

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

Minutes, Regular Meeting of the Vestry on Thursday, April 24, 2025

Approved at the May 22, 2025 Vestry meeting

Vestry Members and Leadership Present

In-Person: The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse (Dean), The Rev. W. James Yazell (Associate Priest), Charles Shipley, Nigel Jones, Colin Chambers, Blain Lagergren (Clerk), Mathias Nichols, Christine Morrison, Pat Decker, Paget Higgins

Via teleconference (Zoom): Steve King, Steve Moore (Sr. Warden), Julie Brogno, Bill Boyd, The Rev. Barbara Wegener (Deacon)

Absent: The Rev. C.J. Duffie (Deacon), Chip Buckner (Treasurer)

Others Present:

The meeting was held in hybrid format (Common Room and via Zoom teleconference). The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Dean Andy with opening worship.

Approval of previous meeting's minutes

Blain Lagergren presented the March regular Vestry minutes which were distributed in the April Vestry Packet. Nigel Jones moved to accept the meeting minutes as presented and was seconded by Colin Chambers. The motion passed without further discussion.

Dean's Report, The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse

Upcoming events: Happy Easter to everyone. We have a game night Saturday April 26 which will be bingo at 5:00 p.m. in the common room. Doyle White's funeral will be this Sunday April 27 at 2:00 p.m. One week from Saturday, May 3 will be the Consecration of Bishop Elect Amy. There will be events all day Friday, the Saturday consecration, and a normal Sunday. Bob Richmond's funeral service will be Monday, May 5 at 2:00 p.m. Dean Andy will be away for the Dean's Conference May 8-11 in Omaha, and Youth Sunday will be May 18.

Strategic Plan Update: Newcomer committee had an initial meeting with Easter coming up, discussing items from the Vestry retreat such as arranging the coffee hour layout to be more welcoming, identifying parishioners who are natural connectors and socially/emotionally intelligent, with the idea being that it is not as formal a role as greeters, etc. We are trying to achieve a critical mass of people keeping an eye out for visitors, invite them, and connect them with others. Easter service saw many visitors and others who came to the receptions, we need to work on the flow to members who can maintain welcome and conversation with their talents. We can't just stick them with someone and then leave.

Whom Should We Thank?

Ric Sweeting, while he has been thanked before there is no limitation on continuous thanks for his work. Curtis Hamilton and Beth Keyse for their work during Holy Week. Joan Bergstrom and the Altar Guild. Lucas Fletcher and the choir. Mary Mullis Keyse and Christine Morrison for their social media work.

Associate's Report, *The Rev. James Yazell*

The Path continues, we will break on May 4 for AED training during formation time, on May 18 Fr. James will be doing Eucharistic Practices workshop in the Nave. Similar to instructed Eucharist, what are we doing and why are we doing it? How to more deeply engage in those practices.

Deacon's Report, *The Rev. Barbara Wegener*

May 3 will see 700 people for the Consecration. We will begin moving forward with Eucharistic Visitors after the Consecration.

Financial Report *presented by Chip Buckner, Treasurer*

Charles Shipley moved to table the acceptance of the March Financial Report until the May Vestry meeting and was seconded by Paget Higgins. The motion passed without further discussion.

Stewardship Report, *presented by Steve Moore, Stewardship Chair*

We currently have 92 confirmed pledges for \$418,370 dollars. Our budget for 2025 is \$455,000. We have some nonrenewed but half are paying as if they had renewed, which amounts to an additional \$35,670. We're maybe \$1000 short of our budget right now. We are anticipating exceeding budgeted amount for pledges.

Junior Warden Report, *presented by Nigel Jones*

After a meeting with Angie, a list of to-dos was produced, such as the finished steps down into Nave. Following a suggestion from Valerie Johnson, the Junior Warden Report outlines various expenditures, removal of tree stumps, repair of the gates, and we need to work on concrete meeting the asphalt outside of the Founders' Hall gate. Nigel Jones plans to have Ric Sweeting use the donated altar plants in pots around the property for the Consecration, and in the Diocesan close, thereby enhancing both sides of the Cathedral. There will be a Memorial Garden provisional meeting May 1.

Senior Warden Report, *presented by Steve Moore*

We are very appreciative to the Dean, Clergy, and Staff for their incredible hard work during Holy Week. The services were well organized, welcoming to visitors, and were executed in fine fashion. It was a very special Holy Week. We are going to have AED training session which will be available for those who want to participate, in light of the recent event during the Daughters of the King service. Those sessions will be May 4 and May 18 after the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. Go to Bingo.

Other Committee or Vestry Liaison Reports

Buildings & Grounds, *Nigel Jones, Charles Shipley, Steve King, Mathias Nichols*

Finance, *Nigel Jones, Steve Moore, Bill Boyd, Paget Higgins*

Social Action & Outreach, *Colin Chambers, The Rev. CJ Duffie, Christine Morrison, The Rev. Barbara Wegener*

Social Events, *Julie Brogno, Colin Chambers, Pat Decker*

Bingo night is this coming Saturday and Sunday after coffee hour the Social Event Committee will meet to plan the next several months. We need ideas for Holy Hands during the summer term. We will have Parish breakfasts once a month starting in June, between morning services.

Newcomers, *Julie Brogno, Steve King, The Rev. James Yazell*

Children & Youth, *Blain Lagergren, Mathias Nichols*

Stewardship, *Steve Moore, Blain Lagergren, Mathias Nichols*

Community Engagement, *Christine Morrison, The Rev. Barbara Wegener, The Rev. CJ Duffie*

Budget, *Bill Boyd (Chair), Nigel Jones, Pat Decker, Steve Moore*

Additional Discussion

Old Business

The share drive has been put in place for committee documents. Initial architecture will be folders for committees as starting points.

There was a parking meeting for discussion of raising price and tap to pay. Other participant entities are balking at tap to pay and a price raise, including a leering of technology and how it is easier to make change for a \$20 bill than \$30. Canon Shirley said that Immaculate Conception is charging \$30. When we passed the budget for 2025, it contemplated user fees being raised to \$35. Tap to pay will be used at \$30. Parking event opportunities should go to Cathedral members first, with opportunities opening up 24 hours beforehand.

Attendees will be directed to park in the parking garage on 13th Street for the consecration of Bishop Amy on May 3 except for those who need handicap parking.

New Business

Computer maintenance funds are set aside for an update every 3 years, and the suggestion has been made that we should do the same for the AV equipment in order to facilitate updates as necessary.

The next Vestry Meeting will be May 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Common Room and via teleconference.

Nigel Jones moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Blain Lagergren. The motion passed.

A closing prayer was led by Dean Andy. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Blain Lagergren, Clerk