 budget over the next month.
2. Tom Heitman, Chair, Building and Grounds Committee said that the safety team will meet on October 16 to discuss procedures. We need volunteers for the TPK Fun run on November 9.
3. Eric Jensen, Chair, Outreach Committee provided an update on Outreach Communications. More clarification on the outreach committee is forthcoming. A meeting is scheduled with the existing missions core team on Thursday October 17. A hardcopy draft document titled "*Outreach Mission Statement*" was provided to each vestry member for review.
4. Daria Brown, Director of Operations noted that scheduled facilities projects are complete with focus now on maintenance and continuing the sanctuary renewal. Touchpoint, the new Truro financial software system, will go live at the end of October. The Personnel Employee Handbook will be reviewed in December for vestry approval in January. The staff will be on retreat from Oct. 21 - 23. Rev. David Hanke will speak on Tuesday morning, and Bishop Warner on Tuesday night.
5. Jamie Brown, Rector, shared plans for the upcoming staff retreat and reflected on past retreats. The first Truro staff retreat in Oct 2022, was in a season of establishing the goals of restoration, rebuilding, and raising up. At the staff retreat in 2023, the focus was on the four pillars of the Truro vision, and fundamentals and experiences of family and unity. We also started a church plant during this year. Looking ahead; plans for the staff retreat of 2024 are to focus on the long-term sense of where our Lord is leading us and how do we better connect one another and go deeper with Jesus. We are thankful that the Lord has given us a season of peace. Steve Cannizzaro added that Jamie painted a very compelling picture of who we are as a church and that we all get to be a part of how we are contributing to where God is at work. Jamie asked for prayer for the staff retreat next week. Jamie noted that a *tentative* vestry half-day retreat is scheduled on October 26 at Van Dyck house (8:30-12:00).
6. Jamie Brown concluded the meeting with prayer. We adjourned at 8:42pm.

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