



Vestry Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2026
6:00 p.m.
St John's Cathedral

Call to Order: 6 pm

Members Present: John Bass, Rebecca Black, Martha Cox, John Erstling, Glenn Guiler, T.R. Hainline, JJ Howell, Patrick Kimball, Laura Jane Pittman, Louis Russo, Adam Smith

Members Absent: Paige Hakimian

Others Present: John Sefton, Chancellor; Paul Arrington, Treasurer; Marianne Murray, alternate; Caroline Nichols, alternate

Clergy and Staff Present: The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll, Dean; Rev. Canon Mark Anderson, Vicar; Megan Cochran, Parish Administrator

Quorum: Yes

Teaching Devotion by Clergy: Dean Kate discussed the upcoming gospel reading and the holiness found in sharing our woundedness with one another.

Vital Signs

- **Giving Update:** Pledges are coming in under what is expected, but we don't have the Easter giving numbers yet and its too early in the year to know if this is a pattern. Otherwise, everything else is on track.
- **Council Reports**
 - CAP:** The Performing Arts Showcase drew the largest audience yet. A foundation in New York is excited to help CAP establish additional partnerships with cultural institutions in New York City beyond just Carnegie Hall.
 - CFW:** New programs are in the works and in an effort to strengthen connection to the Cathedral the leadership team will begin meeting regularly with Fr. Mark.
 - Formation:** No meeting yet this month
 - Outreach:** Meeting during this Vestry meeting
 - Parish Engagement:** No meeting yet
 - Pastoral Care:** The Eucharistic Visitor Program serves around 35 to 55 people a month. The council wants to have a planning meeting on the orientation and scope of its vital ministries.
 - Properties:** Will meet next week
 - Stewardship and Development:** Discussing how to grow and strengthen the endowments to secure financial sustainability.
 - Worship, Music and Arts:** The last meeting focused on Easter and the next will be held in advance of Pentecost.

Immediate Action Items

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Upon review of the March minutes, Patrick Kimball motioned to approve, T.R. Hainline seconded and all approved as presented.
- **Consent Agenda:** Adopting a consent agenda format will allow the Vestry to focus on a topic for the bulk of the vestry meeting, discerning more deeply the direction in which the cathedral is being called.
 - Because the Finance report is not available until the third week of the month, it will not be included in the consent agenda.

- Council reports could be submitted for the consent agenda, creating time for one council to be discussed in depth outside of the consent agenda, allowing more focus and energy be given to the mission of that council.

Be it RESOLVED, that the procedures below be adopted for future vestry meetings:

1. that the Vestry adopt a consent agenda process for regular meetings beginning with the meeting of May 21, 2026;
 2. that the consent agenda be limited to routine, noncontroversial, and general informational matters and may include minutes, financial reports, committee and ministry reports, administrative updates, and similar items;
 3. that the Dean will have the authority to determine the specific items to be included on each meeting's consent agenda;
 4. that the full consent agenda and supporting materials must be distributed to Vestry members no fewer than seven days before the meeting;
 5. and that any Vestry member can request removal of an item from the consent agenda for separate consideration.
- After Discussion, T.R. Hainline moved to approve the use of a Consent Agenda in future meetings and Martha Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Approve TCS Board of Trustees nominee Rick Patterson:** After reviewing Patterson's bio, T.R. Hainline moved to approve and Shane Williams seconded. Patterson was approved unanimously.
 - **Recommendation to Tithe \$33,333 from Nursing Home Sale to Outreach:** With each installment of the nursing home sale proceeds, the Vestry has elected to tithe 10%. This year, it is proposed that the tithe be given to the Outreach Council to choose a course of action for the funds. Glenn Guiler motioned to approve, T.R. Hainline seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - **Move Dan Hadwin Bequest and Nursing Home Settlement Proceeds to Endowments:** Per the Undesignated Gift Allocation Policy, 75% of all proceeds will go to Plummer Endowment and 25% will go to the Legacy Endowment. Martha Cox motioned to approve, T.R. Hainline seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Adaptive Change

- The Vestry discussed this strategic plan goal:
Increase Involvement in Discipleship Groups and Small Groups
 - Members who have been in Discipleship Groups have found them to be invaluable in their spiritual journeys and in feeling more deeply connected to the Cathedral and Christ.
 - Discipleship Groups can follow different formats based on the needs of the group
 - Members reported assigned groups getting along as well as organically formed groups.
 - Sunday mornings may be a good time for groups to meet, especially for busy families and those who have longer commutes.
 - Meeting for a Season might be helpful- meet for a given amount of time and have the option to dissolve the group or keep meeting.

Closing Prayer: T.R. Hainline closed the meeting with a prayer of gratitude for the blessings of personal relationships.