

March 2025, Regular Vestry Meeting Summary – for Truro News

Jamie Brown opened the meeting with prayer and he welcomed the Class of 2028 who attended to observe the vestry meeting process. He thanked God for the beautiful day and for His faithfulness and goodness. He asked the Lord to send the Holy Spirit to guide this meeting in decisions made, big and small. Jamie began the devotional by saying “Acts is a Treasure Trove” then he read from Acts, Chapter 10. Jamie prayed in thanksgiving for the Holy Spirit who gives us breath and life. The vestry laid hands on and prayed for Tom Gangemi, Nancy Gordon, Greg Simmons and Steve Weagraff. Jamie provided a “*Roll out the Carpet*” gift to retiring members, who will receive prayer in April: Abigail Manzo, Mary Hudson (Jr Warden), Annette Niles (Register) and Carl Sperapani.

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

- Vestry Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2025 with corrections
- Financial Summary Reports - February Finance Committee, TPK and Trinity Burke

Jamie and the vestry prayed in thanksgiving for all that God has provided, and that He will continue to bless us. We prayed for wisdom and for those affected by the job cuts.

Summary

1. Jamie Brown notified the vestry of the partial slate of 2025-26 Executive Committee Officers.
2. A Decision Brief (D) was presented by Jamie Brown and approved to establish the date of the next Annual Parish Meeting on March 15, 2026.
3. A Decision Brief (D) was presented by Annette Niles and approved to make changes to the 2025 Vestry Handbook as identified in the decision brief.
4. A Decision Brief (D) was presented by Annette Niles and approved to activate the Nominating Committee for 2026 with Ken Schutz as the Chair.
5. An Information Brief (I) was presented by Annette Niles for the Draft 2025-26 Vestry Committee Membership. The List was provided to current vestry members for review.
6. Building and Grounds Committee – Tom Heitman reported that spring has arrived with the campus flowers in bloom. Safety team will be using “What’s App.” TPK Update – he encouraged the vestry to attend the spring auction fund raiser on March 29.
7. Outreach Committee – Eric Jensen reported that the first draft of the vestry handbook policy is complete. Alan MacDonald is working on a first draft of the criteria for our external ministry partners. The committee is meeting with Jamie on Thursday to discuss his vision for Outreach, which he supplied at the last Vestry meeting, and how the outreach committee might help to operationalize it.
8. Director of Operations – Daria Brown said that this is her three-year anniversary at Truro as she bids farewell to the class that was here to welcome her. She asked the vestry to let her know if there are any questions about her report in the vestry packet.
9. Senior Warden – Jim Osterhaus provided words of gratitude for the four members who are retiring and reflected back to the challenges he faced when he first stepped onto vestry; and the blessing received when Mary Hays arrived followed by Jamie!
10. Rector - Jamie Brown talked about the annual meeting report and the shared highlights from the annual meeting. Jamie outlined a list of all the ministries that are volunteer led and are running very well! He provided an update about Truro vacancies. Holy week is just around the corner and he discussed services planned. He announced that the next Synod will be on November 14-15, 2025 at Church of the Resurrection, Timonium MD.
11. We adjourned at 8:40pm.

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