

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church
February 2026 Vestry Meeting Minutes
Saturday, February 7, 2026, 9:00 AM, in the Parish Hall

The Meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM. Those in attendance were Fr. Jeff Marx, Charles Hall, Greg Hurley, Lisa Carter, Mary Walton Allen, Chris Baumgardner, Fr. Christian Senyoni, Ting Ting Davis, Jay Walne, Don Johnston, and Ashley Jamieson.

Devotional time was led by Mary Walton Allen.

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

Financials for January 2026 were reviewed:

- In January we keep larger cash balances because of snow cancellations of services that affect the weekly income. YTD actual we are 6% over budget on income. This Sunday the youth will be collecting for the 'Souper Bowl' Sunday for the food pantry.
- Financial questions discussed by vestry: Where do we desire to be in 2028? What do we want our spending pattern to focus on? How does our spending/saving reflect our faithfulness to the Mission/Ministry of Jesus in and through Saint Andrew's? What is our responsibility now and for the future?

Episcopal Church Analysis of the 2024 Report Data was reviewed further by the vestry:

Full report can be found here: [EPIS Report](#) Highlights discussed:

- 413,000 average weekly in-person attendance for all of Episcopal churches in the country, with an additional 121,000 online.
- 183,000 during week (Mon–Fri) attendance with an additional 75,000 online.
- 38 in attendance is the median average at church.
- 21% of Episcopal churches today are in debt.
- Saint Andrew's seats 70–90 in our sanctuary comfortably. One of our short- and long-term plans is growth, especially the 8:30 service.

Discussion around Strategic Planning for Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church:

The vestry broke into small groups to make 1-year and 3-year plans and goals. These will be discussed in the upcoming vestry meeting and then we will make a commitment for the upcoming year.

1-Year plans discussed:

- Financial Review
- Gain of new church volunteers
- New church events/festivities (possible 11:30 coffee hour or dinner club)
- Digital communications not to replace current communications (emails, sign-up genius, more app sign-up/use)
- Book a monastery retreat for the parish
- Promote: Healing Service, Wednesday Dinner, and EYC
- Increase of our traditional values/Benedictine values to the community
- Community events around the younger community: community flagpole prayers, mother's bible study, group mahjong in the parish hall, men's club "bring a buddy"

3-Year plans discussed:

- Succession Plan
- Young Adult Membership Increase
- Visibility in the Community and increase of our traditional values/Benedictine Spirituality to the community
- New

Next meeting we plan to identify:

1. Any new programming ideas with as many planning details as possible. We will identify all plans and who is going to execute any 1-year and 3-year plans approved.
2. Vestry members will decide which category they want to be their focus group:
 - Finance
 - Family life & church life communication
 - Parish growth
 - Assessing the future/succession

Ashley Jamieson made a motion to adjourn. Don Johnston seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 PM.