

**Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
**May 2026 Vestry Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall**

Present: Chris Baumgardner, Lisa Carter, Ting-Ting Davis, Charles Hall, Greg Hurley, Don Johnston, Jay Walne, Fr. Jeff Marx, Fr. Christian Senyoni, and Cynthia Carpenter

Absent: Mary Walton Allen and Ashley Jamieson

Secretary: Fr. Jeff Marx

- 1) The meeting began at 6:40 PM, with Don Johnston sharing Reflections on Benedictine Prayers and Marian Devotions for the month of May.
- 2) Review of Minutes from previous month: Don Johnston was inadvertently left off, but he was present. Minutes were approved with this correction. Chris made the motion, seconded by Charles.
- 3) Review of Financials: Brief review of financials, which reflect a very healthy economic situation. Although monthly income was 8% over budget, expenses were 48% over (\$5,000 on attic and \$48,000 in outreach) so we had a \$65,000 transfer from short-term reserve. This is a function of timing.
- 4) Lavonnie Perry Claybon was ordained a transitional deacon last week. She will be doing her diaconal internship with us this next year. There will be a minor financial impact. She is employed full-time so her time with us will be limited. We are honored that the Bishop has entrusted this part of her preparation to us.
- 5) Fr. Jeff had his yearly one-on-one with Bishop Phoebe recently. The wide-ranging discussion included the issue of retirement and the future of the parish. At this time, it looks possible for a two-year extension past mandatory retirement in April 2028. However, the bishop wants to begin discussions with parish leadership about the path going forward. She will attend Friday night dinner and meet with the Vestry next January. She is very committed to finding a clergy person who is a good fit for the parish so that we can continue to prosper.
- 6) Some general discussion was had about upcoming pizza party signup and a possible summertime gathering. We also looked at the importance of welcoming visitors (while respecting people's comfort levels). On the agenda for June meeting: Summertime events. Fr. Jeff brought up the May 2024 Strategic Plan. We will review it in August to assess progress and make adjustments going into Fall/Winter.

At 7:32 PM Charles made a motion to adjourn, with Don providing a second, and there was unanimous agreement to end the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffery Marx