Minutes of Vestry Meeting
August 19, 2025

Members present: Andy Durham, Tony Huffman, Eric Beam, Andrea Shiloh, Jeanne Sommerfeld, Ben Blanding, Patrick Humphreys, Libby Tsubai, Gladys Valles, Samantha Rainman

Members absent: Lovette Browne, David Villarreal

Officers present: Larry Laubach, Treasurer; Steve Lee, Assistant Treasurer; Ben Blanding, Clerk

Clergy present: The Reverend Maria Teresa Bautista-Berrios, Curate

Clergy absent: The Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero, Rector

Guests: none

After determining a quorum, the senior warden called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Property Status – We are scheduled for the week of September 22nd for the A/C installation. The Junior Warden suggested we temporarily convert the chapel into a break room for the A/C installation team. Several people have requested a bike rack installed. The Masterson Room windows have been installed. There is a suggestion to put the bike rack outside the columbarium. We've installed a new security panel and needed a new motion detector sensor. There may be more issues currently and the security system team will need to come out to the property.

It was mentioned that we have found a local company to do the engravings for the columbarium plaques.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Proposed resolution affirming Trinity Endowment actions – It is hereby resolved that the Trinity Vestry approves, accepts and ratifies the passed motions of the Trinity Endowment Board on October 30, 2024 and February 27, 2025 where it revised its investments to generate more income returns for the support of Trinity, loaned Trinity in October $150,000 to cover expected 2025 budget shortfall and in February an additional $100,000 standby loan if required. Also approved are the funding by the Trinity Endowment of chillers for the church and the HVCA for the Morrow Chapel which are gratefully accepted.

Final approval of St. Hildegard of Bingen statue – If the statue does not fit or can not be supported, the statue will be returned and the money the church paid will be refunded.

Formal acceptance of Mary sculpture in Historical Church at prayer candles – The statue is currently next to the prayer candles.

September 6 Vestry Workday – This will be a half-day work day at the church from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Vestry are encouraged to attend as able.

FEMA Grant – The final paperwork was submitted to the state of Texas. We will now wait for their decision.

Partners for Sacred Places – The Senior Warden and the Rector will attend a Zoom meeting on September 2nd to try to schedule the presentation of the proposal.

Fellowship Hall usage – a band has approached Trinity about use of the stage in Fellowhship hall and use of some office space. When a proposal has been prepared, it will be shared with the Vestry.

Security Concerns – it was brough up by a Vestry member that there are some concerns with the efforts of the security team to provide safe transport for parishoners from the parking lot to the church. There are often long gaps when no one is from the security team is present oustide. It was noted that this has been issue for several months.

RECTOR'S REPORT

N/A

TREASURER'S REPORT

June Revenue:	$ 84,171.40
June Expenses:	$ 95,638.13
July Revenue:	$ 589,436.86
July Expenses:	$ 71,129.51

Resolutions:

1. Motion by Andrea Shiloh to approve the minutes of June 17, 2025, as presented/amended; second Libby Tsubai. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Andrea Shiloh to approve the resolution affirming Trinity Endowment actions; second by Tony Huffman. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Tony Huffman to approve the St. Hildegard of Bingen statue; second by Eric Beam. Motion carried.

4. Motion by Andy Durham to accept the Mary statue; second by Jeanne Sommerfeld. Motion carried.
5. Motion by Eric Beam to approve the Treasurer's Report for June 2025 and as presented; second by Samantha Rainmann. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Libby Tsubai to approve the Treasurer's Report for July 2025 as presented; second by Andrea Shiloh. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.
Minutes prepared by Ben Blanding, Clerk