

## Vestry Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2026

Members Present: Kelly Kirby, Bill Beam, Neville Blakemore, Jr., Chris Newton, Rob Peck, Penny Shaw, Patricia Enriquez, Phil Eschels, Heather Duffy, Robin McNally, Susie Thomas, Tim Bowman-Jecmen, Diane Kyle, David Lee, Emerson Niehaus.

Also present: Suzanne Barrow, Edie Nixon.

Expected Absence: Jessica Roufus

15 Vestry members were present, resulting in a quorum.

Meeting was called to order at 6:14pm.

After the opening prayer, Melissa Klassen offered a reflection on what we can do that is purposeful and meaningful in troubled times. She read from the book Belonging by Bell Hooks, a cultural critic and professor at Berea College.

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

Edie Nixon presented her Financial Report:

- Cash balance is up this month and bills are paid.
- The church received some restricted grant income for a December 2025 retreat.
- Cash reserves are at a 6-month level.

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

Kelly presented a proposal from two members of the congregation, Carol and Charles Rusciano, to purchase storage cabinets as a gift for the Archives as a gesture of appreciation for Lee Fletcher and the work that he does for the congregation. The Vestry voted unanimously to accept the gift.

Penny Shaw reported on behalf of the Vision Implementation Committee, who met Sunday. They are recruiting people outside the Vestry to be on the committee.

Robin McNally reported for the Outreach Committee, who plans to meet 5 times this year. They are asking that recipients of funds provide a report upon completion of their project to ascertain its success. The group will meet in May to review proposals.

Phil Eschels reported that in his weekly meetings with Kelly, he continues to learn of the good work done by clergy, staff, and laypeople using their time and talents to serve the community.

Rob Peck reported for the Buildings & Grounds Committee that American Roofing has been very responsive to the needs of the church and has been on the roof making repairs.

The circuit board for the PDK system touchpad for the front door was fried due to power surge and may need to be replaced, if it cannot be fixed. A surge protector was purchased to prevent it from happening again. B&G meets again next week.

Penny Shaw reminded the Vestry about the trip to the Roots Museum on Friday.

Kelly reported that she has been receiving paperwork for multiple upcoming confirmations and baptisms. She has also been planning Kevin Wardell's funeral. Much attention has been given to the appearance of the property and the windows and carpet have been cleaned, as planned.

After a brief reflection, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. Vestry convened in the sanctuary for Compline, led by Melissa Klassen.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Enriquez