

Trinity Parish Wethersfield Vestry Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2025

Attendees: Connie Harasymiw, Carol Jones, Greg Joseph, Cheryl Chadsey, Melissa Pavick, Melanie Hepburn, Kathy Cole, Aversa Sheldon, Bruce Duncan, Don Ghostlaw.

Absent: Rob Heath

6:34pm

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Opening prayer, Melissa Pavick.
3. Monthly reports
 - a. Minutes from June meeting. Motion to approve minutes made by Greg Joseph, second by Cheryl Chadsey. Discussion. Typos noted, title of Family Engagement Committee. Vote to accept unanimous. Motion approved.
 - b. June financial report. Kathy Cole standing in for Rob Heath. Income was under budget, expenses under budget. Designated account – the Flower fund is in rough shape. Discussion of possible solutions. Possibility that it could be moved into annual budget. Motion to accept report made by Connie Harasymiw, second by Greg Joseph, vote unanimous. Report accepted.
4. New business.
 - a. Don Ghostlaw. A desktop computer has been donated to the Seabury Room for presentations. Question to vestry members regarding having vestry meetings available on Zoom so that any parishioner could attend. Recommendation to make an announcement on Sunday to gauge interest. It was also suggested to let the diocese know so that they might make use of our space. Aversa Shelton offered to make up flyers for discussion/forum series.
 - b. AEP. Don Ghostlaw. \$6k was collected to sponsor students in Nigeria. We were able to sponsor an additional 4 scholars who are being supported by the church by combining smaller donations to AEP.
 - c. Belfry newsletter. Carol Jones. The Belfry was distributed to parishioners quarterly. Does anyone have any ideas re who could take care of editing a quarterly publication? Another option would be to eliminate the publication and post to the Facebook page and/or website. What is the need that this serves? It would discuss more fully the life of the church. Different ideas we expressed about how to engage the community.

5. Porch Fest. Melissa Pavick. Cheryl Chadsey, Aversa Sheldon, and Melissa would like to ask for \$200 for materials for Porch Fest to attract families outside and inside the church. Money to be used for art supplies and snacks. Motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$200 for this event made by Melissa Pavick, second by Carol Jones. Vote to approve unanimous. Motion passes.
6. Calendar. Don Ghostlaw. Under conversation. Use of bulletin board across from Seabury Room for a large calendar. Joanne will be responsible for monitoring and updating. Parishioners would need to check room availability and would also need to notify Joanne.
7. Property. Carol Jones. Security system is not working. This impacts both our security and fire safety. Warren Blessing is looking for a new provider and will bring back an estimate. Many people signed up to be part of the gardening committee, which will be activated when the heat breaks.
8. Closing prayer. Melissa Pavick.

8:15pm Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted

By Melanie Hepburn 7/17/2025