

April 2025, Regular Vestry Meeting Summary – for Truro News

Jamie Brown opened the meeting with prayer and a began with a devotional from Acts 11. He reminded us this book is “full of treasures” and highlighted how Acts 11 was like a “vestry meeting” for the early church. He emphasized that when the meeting attendees heard of God’s work they did not praise Peter, they gave glory to God! He encouraged the vestry to keep the words of Barnabas close and to “remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose.” He closed the time by urging a sensitivity to the Spirit and to remember to give God the glory. Jamie ended the meditation with prayer and thankfulness for the Word and its example.

The meeting then moved to a time of reflections and sharing by the four retiring vestry members: Mary Hudson, Abigail Manzo, Annette Niles, and Carl Sperapani. Each member shared their personal takeaways and encouragements for both the new and continuing vestry members. Many echoed how it had been a privilege to serve, a blessing to establish friendships, a period of growth of their prayer lives, and an enriching of their understanding of Truro. They provided their thanks to Jamie and the vestry at large. At the conclusion, the new and remaining vestry members prayed over the outgoing members.

Summary

1. Randy Bowen, Chancellor, installed the new vestry members: Tom Gangemi, Nancy Gordon, Greg Simmons, and Steve Weagraff and all recited the oath of office.
2. Jamie Brown nominated the four vestry members to serve as officers for this year's Executive Committee (EC). Randy asked for any nominations from the floor, and there were none.
3. Randy then asked for the vestry to vote by acclamation to establish Nancy Gordon as Senior Warden, Jim Osterhaus as Junior Warden, Don Foy as Treasurer, and Garth Wilson as Register (with Jeff Davidson serving as Interim Register). All vestry members concurred by raised hand vote.
4. Jamie Brown welcomed the new EC and gave thanks for their willingness to serve. The vestry then prayed for the EC.
5. The Vestry moved, seconded, and approved acceptance of the following items:
 - Vestry Meeting Minutes (as amended) – March 18, 2025
 - Financial Summary Reports - March Finance Committee, TPK and Trinity Burke
6. Jamie took a moment to pray for our finances, to thank the Lord for providing for us, and to continue to give us wisdom and humility in these matters.
7. A Decision Brief (D) was presented by Jeff Davidson and approved for the 2025-26 Vestry Committee Membership List and to change the Outreach Committee structure in the Vestry Handbook and Committee list. Jamie paused to pray for each of the committees for the upcoming year
8. Building and Grounds Committee: Tom Heitman reported on an upcoming meeting with Hugo Blondel about projects for the coming year. He also noted there will be another Safety training and then the launch of the “Safety Team” shortly following. TPK Update: Despite a planned net loss for this year, recent fundraising will allow the school to break even. However, due to changes in demographics and enrollment, next year is expected to be projected as a net loss again.

9. Outreach Committee: Steve Cannizzaro reported on current changes and efforts to promote local, domestic, and international outreach. An updated mission statement and policy were provided by Eric Jensen who is collecting feedback.
10. Director of Operations: Daria Brown announced that we have received a truck from the Car Ministry which is in much better condition than the previous one. Thank God!
11. Senior Warden: Jim Osterhaus shared about his time on vestry and serving as the Senior Warden. He noted that while he is not retiring from vestry, it was time for him to step down from the Senior Warden role. He also shared an article on “Ambivalent Leaders” and the benefit of not always having the “decisive” answer in every scenario. Seeking council leads to better decisions and outcomes. Nancy Gordon prayed for Jim as he transitions to the Junior Warden role.
12. Rector: Jamie Brown provided some health updates on members of our church facing difficult challenges. He gave thanks for a wonderful Holy Week and all the volunteers who helped make it happen. Jamie then provided an update on the Worship Director search and noted that the old chandeliers from the sanctuary were being returned to the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia for use in their offices. Lastly, he shared with the vestry he was leaving the next day for some rest and rejuvenation.
13. Steve Cannizzaro closed the meeting in prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.

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