

Trinity Vestry Meeting Minutes

Vestry Meeting

June 24, 2026/Guild Hall, Trinity

Present: Elizabeth Molitors, Sarah Thomas, Jean Lange-Davis, Michael Neal Arnold, Alex Thomas, Lucy Bell, Sarah McCarter, Jay Casbon, Claude Garciecelay, Brian Bargiel, Fred Williams

Absent: Keith Cobell, Clare Carey-Pesani, Carol Ann Manzi, Michelle Petty

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 following dinner and a devotional.

Agenda Approval and Financial Overview

Elizabeth added two agenda items, one being information about the annual giving events and the other regarding new budget numbers for the banner project. Following these additions, Sarah McCarter made a motion to approve the minutes and agenda, seconded by Fred Williams and unanimous approval of the vestry. Elizabeth provided an overview of Keith's financial report, noting that 47% of the annual pledge budget has been collected with 42% of the year elapsed. She reminded us that the budget numbers don't always track in a straight line, as in the overall pledge being divided evenly by twelve. The business manager, (Cami), needs to do something of a guesstimate each month due to inconsistencies in pledge receipt and expenses but overall, we are running with an operating surplus.

Annual Giving Events

Elizabeth discussed the annual giving season which includes the kickoff dinner and in-gathering brunch. She emphasized the need for early planning and vestry participation as well as careful coordination with hospitality co-chairs and staff. Also mentioned was Cami's role as thank you note coordinator which needs to be shared or even taken over by vestry members.

Buildings and Grounds Update

Michael Arnold presented a handout summarizing the status and plans for various building projects. Things discussed were the stained-glass window upgrades, library refurbishment project, landscape refurbishment, parking lot up-grade and new pew cushions. The stained-glass windows will need to be repaired in segments due to cost and availability of the contractor. Partial funds for some of these projects have been approved but the actual cost will likely be higher. There is a total estimated cost of \$260,000 for approved projects, with approximately \$125,000 available for the upcoming year.

Vandersall Proposal

Following the April vestry meeting, Elizabeth, Brian, and Michael brought the vestry member questions to Vandersall Consultants. Their responses were satisfactory, so the group agreed to seek vestry approval to move forward.

Brian presented the proposal, including the creation of a strategic filter and a money narrative retreat. The strategic filter aims to help Trinity's leadership make decisions based on its core values; the retreat will help participants uncover their personal money narratives and explore Trinity's story about money. Their services are estimated to cost approximately \$24,000 to include travel expenses. The work with Vandersall will take place during the upcoming leadership retreat on August 21-22, 2026.

Brian made a motion to accept the Vandersall proposal, (which will be funded from the Brackenberry fund), seconded by Claude and unanimous vestry approval.

Banner Refreshing Project

Lucy Bell presented an updated project timeline and budget for the banner refreshment project.

The proposed budget is \$10,000, not to exceed \$12,000, and the project will begin this fall. Payment will be deferred until 2027, but material costs will be covered this year. The group emphasized the importance of starting now to ensure completion in time for the 2027 budget.

Brian made a motion to approve the banner project, seconded by Fred and unanimous vestry approval.

Upcoming Events

Elizabeth outlined some upcoming events including the Bishop consecration on July 11. There will be no vestry meeting in July. The next executive committee meeting is August 18, followed by vestry meeting on August 26.

A motion was made by to approve the financials and receive the reports, which was seconded and approved by the vestry.

Following prayer concerns and compline, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35

Respectfully submitted by Sarah McCarter, vestry clerk