

Trinity Church Pawtuxet
Vestry Meeting
June 8, 2026
Minutes

In Attendance:

Mother Susan Wrathall

Class of 2026: Ann Walter- Treasurer, Carol Deming, Ginny Simms- Secretary/Clerk

Class of 2027: Rob Duncanson- Senior Warden, Vickie Ancona, Alyson Aharonian

Class of 2028: Cindy Castellone, Bob Whittaker

Absent: Kevin Cliff, Jeannette Hogan

Meeting opened with Ann leading the vestry in evening prayers

Minutes: Minutes were sent ahead and reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes as presented (Carol), seconded (Cindy), unanimously agreed.

No correspondence for this month.

Reports:

Priest-In-Charge: Mother Susan informed the vestry that Margaret Thomas is no longer the assistant treasurer, nor on the financial committee. She will remain on the property committee but no longer the chair. Rob Duncanson will be the chair of the property committee. The vestry updated their contact list.

Liaison Committees: Mother Susan would like a vestry member to be the liaison for the following committees:

- Invite, Welcome, Connect- which already has some interest from parishioners to be on the committee.
- Stewardship- Annual stewardship campaign. Committee would begin meeting in August. This year, the campaign might center more on the practical application of where contributed money is spent, etc.
- Fundraising- Alyson gave an update. Peppermint bark will be made, on sale in early November. There is a tentative date - September 13 (or September 24) for a Lemon Grass event- will also include a raffle with donated items from parishioners and possibly local businesses.

Mother Susan gave an update regarding the flag conversation. In doing more research, it was discovered that the flags might be a potential fire hazard. Mother Susan will reach out to the fire marshal to assess.

On June 19th there will be an outdoor event with Gathering of Remembrance hosted by the Stillhouse Cove Remembrance Project. Trinity is supportive and attached to the project. Last October, Trinity provided the space for a dinner fund raiser. At that time, we paused donating any funds as we were waiting to see what they might need. We had tentatively earmarked donating \$500 for the project. After much discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion: To make a donation to the Stillhouse Cove Remembrance Project in the amount of \$500 taken from our outreach fund. (Ann), seconded (Rob), unanimously agreed.

Mother Susan asked if someone could unlock and lock the church for that day, June 19, as Trinity is to provide 100 of the stackable chairs for the gathering ceremony. Vickie will unlock the door and Ann will lock up.

Senior Warden: Rob reported for the property committee on the following:

- The electrical work has been completed and the A/C units are ready to be installed into the rooms.

Motion: On May 19, 2026 via email vote, there was a motion to pay the additional \$2,462 for the electrical work to complete the project. Unanimously agreed.

- The floors in the parish hall were stripped twice but not waxed. The tiles are old and the stripping pushed some of the tiles and tile edges up.
- The stained glass project is 95% completed. All the windows open and close.
- There was a bat in the church on Sunday but Rob was able to catch and release it.
- Rob presented the Building Envelop Survey to the vestry. The recommendation is to fix three areas (Phase 1) that present an immediate problem. The recommendation is for the gutters to be fixed immediately and the two areas of the outside which are a hazard to be addressed. The finance committee needs to look at the report. There are various sources of funding through the diocese that our project might be eligible to apply. At the July meeting, Rob hopes to have the financial committees recommendations.
- The plumber will be coming out to replace the faucet and valve in the Bay room sink.

Treasurer: Ann presented the monthly treasurer's report (Jan-May 2026). Trinity is behind budget by \$5,075. Much is due to the natural gas expense and insurance costs, both of which are mostly paid during the first six months of the year even though we budget the overall cost over 12 months. Our regular support is higher than expected and our pledges are not behind by too much.

Ann said that Trinity has signed up with the diocese to be part of the net metering solar plan which will give us credits on our electrical bill. There is a solar field being installed at ECC.

Ann also shared the operational checking account which has a healthy balance.

Motion to accept treasurer's report as presented (Carol), seconded (Vickie) unanimously agreed.

Coming up:

- Gaspee Interfaith service- June 9
- Gaspee Day parade- June 13
- 100th birthday party for Jeanne Knowles June 14
- Mother Susan's vacation June 14 (after church)- June 27 (the Rev. Peter Michaelson will supply June 21. Mother Susan will be back on June 28 for a baptism
- Last day of church school Godly Play celebration June 28

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned with a benediction from Mother Susan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginny Simms

Next Regular Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, July 14, 2026