

Vestry Minutes
July 21, 2026

1. Fellowship and Opening Prayer – Father Andy

Present: Wendy Pelton, Susan Freese, Bryant McGann, Linda Whitehead, Tom McAfee, Crystal Cameron-Schaad, Dee Oliver, Tony Zontini, Mary Fletcher, Don Clark, Tim Stiffler, Michael Via, Fr. Buchanan

2. Discussion and Approval of Vestry Minutes

Tom moved, Susan second

3. Rector's Report – Father Andy

- Although June had fewer planned events than May, it remained a very full month at Galilee and our attendance did not experience the usual summer dip.
- In a one-off event in June, Galilee supported the Hospice House fundraiser. At the Cavalier Country Club we fielded (the winning) pickle-ball team, hosted a table for Mah-Jong, and the clergy contributed a \$10,000 check from the discretionary fund to support the Hospice House in its ongoing ministry. I feel good about our contribution to this ministry, and Galilee presented well at the fund-raiser.
- In late June we also received a \$20,000 donation from a parishioner toward purchasing and installing the projector and screen for Jordon Hall. This means that the expense previously approved by the vestry (in May) is no longer needed. Our thanks to the parishioner who provided these funds!
- We stand on the cusp of VBS, and if your schedule permits I warmly encourage you to stop by and stroll through the ministry. It runs from 9-12 each morning, beginning on the 27th. Please also pray for our VBS ministry teams and the children attending.

4. Senior Warden's Report – Wendy Pelton

Discussion

- Newcomers Gathering: 30+ new people attended – one of the largest to date.
- Medical Mission trip to Wise, Virginia. The largest group ever from Galilee. The team served roughly 2,000 people and had many opportunities to pray with others.

Report

- As the vestry prepares for the fall, committee activity will increase. Our 2027 Vestry Nominating Committee will be composed of our four outgoing vestry members – Tom McAfee, Wendy Pelton, Linda Whitehead, and Tony Zontini – along with four additional committee members. The Nominating Committee will be chaired by Bonnie Wheeler, prior senior warden. The Strategic Planning Committee, chaired by Tom McAfee, has also actively been drafting a plan for 1, 3, and 5 year organizational structure to support our growing parish and ministries. The Stewardship Committee is formed and will begin actively meeting soon.
- Notable building and grounds projects include but are not limited to the following: 1) the ongoing organ project, which has experienced some delays but is being actively shepherded through to completion by the vestry and staff, 2) Jordan Hall upgrades, 3) basement cleanout, and 4) designation of a new parking area for golf carts. Additional details are available in vestry minutes and the Junior Warden report.
- Service attendance continues to be strong even in summer months, when parishioners are frequently traveling, with an average year-to-date all-service attendance of 653. Special activities in July have included preparation for Vacation Bible School, Wednesday music concerts, book clubs, Bible studies, and numerous other opportunities for connection and spiritual growth. Ministries have been wonderfully synergistic. Two examples of this are the Men's Breakfast providing food for a Youth Group gathering and teens helping with Vacation Bible School preparations.
- Summer outreach has also been active. There was a team of health care providers from Galilee who traveled to Appalachia in early July to provide much-needed specialty care to hundreds of people. Upcoming opportunities for ministry include a blood drive on July 19, a fiesta fundraiser for the chapel pantry on July 26, and of course Vacation Bible School!

5. Junior Warden's Report – Linda Whitehead

- On Monday, July 20, the last of Montessori's property is expected to be moved.
- An unbudgeted capital expense of \$23,848 was approved to establish a cleaning routine on the hot water system. \$7,649 to Math Mechanical LLC is to install taps

into our system to enable the temporary connection of a filtration system that Waltz Engineered Sales, Inc. will connect to sweep the hot water pipes. The temporary system work costs \$16,199. The total expenditure falls within Galilee's Capitalization Policy definition – "Repair expenditures that increase the capacity or operating efficiency of an asset, if they are substantial, should also be capitalized."

- The new golf cart parking area has its temporary ramps in place, along with signs directing carts to the new space. The area is being utilized and will free up more spaces for cars to park. Bryant reported that the Holiday Inn parking garage was full on July 12, but there were still some spaces available in the lower lot at Galilee. A cart will be provided for the funeral of Dawson Taylor on July 17.
- Three new windows on the north side of the church will be installed to replace the old ones damaged by water leaks.
- The courtyard, and areas around other parts of the building and the Columbarium have been sprayed for ants.
- Robbie is awaiting a proposal to change the landscaping and possible some brickwork in the columbarium.
- The picket fence outside of Fr Ben's residence is being repaired and painted. Plans for additional painting include the interior of Fr Ben's home, along with the bathrooms on the main level of the church and the youth room in the basement.
- A new transformer is being installed in the courtyard along with solar lights outside wall of Tucker Hall. Repairs are being made to existing lights that illuminate the steeple.
- Jordan Hall is full of activity as Galilee prepares for VBS beginning July 27. Dee Oliver is charged with looking at carpet to replace the one currently in Jordan Hall. The projector will be installed and at least one basketball hoop removed after VBS. Some additional renovations in Jordan Hall are being considered.

6. Organ Project Update – Tim Stiffler

Discussion on pipe organ progress. Lead contractor Brock left Quimby in June. Quimby is working closely with Galilee to get the project back on track. Brock is amenable to working directly with Galilee to get this project over the finish line. Quimby is good with

this arrangement. The cabinets and railing have been rescheduled for September. Still missing the blower and electrical control system and waiting on an ETA for those parts. Over next few weeks, Galillee will work with Quimby, Brock, and Kevin (consultant) on a revised timeline. Optimistic pathway November.

Also discussed maintenance plan options. Organs can run independently or together – so if one goes out – there is a backup. There would always be a functional organ.

Written report attached to the meeting agenda and is available upon request.

7. Liaison Report – None for July

8. Finance Report and Q2 Summary – Michael Via

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9. Old Business

- Projector / Jordan Hall Project – generous gift from parishioner to cover the cost.
- Freed up some revenue for a new carpet for Jordan Hall – quotes ranging from \$13,000-\$25,000 per Dee Oliver. Project can be done within 24 hours including pulling out old carpet, sanding floor and installation.
- Motion to reallocate funds \$21,606 from projector for carpets - Don motions, Crystal Seconds
- Committee Updates – conversation on upcoming Vestry nominations and committee representations.
- Vestry Correspondence – approved stationery

10. New Business

Open Discussion

- Kitchen Clean out – Monday, August 3 – 10am-3pm
Volunteers: Crystal, Dee, Tom & Linda

Review Upcoming Galillee Events

- Galillee hosting Winter Shelter this year from December 17-23 with PIN Ministries. They coordinate everything. We serve breakfast and dinner. Overnight stay. Men and Women are separated. At 7am they are on bus going to city shelter. Estimated 40-60 people. Will need 14 teams for breakfast and dinner service.

- Douglas Patterson Speaker Series – Rebecca McLaughlin – up & coming Christian author, Cambridge Educated

11. Testimony and Faith Sharing – Mary Fletcher

12. Closing Prayer and Adjournment – Crystal Cameron-Schaad

Adjournment Time 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Cameron-Schaad, Register