

Trinity Church Vestry Meeting Summary

January 2026

The Vestry met on Tuesday, January 20, at 5:30pm in the conference room at Trinity Church. One elected member joined virtually.

The Rev. Dr. Scott White opened the meeting with prayer requests and *Prayer in the Early Evenings* from page 139 in The Book of Common Prayer.

The consent agenda for this month was considered and approved. It was decided that the December 2025 consent agenda items would be taken up at the February meeting as it had been neglected at the December meeting.

Jan Hildebrand, Director of Finance, commented on the preliminary reports for 2025. Revenues for the year exceeded expenses by a margin of around \$38,000; both categories were a little over budgeted amounts.

The Rev. Dr. Scott White gave a brief explanation on how to read the financial reports included in the Vestry documents, especially for the newest Vestry members. He also noted that, unlike many other Episcopal churches, the majority of the operating budget comes from pledged gifts rather than a large endowment.

Copies of housing allowance statements for each clergy person were distributed. In lieu of providing a rectory or other housing for clergy, they are able to designate a portion of their salary as a housing allowance, not subject to payroll tax. A motion to approve all of the housing allowances was made, seconded, and they were approved unanimously.

Scott informed the Vestry that he is looking for a new treasurer, but that Jennifer Weidemann has graciously agreed to stay on in the role until a replacement is found.

The Rev. Amy Peterson shared that she is on jury duty and has been sick but is still moving forward planning a clergy retreat, women's retreat, and Lenten programming.

The Facilities Team's recommendations and their respective funding sources were discussed. These include adding push-bar exits to the remaining doors without them, changing the locks on some exterior doors to match other keyed doors, engaging an architect to assess the ingress/egress of children's and youth areas, and repairing the leaks in the bell tower. A motion was made to approve these expenditures, seconded, and passed unanimously.

A brief conversation was had about the upcoming parking considerations that will be taken into account as we get closer to the time when the de facto overflow lot off of Ravenscroft becomes unavailable. This is a discussion that will continue throughout the year.

The Vestry agreed to push the February meeting to the 24th to avoid conflicting with the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner.

There was a moment of off-the-record time.

The meeting adjourned.