

Trinity – Vestry Meeting Notes

September 7th, 2025

- I. Opening Prayer – Fr. Peter Johnston
- II. Confirm Quorum & Secretary – Present: Fr. Peter Johnston, Bill Cober RW, David Brammer PW, Pat Briney, Jeff Townsdin Acting Secretary.
John Guillory & Pat Brenham, absent.

Approve Minutes – Motion to approve minutes by Pat Briney, 2nd by David Brammer. Motion approved.

Adopt Agenda – Motion to adopt agenda by Pat Briney. 2nd by David Brammer. Motion approved.

- III. Reports
 - a. Rector's Warden
 - 1. Update on Living Stones – Bill Cober reported that framing for the sanctuary walls are going up, roof framing will be arriving soon. Next week the building permit will be submitted. The sanctuary window will be arriving next week. Brother's Insurance has not returned Bill's call for a quote for construction insurance. Bill will give them one more day to call him back and if no response, then he will call another company to get a quote.
 - 2. Bill also stated that we should begin planning the move of the Sunday service to the Family Center.
 - b. Peoples Warden
 - 1. David Brammer stated a Work Day needs to be scheduled soon.
 - 2. He asked can we burn trash? Bill answered yes, but if done discretely, not too close to the road or not a lot of smoke. Teri googled that and said that trash burning is prohibited in the city limits and the parish.
 - 3. David said that we should move the firethorn bushes on the east side near the stair since a new stair will be installed in that area.
 - 4. David stated that the Deck wall on the south side of the Family Center will need to be taken down to facilitate use of the whole deck after the Deck Extension. Topic tabled for a future discussion.
 - 5. The church's mower has a flat. David will look into taking care of the flat and maintenance since it hasn't been started in awhile.
 - c. Treasurer's report:
 - 1. Teri Cober submitted the Profit & Loss Year to Date as of Aug. 6, 2025 (attached). All income is reported (some sources of income were not included in the previous P&L) We are now ahead of the budget. Expenses versus income yields net income of about 176K.
 - 2. Peter asked that we now consider doing the Deck Extension (removing the deck wall and extending to cover access to the double doors). First cost estimate was 12K, but Bill feels that the total will very likely be 15K. Funds to come from the Living Stones fund. Peter states now is the time since there will be ordinations and Bishop's visit in October. David expressed that John Guillory is not for the Deck Extension until he see the funds remaining,

which I understand to mean the available funds in the Treasurer's report such as shown by the one submitted today. David Brammer is in agreement with John's position. Pat Briney does not oppose the Deck Extension based on today's Treasurer report and The Sure Foundation event result. The vote for the Deck Extension was unanimous by verbalizing "aye".

d. Rector's report

1. Pledge accounting update: Peter has worked on this and found a zero out of place resulting in a total sum of 27 K more: 1.4 M to 1.43 M
2. Home Group: Attendance was so great in the first week, a decision was made to break up the group. Prayer for each other was added. Attendance each following week has reduced. Multiple locations has been brought up. Daytime Home Group meetings has been suggested to meet the need of those who may not be able to drive at night or wish to leave home at night. Peter expressed the idea that a Home Group daytime meeting at The Vincent may be explored since John and Judy McClure live there.
3. Sure Foundation Fundraiser: The Sure Foundation event raised 49K as of today (47K was the total last night). Pat asked if the Stuller Foundation will matching that and Teri said yes. Peter mentioned that persons outside of Trinity have sent donations and Scriptures to be written on the foundation. He also stated that a video of the foundation pour being smoothed out, reached 1,000 views on YouTube.
4. Musician Search, Pianist/Music Director: Celina Atwi has chosen to step back from Music Director. Since no one in the congregation is ready to fill this position, a search for a Music Director shall be started. Sources could be UL of Lafayette, recommendations from other pastors or churches. Teri suggested contacting schools with music teacher that might want to do this kind of job part-time or perhaps finding a retired Music Director (would be better than stealing one). Perhaps two Music Directors or a Music Director and a Pianist will be needed. To pay the Music Director, Peter would like to use funds from the Rector's fund and for the 2025 4 qtr. Pat Briney moved that we find a part-time Music Director. David Brammer seconded it.
5. Hymnal: Peter would like to select a hymnal and narrow the song repertoire. Keith Getty (who wrote "In Christ Alone", modern hymn-like song) is planning to produce a hymn book with modern arrangements of old hymns.
6. Credit card for Riley George: Teri said that a debit card for him was mentioned. She says that a credit card is more secure. For a debit card the bank requires that the person be a signatory on the account, and that person will also have access to the checking account. Both are not required for Riley. Credit card will have limits. Pat Briney moved that we get a credit card for Riley. Jeff T. seconded it.
7. Peter mentioned that new Vestry members be considered. Pat Briney and John Guillory will be rolling off.

IV. Closing Prayer -0 Pat Briney.