

Trinity Vestry Meeting Minutes

Vestry Meeting

April 22, 2026/ Guild Hall, Trinity

Present: Elizabeth Molitors, Sarah Thomas, Brian Bargiel, Michael Neal Arnold, Keith Cobell, Sarah McCarter, Jean Lange-Davis, Alex Thomas, Jay Casbon, Ellen Whittet, Fred Williams, Lucy Bell, Clare Carey-Pesani, Carol Ann Manzi, Michelle Petty, Claude Garciecelay

Opening

The Meeting was called to order at 6:05 following a meal prepared by Lucy Bell and Brian Bargiel. Clare Carey-Pesani led the group in the evening's devotional.

Agenda Approval and Financial Overview

The meeting began with Brian Bargiel making a motion to approve the minutes and agenda, seconded by Michael Arnold and unanimous approval of the vestry. Keith presented the treasurer's report noting slight budget variances but overall good financial health. He explained the impact of market fluctuations on investment accounts. At the March meeting, he informed the Vestry of plans to move some investment funds into international markets and steps have now been taken to execute those changes. Next, he explained that the Diocese of Los Angeles is taking steps to completely overhaul how congregations do their audits. Keith shared a 50-page workbook meant to guide congregations through learning to do their own internal audits. This process is still under review and will not be implemented until sometime next year.

Consulting Proposal

Elizabeth introduced a project proposal from the Vandersall group; a consulting firm aimed at articulating values around financial decisions. She explained the origin of the proposal and its potential impact on various committees, including Investment, Legacy Giving, and Justice and Outreach. The cost was outlined and potential funding sources were discussed. A lengthy discussion ensued where questions were raised as to the long-term value and deliverables, as well as the potential extra expense for travel and lodging.

It was determined that the Vestry will wait to vote on this proposal until these questions can be researched and answered.

Ministry Fair and Volunteer Opportunities

The ministry fair is planned for May 3 following the 8:00 and 10:00 services. Sarah Thomas mentioned the need for volunteers to help with set-up, ambassadorship, and clean-up.

Elizabeth mentioned a newcomer brunch on May 16 and asked for a few Vestry members to attend and help welcome the newcomers.

Building and Grounds Update

Michael Arnold provided an update regarding the Trinity website, highlighting the introduction of a new online form for reporting maintenance issues. This addition aims to streamline communication and ensure that facility concerns are addressed efficiently. Michael also announced that a Building and Grounds committee meeting is scheduled for May 12, where committee members will review reported issues and discuss ongoing maintenance projects.

Claude moved to approve the financials and receive the reports. Jean Davis seconded the motion, followed by unanimous Vestry approval.

Following prayer concerns and compline, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

Submitted by Sarah McCarter, Vestry Clerk