

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

August 2026 Vestry Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:32. Those in attendance were Fr. Jeff Marx, Chris Baumgardner, Lisa Carter, Charles Hall, Greg Hurley, Jay Walne, Fr. Christian Senyoni, Cynthia Carpenter, Mary Walton Allen, Ashley Jamieson, and Don Johnston.

Devotional time was led by Jay Walne.

Minutes from the June 2026 Vestry meeting were reviewed. Charles Hall made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Greg Hurley seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Review Financials for July 2026:

- As expected expenses exceeded revenue, \$27,000 came out of short-term reserve.
- July at Saint Andrew's is not normally a well-attended month so offerings were lower last month, but, to date, we remain over budget for the year.
- Finance Team also met with Chris Baumgardner to give updates. The team reported that we are looking strong on interest rates and that we are staying on track of variable cash reserve. The team is planning a reserve for a search committee and any relocation costs in the future.

Diocesan Convention discussion:

Saint Andrew's delegates for the Diocesan Convention on Nov 20–21 at St. Luke's in Jackson, TN, have been gathered. Ashley Jamieson, Lisa Carter, Ting Ting Davis, and Stan Hughes have agreed to be delegates; Fairy Waters and Bud Phelps have agreed to be alternate delegates.

Select Nominating Committee for 2027 Vestry Election:

Vestry will find and nominate candidates for the 2027 Vestry election at Saint Andrew's Night on Dec 2. Gathering of nominees must be complete by the Oct 7 Vestry meeting. After discussion, the nominating committee was formed, including Chris Baumgardner, Charles Hall, Greg Hurley, and Jay Walne. They will begin reaching out to find interested candidates who have been members of Saint Andrew's in good standing for at least two years.

Review Letter of Agreement for Deacon Lavonnie Perry Claybon, Transitional Deacon:

She will be with us here at Saint Andrew's through May, typically three Sunday's each month. A letter of agreement is attached to the minutes. The Finance Committee will come up with a stipend for her during her time with us; Charles Hall made a motion to approve a stipend, and Lisa Carter seconded.

Follow-up and further development of Strategic Planning for Saint Andrew's:

- Attendance: Summer services, especially June, were really well attended. Year to date we are slightly above last year's average Sunday attendance
- Facilities: Installation of the new camera for the sanctuary is in process. Also, the Vestry set up a new Buildings & Grounds Committee to serve the parish, as well as selecting a chairman for the committee. Mary Walton Allen has been Junior Warden for 3 years and has been selected as chairman of the committee, which will be officially active as of midnight, January 1, 2027. The church Sexton, Chris Coughlin, will be on the committee, along with several other individuals yet to be determined—the chairman will select the committee members. Each year, the current Junior Warden will be Vestry liaison to that committee.
- Looking ahead: Going into the rest of the summer and the fall season, the vestry will look at ways to grow attendance. More ideas were not only discussed but decided on. There will be a high school/young adults financial literacy class planned by Chris Baumgardner and Lisa Carter. We will invite young people in the community and provide a classroom and resources to help with future planning. Ashley Jamieson, after consulting with the mahjong group at Holy Apostles Church, will set up and lead a free mahjong class for our parish. Holy Apostles has a strong mahjong group, and they are excited to model this for Saint Andrew's. We will gather interest via the bulletin announcements and set up a date for the class in September.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.