

Vestry Minutes May 2025
Christ Episcopal Parish
7:00 pm
Christ Church Parish House
May 27, 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

Emily Pearce, Board Chair, CES

Tiffany Violante, Incoming CES Board Chair

Melinda Adams, Co-Chair, HVAC Committee

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

O Cathy Collins

O Jerry and Anna Tremblay

O Jonathan and Anna Staeblein

O Philip Piety

O John and Jennifer Strohm and their sons, Philip and Henry

The agenda was adopted with unanimous approval.

The minutes of the April 29th vestry meeting were approved unanimously.

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

O Pledge Income has leveled off at 70% of budget.

O Total revenue is at 95% of budget.

- Net income on a year-to-date basis is \$110,000 over budget.
- Total checking and savings, including the endowment, are up about a half million dollars over 12 months ago.

The April financial reports were approved unanimously.

Emily Pearce gave the Head of School Report.

- The first item was the nomination of two new school board members – Diana Peacock and Alex Daskalakis.
- The vestry affirmed these nominations unanimously.
- 98 students are enrolled in CES for next year.
- Over \$40,000 was raised for the school at the golf fund-raiser.
- Small bonuses will be given to the school staff.
- Net revenue for the school is forecast to be about \$70K for the coming fiscal year.

Melinda Adams gave the HVAC Committee Report.

- The committee consists of Melinda, Fr. Tim, Anne Scott, Chris Nurse, and John Samson.
- The current stage of the project is focusing on stabilization of the current HVAC system.
- The committee will prepare a proactive preventive maintenance plan.
- The following work has been done on the new system or will soon be done.
 - a. The load calculation has been performed. This tells us what size boiler and A/C we will need in the new system.
 - b. Next we need to develop specs for a request for proposal.
 - c. Phase I of the installation will be preparing the new A/C system while we are still using the current heating system.

Fr. Tim discussed a new procedure for check signing.

- The checks will be available for signing on Sundays.
- Rosi will process the signed checks on Monday, place them in the mail, and move the supporting documentation to its proper place.

The report of the Creation Care and Environment committee was given by Fr. Tom

- It was agreed that Joe Richardson should continue to proceed with discussions on the Community Solar arrangement.

Fr. Tim's update on the recruitment of a curate was that there are currently two candidates.

A review of Bishop Robinson's visit to Christ Episcopal Church concluded that it was a major success. He enjoyed the experience and plans to return at some point.

Parents Night Out took place on May 9th and was very successful. Special thanks went to Mohit Mathew and Deepthi Vargese for their outstanding help at this event.

Appreciation Sunday will be on June 1. We want to give thanks to everyone who has offered their services and contributions to help make Christ Church the place that we love.

The Feast of the Pentecost will be celebrated on June 8. Special features for the children will include a bounce house and face painting. Don't forget to wear RED.

The Washington Gay Men's Chorus concert will take place at the church at 3 p.m. on June 14. 260 tickets have been sold already. Fr. Tim is seeking assistance on June 13 in removing pews from the choir area and in moving risers into the church.

The Rector's Forum will be held on June 15. Father Tim will seek to obtain feedback from parishioners on their views of how the parish is doing.

Fr. Tim will be on a confirmation retreat with 14 teenagers during the June 16 – 19 period.

That will be followed by a weekend away for Fr. Tim from June 19 to 22. Fr. McDuffie will celebrate the mass on June 22.

On June 29 there will be a Sunday School Wrap-up, including a meeting with parents to assess this year's Godly Play program.

Fr. Tim will be on vacation from July 10 through July 23.

There was a brief discussion about the scheduling of worship services on Sundays, including the possibility of adding another service. Nothing has been finalized at this point.

The next vestry meeting is scheduled for June 24.

The meeting closed with a prayer and adjournment at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hickman

Clerk

Minutes approved unanimously at vestry meeting on June 24, 2025.

Bill Hickman, Clerk