
Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, 08.18.2026

Attendees

Liz Welch; Elizabeth Malphurs, Associate Rector; Ray Kinney; Meredith Bailess; Tom Fanning, Associate Rector; Heath Wray; Trey Denton; Will Compton, Rector; Russ Markle; Dick Dickinson, Junior Warden; Martha Frye; Becky Herren, Senior Warden; Clark Liddon

Absent: Carroll Patton

Agenda

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Martha Made a motion to approve the July 2026 minutes as amended. Ray Kinney seconded. Motion carried unanimously

New Business

2. Day in the Country Chair Report - - Stephen and Angela Applewhite
 - a. still looking for co chair for next year for Ross
 - b. need a Chair for Kids Country
 - c. CHANGES - peanuts pulled under the food booth.
 3. Clark Liddon Made a motion to approve the July 2026 Financial Report from the Treasurer. Heath Wray seconded the motion. Motion Passed unanimously
 4. Martha Frye made a motion to approve \$3,180.50 from "Vestry Discretionary / Contingency Fund (8002) in the 2026 operating budget to purchase Advent clergy
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vestments and Advent hangings in the Chapel of the Cross and the Chapel of the Resurrection. Russ Markle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Meredith Bailess made a motion to ratify the email vote from July 31, 2026, that said, "Do you approve the quote from True South Tree Service of \$14,000 for tree removal around campus. Liz Welch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Heath Wray made a motion to accept the quote from Madison Planting and Design Group for \$44,250 for a one-year contract for lawn care and maintenance care at the Chapel of the Cross to begin on September 1. Clark Liddon seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Dick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meredith seconded. Motion Carries

Notes=

- **Martha does not expect update on Security Grant before fall.**
- **Mark Watson to complete construction documents for Structural Stabilization, Creosote sealing, Crawl Space Encapsulation, and Tree Removal on September 8.**
- **Clark Liddon - Raised a concern about the Trees - - Met with Arborist - - Report from Stephen Dicke - - What is the likelihood of the tree falling, Protecting the trees from damage during the stabilization. Those three magnolias and the post oak - - canopies are intertwined. Prescribed pruning, roots for the trees near the structure.**
- **Lighting to be complete in 2 weeks - - +/-**
- **Dick - Junior Warden - Tree Removal - - and Lights**
- **Becky - 175th Anniversary committee ongoing, Documentary, 3 part documentary, restoration, and the future - - Sarah Caroline - - \$7,000. Structural Stabilization? Stewardship for September 20th - -until September 2027.**
- **Grant Opportunities for Video - \$5,000 - Humanities Council & Mississippi Arts Commission.**

- **Tom Talk - Recruited Lay Eucharistic visitors training in the Covington room this coming Sunday, Acolyte Training went well. 4 folks signed up with Walking the Mourner's path. Newcomers path after Labor Day, Gus Neely picking up the Security, Shannon Warnock - - Prisons - Parchman and Women's Prison.**
- **Elizabeth's Elaborations - - Working on Names - - Working for the Diocese - - ¾ at the Chapel - - Passion for the Smaller Churches , on the road 1 week of the month. Still learning the chapel - adult formation - education for ministry. EFM**
- **Rector's Ruminations - Fall Y'all - Wed. Night Service, Wee Wednesday, Choir, 9/13 - Catechesis and Sunday School, Adult Formation, 3 clergy and a Seminarian. Ruth has been great. DITC, Stewardship. Excited about the crowds and all the young visitor.**

Action Items

1. New Business - More Ushers and Usher Training - - Tom - - Russell Wilcox
2. Wheelchair in the COTC

Next Meeting Agenda Items

Next Meetings - - Sept. 15th, October 27th, November 17th, December 15th