

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

April 2026 Vestry Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall

The Meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM. Those in attendance were Fr. Jeff Marx, Charles Hall, Greg Hurley, Mary Walton Allen, Chris Baumgardner, Ting-Ting Davis, Jay Walne, Ashley Jamieson, Don Johnston, and Martha Lendermon.

Devotional time was led by Charles Hall.

Minutes from the March 2026 Vestry meeting were reviewed. Mary Allen Walton made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ashley Jamieson seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Financials for March 2026 were reviewed:

- Jeff and the vestry thanked Martha for all her hard work on the financials 1st quarter and getting the audit completed. The current balance of the checking and savings accounts was reviewed. Martha announced that we were able to purchase more CDs.
- For our miscellaneous outreach fund, we received \$8700 during Lent. Overall, for the first quarter we received \$15,350 for outreach – that is almost double the usual. Next month's financials will show Easter Sunday outreach funds. This time of year, the parish gets a lot more non-pledge offerings, which puts the budget in good shape.
- The Finance Team also met today; Chris Baumgardner gave some updates. He reported that we are looking strong on interest rates (\$50k in interest last year). A proposal for upcoming outreach ideas was also discussed by the group.

Upcoming Calendar Items were reviewed:

Sun.	Apr 12	Informal lunch and discussion with Haiti presenter at 11:30 AM (sign up)
Sun.	May 3	Bishop Phoebe's Annual Visit with Confirmation service at 10:30 AM
Wed.	May 6	First-Wednesday Parish Dinner (6 PM)
Sun.	May 17	Parish pizza party after the 10:30 service

May Vestry Meeting: Mary and Ashley will not be in attendance.

Follow-up and further planning on Strategic Planning for Saint Andrew's:

- Assessing the future: In the next few months we would like to accomplish a longer-term investment fund, which we will discuss more in the upcoming meeting. Fr. Jeff discussed how we need to be making "relational connections" in the Benedictine communities of the Episcopal church. Our goal is to "revive" and "renew" in the church.
- Church attendance was discussed. The number in attendance for Easter was roughly the same as last year and we are running the same YTD (ignoring the two lost Sundays in January). We have a lot of fluctuation in weekend attendance. The Men's Club is going well, as are the Wednesday night dinners. The youth attendance slows this time of year reflecting busier schedules at the end of the school year.
- Looking ahead: Going into the summer and fall season, the vestry will look at ways to grow attendance. Ideas like going through the phone book and identifying small groups and finding other ways to actively invite people who have drifted from church. More ideas will be discussed at the next vestry meeting.

Other Business:

- The pending attic space repair was discussed by Mary Walton. We will need to pull up insulation and replace it to get it up to code. There is a lot of debris that needs to be removed, and a permit must be pulled to be able to install lights in that area. Overall, it needs repair to make the area a safer space that is up to code. A budget was set for the two projects: lights and insulation. Charles Hall made a motion to approve the use of budget for the repairs needed and Ashley seconded the motion.
- Mary Walton also discussed the idea for a new camera for the sanctuary. We currently use the camera during morning prayer and services for LIVE streaming. Currently, the camera we use is on a poll, and it was brought up that people can trip and the camera can be shown in wedding pictures. The vestry agreed that Mary should shop out different camera options to look at more modern and budget-friendly ways that we can replace the tripod.
- Roof over the organ is another problem that will eventually need to be fixed. There is currently a hole that used to be a pipe for heating. We will need to discuss this repair when Mary returns to the June vestry meeting.

Ashley Jamieson made a motion to adjourn. Mary Allen Walton seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.