

Vestry Minutes April 2025  
Christ Episcopal Parish  
7:00 pm  
Christ Church Parish House  
April 29, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Attending:

Father Tim Carr, Rector

Anne Scott, Senior Warden

Jay Renner, Junior Warden

Jeff Grimes, Treasurer

Bill Hickman, Clerk

Jamie Alvarado-Taylor

Jacqueline Aris

Emily Correll

Jeff Lin

Mohit Mathew

Joe Richardson

The meeting started at 7:00 with a prayer. Then Father Tim offered a thanksgiving for the following seven new families who have joined Christ Episcopal Church:

O Renzo Olachea and Kaemena and their son, Benjamin

O Brennan Arden, Jeff Bears and their children, Oliver and the twins

O Jerry and Anna Tremblay

O The Stephenson Family

O Andrew and Judy Weston Dawkes

O Jonathan Staeblein and Jahaira Rea

O Katie Spero, Chaplain to the Lower School, St. Andrew's Episcopal School

The agenda was adopted with unanimous approval.

The minutes of the March 25<sup>th</sup> vestry meeting were approved unanimously.

Jeff Grimes presented the March Profit & Loss Report and Balance Sheet.

O We are significantly ahead on Pledge Income year-to-date.

O We have had high receipts in the flower fund category.

O The net operating income for March was \$76,000.

O The net operating income year-to-date was about \$120,000.

O Expenditures were in good shape.

O Cash on hand is \$1.3 million.

The vestry approved the March financial reports unanimously.

Father Tim and Jay Renner gave the Property Report.

- We are in the first stage of installing the new audio system in the church. A few bugs in the system are being worked out, but in general people can hear better.
- Now that it's Spring, the water valve will be opened again soon.
- The parking lot has been paved. A speed bump is still needed, as is curbing.
- A new fence at the pre-school still needs to be painted.
- The HVAC Committee will make a presentation to the vestry at the May vestry meeting. The goal is to have the new HVAC system installed in one year.

Joe Richardson gave the Environmental Committee report.

- Joe had found that PEPCO and Washington Gas were not recognizing that CEC bears a tax-free status on utility bills. Joe and Jeff Grimes will be working with Erin Lopez, the church bookkeeper, and a volunteer to go through past bills to remedy the problem.
- Joe will also contact companies offering electricity via Maryland's Community Solar program to seek proposals for their supplying electricity to church properties

The Head of School Report was given in digital form in the absence of Emily Pearce.

- Father Tim mentioned that Emily's term of office would expire at the end of the school year.

- She will be replaced by Tiffany Violante.
- A challenge for the school is that the graduating class of eighth graders contains 16 students, and the school will want to replace them next year.
- The school enrollment this year is 117 students, and the current number for next year is 96. So their recruitment effort continues.

Father Tim reviewed the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny event.

- The church made money on the event.
- The children who participated were very happy.

Father Tim reviewed the Palm Sunday service.

- He thought the procession of parishioners from the city parking lot was very moving.
- There were 230 people in attendance.
- A vestry member commented that the church looked beautiful.

Father Tim reviewed the Easter services.

- The attendance was 715 this year, in contrast with 569 last year.

Father Tim will be attending the EDOW Clergy Conference.

- The Episcopal Diocese of Washington Clergy Conference is scheduled for May 5-7, 2025.
- Father Tim will be shuttling between the conference and CEC during that time period.

Parents Night Out will take place on Friday, May 9, in the Dining Room at the church.

The Rt. Rev. Gene Robinson will preach at a 10 a.m service on May 11, with a forum to follow the service. That service will include the celebration of Mother's Day, and white roses will be given out in tribute to that celebration.

Father Tim discussed arrangements for hosting the Washington Gay Men's Chorus concert on June 14 at 3 p.m.

- Plans continue to be in place to remove pews from the choir area.
- Two buses will be used to shuttle between the Metro Station and the church.
- Parking continues to be an issue.
- The ticket price is \$25.
- Rockville's Mayor will give a proclamation to the Gay Men's Chorus.

Father Tim will be on vacation during the July 10 – 23 period.

Father Tim mentioned the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala to be held on September 26, 2026.

- Christie Carrico and George Wolohojian are the Co-Chairs of the organizing committee.
- Jeff Lin is the vestry liaison to the organizing committee.

Due to the tightness of the church calendar this year, we have not yet had a “Bring a Friend to Church Sunday.” It remains a possibility for sometime during the summer.

The meeting closed with a prayer and adjournment at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hickman

Clerk

**Minutes approved unanimously at vestry meeting on May 27, 2025.**

**Bill Hickman, Clerk**