

Trinity Church Vestry Meeting Summary

September 2025

The Vestry met on Tuesday, September 2, at 5:30pm on Zoom only. One member was absent.

The Rev. Amy Peterson opened the meeting with prayer requests and prayers.

Slater Solomon of Corliss & Solomon PLLC presented the firm's Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed Upon Procedures to selected areas of Trinity's operation for 2024. The procedures are designed to meet the Diocese of Western North Carolina's annual requirement for member churches to provide evidence of appropriate financial practices. The firm found no practices which needed improvement; Jennifer Weidemann, treasurer, expressed particular appreciation for Jan Hildebrand and Robyn McNeal for maintaining best practices at Trinity. Jennifer also noted that the procedures are designed to look at changes needed in response to new technology, and she opened a discussion for Vestry members to bring up what practices to include next year. There was a discussion about digital security as well as the advisability of undergoing a full financial statement audit. Slater said that the team discusses the possibility of a full audit with Trinity before each engagement, but that for churches in general, the cost far exceeds potential benefit. Jennifer noted that Trinity last did a full audit in 2021 and that no issues were found at that time. A motion was made and passed to approve the Agreed Upon Procedures Report.

As a follow up to the parking discussion from the August Vestry meeting, Tom Williams, Senior Warden, reported that he and Peyton Evert had met with representatives from Civil Design Concepts. CDC confirmed that a full survey would not be necessary, so the proposal for a feasibility study was signed.

The Rev. Dr. Scott White reported that Sallie Lee will be conducting a workshop for the whole staff as the next step of the Appreciative Inquiry process.

The process for nominating and selecting the next class of Vestry members is getting underway and Rebecca Jenkins is meeting with the senior class who make up the nominating committee.

The meeting adjourned.