



**Minutes of Trinity Cathedral Vestry Special Meeting  
June 17, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.**

Present:

*Vestry Members:* Cynthia Ries, Sr. Warden; John Chapman, Jr. Warden; Marie Curry; Martin Hermes; Diane Hexter; Audrey Hudak; Wendy Miano; Jeff Spiess; Marilyn Valencia

*Staff:* Megan Allen-Miller, Priest Associate

*Appointed Officers:* Darrell Lausche, Clerk of Vestry; Melody Hart, Treasurer

*Guests:* Dave Miano, Property and Sustainability Committee Chair; Paul Herrgesell,

*Absent:* Mark Biddlestone; Jon Logan; Antoinette Ponzo; The Very Rev. Bernard Owens, Dean; The Rev. Canon Adrienne Koch, Canon for Mission and Transformation

- The Vestry meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.
- John Chapman led Vestry in the opening devotional.

Fiduciary Work

- Cathedral Hall Construction Documents

Cynthia Ries, Senior Warden, set the purpose of the meeting and shared a document outlining the timeline of the Cathedral Hall project. She also discussed the process for entertaining bids, materials purchases, etc. She took time to highlight the project to date as presented in the document. Additionally, she discussed the cost estimates that included construction hard costs, design fees, and owner soft costs.

Dave Miano shared updates to the discussion from the May 26, 2026, Vestry meeting regarding the systems integration possibilities, specifically with the geothermal system. The process of analyzing the systems for compacity, etc. has begun. He also addressed the permitting process through the City of Cleveland.

Clarifying questions were raised, especially in relation to possible cost overruns and cost savings. Discussion about a contingency fund as a portion of the budget occurred. Updates for the congregation and donors will be shared through the established communication channels.

**John Chapman moved, “to move to the next phase of the Cathedral Hall project and allocate \$110,650 for construction documents from Marous Brothers.” Diane Hexter seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

Closing Prayer

John Chapman led Vestry in a closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting: June 23, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

*\*Note: One week later to accommodate the Dean Owens’ availability.*

Respectfully submitted,



Darrell Lausche, Clerk of Vestry