

Vestry Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2026

Members Present: Kelly Kirby, Bill Beam, Neville Blakemore Jr., Rob Peck, Penny Shaw, Melissa Klassen, Patricia Enriquez, Phil Eschels, Heather Duffy, Robin McNally, Susie Thomas, Tim Bowman-Jecmen, Diane Kyle, David Lee, Emerson Niehaus, Jessica Roufus (by phone).

Also present: Suzanne Barrow, Edie Nixon.

Expected Absence: Chris Newton.

15 Vestry members were present, resulting in a quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 pm.

After the opening prayer, Neville Blakemore Jr. shared from Gray Henry's children's book about the writings of Imam al-Ghazali, as well as some writings by Thomas Merton.

There were no corrections to the March meeting minutes, which were accepted as presented.

Edie Nixon reviewed the Balance Sheet, Income and Endowment statements.

- \$200,000 in the Operating Fund will be transferred to the Endowment Fund. This is not due to any shortage, this is a standard procedure.
- Church assets are just over \$10 million.
- There was a large building maintenance expense this past month for a hot water loop pump replacement.
- While expenses are currently over budget, our cash is also up significantly. This is expected to balance out over the course of the year.
- The Endowment fund has a healthy balance of \$2.7 million.

There was some discussion around the vestry attempting to close the gap between the church income and its needs. Phil Eschels and David Lee are spearheading this effort.

Robin McNally motioned to accept the Financial Report as presented, subject to financial review. Penny Shaw seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Rob Peck reported on behalf of the Buildings & Grounds Committee.

- The facility to-do list was revised.
- American Roofing has not returned for any unscheduled visits and has fixed most of the leaks. The committee will determine who to use for maintenance of other roof structures.
- The committee is considering putting in a boiler or a tankless water heater for the upper level of the church.

The Finance Committee met and had nothing of significance to report.

Phil expressed his gratitude to Joanne Coleman and Edie Nixon for conducting a class to explain to the vestry how to read the finance reports. This class will be available to all incoming Vestry members annually.

Kelly reported the following:

- She has submitted a grant application addressing the reuse of runoff water to help grow native plants on property.
- She has asked Steve Cherry's help to find methods for engraving names on the Memorial Garden wall. They are considering aluminum nameplates and a few other options.
- The staff is assessing how to renew the plantings around the building that are aging, specifically around the windows in the Nave.
- Kelly was able to resign her position on the Diocesan Disciplinary board.

After a brief reflection, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. Vestry convened in the sanctuary for Compline, led by Neville Blakemore Jr.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Enriquez