

**MINUTES**  
**Trinity Vestry Retreat and Meeting**  
**February 6, 2026**

**Attending: Rem Houser, Jeff Ollman, Wright Waddell, Richard Waddell, Tracy Courville, Justus Armstrong, Laura Posey, Billy Kendall, Kendon Johnson, Evelyn Stahl, Susan Prather, and Elizabeth Graham.**

**Also attending: Father Tim Graham, Father Andy Blakemore, and Elliott Waddell.**

**Father Andy opened the meeting with Bible reading and prayer.**

**Senior Warden, Rem Houser, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the December Meeting are to be reviewed and approved online.**

**Father Tim reiterated the need for getting to know the members of our Parish.**

**Rem Houser asked that each member of the vestry introduce themselves with a brief bio.**

**Treasurer's Report:**

**The meeting continued with the Financial Report by Treasurer, Elliott Waddell. Elliott reported that the 2026 budget has not been finalized. So far 129 pledges have been received versus 144 pledges by this time in 2025 which leaves a 7% shortage with an increase of 3% in expenses for 2026. So far there is a shortage of \$67,000.00. It was noted that after the Parish Annual Meeting and listening to Father Tim's presentation that one member of the parish tripled their original pledge. Rem Houser suggested that Elliott Waddell possibly speak to the congregation on Sunday, February 8, 2026. Senior Warden, Rem Houser will continue calling members in regard to pledges. Elliott Waddell reported that there is sufficient funds in Capital Reserves to cover the cost of the roof repair and replacing 3 HVAC units. A Capital Campaign will be forthcoming in the future to replace the funds taken from the Capital Reserves. Rem House asked that Elliott Waddell begin to work on a Capital Drive Committee.**

**Building Issues:**

**Richard Waddell reported that as of Monday, February 9, 2026, he and the staff will meet with the coordinator from Peach State to go over the procedures for beginning the work on the roof and replacing the HVAC units. Work to begin on February 11, 2026. Richard also noted that changes to the current thermostats need to be addressed. Richard also brought to the group the need for a test to be conducted to the mortar that is being lost on some of the bricks. Billy Kendall made the motion and seconded by Susan Prather to spend the \$700.00 for the test. Richard will speak with Johnny Cargill for information on addressing the water leak in the courtyard. That project cannot be started until summer.**

**Father Andy distributed information to all Vestry on Safe Church Training which is required for each Vestry member.**

**After a brief break vestry pictures were taken.**

Father Tim noted that all Vestry members need to choose a Vestry Committee. The Sub-committees are Administrative, Ministry and Buildings and Grounds. These committees coordinate needs with the various groups that work to keep our church running smoothly. Father Tim asked that everyone think about where they wish to serve and report their choices at the March meeting.

Rem Houser and Father Tim led a discussion in regard to the challenges of 2026. More member of our Parish need to be involved. Rem felt that several of our committees need to be increased. Evelyn Stahl noted that people in our congregation need to be approached about serving. Empty nesters should have more time and consider getting involved. It is an honor to be asked. Several ideas were shared by other Vestry members. Billy Kendall suggested the need for more activities for children and youth. Elliott Waddell is to contact Young Life to speak with a counselor about ideas. Social events are needed to attract young families.

Father Andy led the group in a Bible Reading and prayer before the lunch break.

After lunch, Senior Warden, Rem Houser again called the meeting to order.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Senior Warden, Rem Houser proposed that the meeting time be changed to 5:00 p.m. The meeting day will remain the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. Jeff Ollman made the motion with a second by Billy Kendall.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Father Tim reported that our current sexton had been terminated due to several issues. Mary Hurley has employed a cleaning service to be used temporarily until a new sexton can be found.

#### **Security Issues:**

Senior Warden, Rem Houser distributed information on a security system which is being used by several churches in our area. This system would be used in several areas in the event of a problem during a service. The current system in place for the staff in the offices is very old and the current provider VSA has recommended a new system. Their price would be \$15,000.00 with a keypad entry. It was suggested that the church reach out to ACOM and CAPITAL for quotes. Kendon Johnson made the motion and seconded by Susan Prather to approve at least \$15,000.00 for the purchase. Richard Waddell, Rem Houser and Father Tim to make the decision on which company to use.

The selection of a Junior Warden will be addressed at the March meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

**Laura Posey, Recording Secretary**