

Vestry Minutes June 2025

Christ Episcopal Parish

7:00 pm

Via Zoom

June 24, 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

Tiffany Violante, CES Board Chair

The meeting started at 7:05 with a prayer. Then Father Tim offered a thanksgiving for the following seven new families who have joined Christ Episcopal Church:

○ Jim Shepherd

○ Judit and Craig O'Connor and their children

○ Chuck Pfeiffer, Audrey and their daughter, Poppy

- O The Berlin Family
- O Bon Agoha
- O Tony and Sandy Brown
- O Claire Gelillo

1. Vote to Adopt Agenda
 - a. Emily Correll moved to adopt. Jamie Alvarado-Taylor seconded.
 - b. The agenda was adopted unanimously.
2. Approval of May Minutes
 - a. Jamie Alvarado-Taylor moved to approve. Anne Scott seconded.
 - b. The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Review of the May Financials (Jeff Grimes)
 - a. The May pledge revenue was at 65% of the monthly budget.
 - b. The May total revenue was at 80% of the monthly budget.
 - c. Interest income was high in May.
 - d. Total revenue year-to-date was at 128% of budget.
 - e. On July 15, the giving statements will go out to parishioners.
 - f. Maintenance expenses were above budget in May.
 - g. Total expense year-to-date are slightly above budget.
 - h. Net income year-to-date is about \$101,000 on the plus side.
 - i. The balance sheet shows lots of cash on hand.
 - j. The endowment value is slightly down from last year, reflecting changes in the stock market.
4. Approval of the May Financials
 - a. Jacqueline Aris moved to approve the financials. Mohit Mathew seconded.
 - b. The May financial reports were approved unanimously.
5. Property Report (Fr. Tim and Jay Renner)
 - a. Two coats of paint are being applied to the Parish House, costing \$13,000.
 - b. A proposal was offered to spend \$1,000 to paint the pre-school fence.
 - i. Jay Renner moved the motion. Jamie Alvarado-Taylor seconded.
 - ii. The proposal was approved unanimously.
 - c. Leaks in the Hillstrom House need fixing.
 - d. Jay Renner reported that the Property Committee is catching up on general maintenance.
 - e. Fr. Tim indicated that we will work on reconstituting the Garden Committee.
6. Head of School Report (Tiffany Violante)
 - a. The school budget forecast is for 103 FTE's of students.
 - b. Currently, 101 FTE's (108 students) are enrolled for the 2025-26 year, so we feel confident that the 103 FTE level will be met.

- c. The biggest portion of the budget is salaries. We have to be competitive.
 - d. The budget includes \$17K in grants already received.
 - e. The budget is designed to break even.
 - f. A vote was taken for the vestry to approve the school budget.
 - i. Joe Richardson moved the motion to approve. Mohit Mathew seconded.
 - ii. The school budget was approved unanimously.
 - g. A vote was taken to approve new members of the CES Board of Trustees, Diana Peacock and Alex Daskalakis.
 - i Jay Renner moved the vote. Jeff Grimes seconded.
 - ii The two new Board of Trustees members were approved unanimously.
 - h. Formation of a New Pre-School Task Force
 - Father Tim proposed the formation of a Pre-School Task Force.
 - There was a discussion about the fact that although our information is that demand for preschool is generally down across the industry, we also know there are wait lists for other parochial schools.
 - The goal of the proposed task force would be to learn more about successful preschools and develop some ideas to improve our preschool attendance.
 - Father Tim noted that we once had 40 children in our preschool, and now we are down to 13.
 - Emily Correll moved the formation of the task force. Jacqueline Aris seconded.
 - The vestry gave unanimous approval to the formation.
 - Tiffany Violante will chair the group.
 - Jamie Alvarado-Taylor and Mohit Mathew will be vestry members of the task force, along with Father Tim and Anne Scott as *ex officio* members.
7. Commissioning a Mass for the 300th Anniversary
- a. This was Gary Correll's idea.
 - b. There will be a contract with Justin Boyer to compose the music for the mass.
 - c. The funds to support the contract will be raised separately, so there will be no cost to the church.
8. Update on Hiring of a Curate
- a. The next window of opportunity to hire will be in the Fall.
 - b. We may hire a part-time person to help with the children's programs.
9. The Feast of Pentecost at Christ Episcopal Church on June 8
- a. Successful attendance.
 - b. The face painter was a big hit.
10. The Washington Gay Men's Chorus Concert
- a. Hard to explain the wonderfulness of the concert.
 - b. There was sustained affirmation from the audience.

- c. The chorus' music director said: "See you again next year."

11. Rector's Forum

- a. Fr. Tim appreciated the thoughtful feedback.
- b. He will combine the clerk's notes with some personal messages he received and distribute those comments to the vestry.

12. The Confirmation Retreat

- a. The true blessings from the experience were the friendships made.
- b. Participants differed in the extent to which they embraced the teamwork.

13. The Sunday School Wrap Up Will be Held on June 29

14. Father Tim's Vacation

- a. It will span from July 10 through July 25.
- b. No priest has yet been identified to celebrate the mass on July 13, but we still have some options that are being worked on.

15. Milk Room Asset Sale

- a. The "milk room" is space next to the dining room where we have refrigerators and a freezer that are not being used.
- b. We would like to free up the space to become a cleaning supplies storage area.
- c. Fr. Tim offered a proposal to dispose of one refrigerator and one freezer by liquidating them for whatever the market will bring. Joe Richardson mentioned a program of the County pursuant to which they will buy back old refrigerators for \$100. This may be more than we can sell them for, and is also good for the environment.
- d. Emily Correll moved to approve the liquidation. Jay Renner seconded.
- e. The vestry approved unanimously.
- f. A committee of Joe Richardson and Jeff Grimes will handle the disposition.

16. Worship Schedule Discussion for Programmatic Year 2025-2026

- a. Father Tim explained that the congregation is large enough that ideally we should have a second service, and the Worship Committee proposes 9:00 and 10:30 services on Sundays.
- b. There was a preliminary discussion about how adding a service would affect the congregation, attendance, and ministries such as Hospitality, Bible Study and Adult Education, but no conclusions were reached.
- c. Members of the vestry are urged to provide their views regarding the worship schedule to the senior warden over the next month, as we will need to make decisions and plan to implement these changes before the August meeting.

17. Next Vestry Meeting – August 26 at 7 p.m. in the Parish House

- a. There will be no meeting in July.

The meeting closed with a prayer and adjournment at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hickman

Clerk

Minutes approved unanimously at vestry meeting on August 26, 2025.

Bill Hickman, Clerk