



SUMMARY OF THE TFCA VESTRY MEETING
Tuesday, August 18, 2026
Wilberforce Conference Room, 6565 Arlington Blvd.

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. following a testimony by Lisa Lampman.

Present from the Vestry were: David Seawright, Kris Iverson, Karen Jacobson, Darin Powers, Tom Yates, Norm Fichthorn, Lisa Lampman, Lindsay Simmons, Jamie Johnson, Linda Christie, Amanda Henneberg and Taylor Barkley. Anne Bloom, Chris Roth, and Eric Deussing joined virtually through Microsoft Teams.

Also present were: George Connors (Treasurer) and Matt Lee (Senior Associate Rector). Alyssa DaCunha (Chancellor) joined virtually through Microsoft Teams.

Opening Prayer and Devotion

Matt Lee opened the meeting in prayer and shared some thoughts on 1 Peter 5:1-11. Peter writes that what makes a good spiritual leader in the church is the heart (motives, attitude, character). He does not mention skills, gifts or accomplishments. Peter also teaches that the most important mark of a good spiritual leader is humility — God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. The application for us is to remember that God cares more about our hearts than our skills or accomplishments. Therefore we should ask ourselves: what are we focusing on as leaders in the church?

7:20 Matt Lee and George Connors departed.

7:20 David moved that the Vestry enter executive session. Taylor seconded and the motion passed by voice vote.

7:41 David moved that the Vestry leave executive session. Taylor seconded and the motion passed by voice vote.

George Connors returned at 7:43pm.

Treasurer's Report

George Connors presented the July 2026 financial report.

Details of all financials are available in the August 2026 Vestry folder.



Approval of July 21 and August 4 Minutes

Karen moved to adopt the July 21 and August 4 minutes, Darin seconded, and the motion passed by voice vote.

FY27 Budget Approval

Tom and Chris presented the FY27 Budget Proposal from the Finance Committee. Tom moved to adopt the budget. Lindsay seconded, and the motion passed 14-1. David expressed his gratitude for the excellent work by the staff and committee members on the budget.

Finance Committee Update

Tom and Chris gave an update from the Finance Committee. Chris emphasized that the work of the new Director of Stewardship will be important in FY27, and he reiterated his thanks for all the work that went into developing and approving the budget.

Governance Committee Update

Jamie gave an update on the Governance Committee, including that TFCA's delegates and alternates to the Synod in November have been submitted to DOMA. He also reported that the Governance Committee is conducting a review of the TFCA bylaws, which is required every three years. Proposed updates will be presented to the vestry for approval in the coming months.

Personnel Committee Update

Darin gave an update on the Personnel Committee. He emphasized that the transition to TFCA's new medical insurance carrier is going well and that the staff is very pleased. Open enrollment is complete.

Outreach Committee Update

Taylor gave an update on the Outreach Committee. The committee will not meet in August, but will consider several new, one-time funding requests at its September meeting.





VNEC Update

Eric gave an update on the Vestry Nomination and Election Committee (VNEC). Members of the congregation may submit nominations beginning Sunday, August 23. The vestry election will take place the week of November 8-15, which is a week earlier than last year to avoid conflicting with Advent. Vestry members are encouraged to prayerfully make nominations and to encourage members of the congregation to make nominations as well. David asked us to begin praying now for the new vestry class and election process.

Warden's Report

David presented a report on the wardens' activities over the prior month. He encouraged the vestry to pray for Sam's transition back from sabbatical. He also emphasized his gratitude for all that has been accomplished at the church while our rector was away including passing the FY27 budget. Anne shared that the health of the church has been evident in how the staff has stepped up while it's "shepherd" was away. It's been a seamless transition.

Closing Prayer

Norm closed the meeting in prayer at 8:30 p.m.

