



CHAPEL of
the CROSS
an historic Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

The Reverend Doctor David Christian Parish Hall

Attendance: Trey Denton; The Rev. Will Compton, Rector; Carroll Patton; Ashley Herden, Clerk of the Vestry; Clark Liddon; Liz Welch; Heath Wray; Terri Hudson; Meredith Bailess; Ray Kinney; Becky Herren, Senior Warden; The Rev. Tom Fanning, Associate Rector; Dick Dickinson, Junior Warden

Out: Russ Markle, Martha Frye

- Opening Prayer and Keifer's
- May Agenda
- Approval of the April 2026 Minutes
Motion to accept amended minutes made by Clark, 2nd Liz, unanimous approval
- Old / Ongoing Business
 - Treasurer's Report: Terri Hudson
 - April Financials
 - audit report will be ready for June meeting
 - discussion of April 2026 financial report
 - motion to accept April 2026 financial report made by Becky, 2nd Ray, unanimous approval**
 - Funding the package for Elisabeth Malphurs
 - Finance Committee approved moving \$39,065 from Vestry Discretionary account to 6000 series of Clergy account to cover the cost of a 3rd priest
 - motion to move \$39,065 from “Vestry Discretionary/Contingency Fund” (acct 8002) to the 6000 series of Clergy accounts to cover the cost of Elisabeth Malphurs' salary package for August-December 2026 made by Liz, 2nd Clark, unanimous approval**
 - Funding the Lighting Project
 - Finance voted to fund the lighting project
 - Motion to fund the lighting project by moving \$43,600 from 2025 net income in the operating bank account to “Capital Reserves” in the ODR bank account and using \$55,000 already in the ODR bank account to fund the rest made by Ray, 2nd Heath, unanimous approval**

- Junior Warden's Report: Dick Dickinson
 - Churchyard Fencing Project
 - discussion of fencing maintenance and additions
 - Motion to suspend financial procedures and accept the quote from D.E. Warren for \$14,948 for fencing maintenance in the churchyard and along Highway 463. Suspension of the financial procedures is recommended based on the highly specialized nature of the work being completed in the churchyard and because D.E. Warren has been working on the fencing in our churchyard since the 1990s. His work in the past has been satisfactory.**
 - Motion made by Trey, 2nd Meredith, unanimous approval**
 - Motion to fund the fencing maintenance in the churchyard and along Highway 463 of \$14,948 from the “Cemetery” fund in the ODR bank account made by Clark, 2nd Liz, unanimous approval**
 - Lighting Project
 - discussion of project specifics
 - Finance Committee voted to accept the quote from Synergy
 - Motion to accept the quote for \$98,600 from Synergy to complete the Lighting Project as highlighted in the Campus Lighting Master Plan contingent upon acceptable terms made by Ray, 2nd Heath, unanimous approval**
 - Chapel of the Cross Stabilization Project
 - crawlpace work to begin this week
 - Other Items

- Senior Warden's Report: Becky Herren
 - No report given

- Tom Talk: The Reverend Tom Fanning
 - confirmation classes are going well
 - working on liturgical things and acolyte training for the fall

- Rector's Ruminations: The Reverend Will Compton
 - Harry Strauss Memorial Golf Tournament Recap
 - over \$10,000 raised; will add to amount for Habitat Episcopal build
 - New Associate Rector: Elisabeth Malphurs
 - will start August 1
 - would like her to be over adult formation
 - lots of good feedback about her
 - Bishop's Visit on May 31
 - the Bishop will preach at 8:00 and 10:30 on May 31
 - confirmations at 10:30
 - reception at 9:15 in tent

–new website will launch within the next couple of weeks
–Will is going on vacation June 1-14

- New Business

- Compline: Clark Liddon

- Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Liz, 2nd Carroll, unanimous approval