

Vestry Minutes September 2025

Christ Episcopal Parish

7:00 pm

Parish House

September 23, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Attending:

Father Tim Carr, Rector

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 six new families who have joined Christ Episcopal Church:

- Alex Kremer
- Olga Madison
- Philip Piety
- Brian and Telka Plummer
- Betsy Suprenant
- Fran Shore

Vote to Adopt the Agenda

- a. There was a motion to adopt. The motion was seconded.
- b. The agenda was adopted unanimously.

Approval of the August Minutes

- a. There was a motion to approve. The motion was seconded.
- b. The August minutes were approved unanimously.

Review of the August Financials (Jeff Grimes)

- a. The August pledge revenue was at 85% of budget.
- b. The August Total Revenue was at 95% of budget.
- c. The year-to-date Total Revenue stood at \$104,000, or 118% of budget.
- d. August expenses were at 85% of budget.
- e. The net income for August was about \$9,800.
- f. The year-to-date net income was about \$102,000.
- g. On the balance sheet, the endowment value is close to the same as a year ago.
- h. The 2026 budget will be presented and reviewed by the vestry at the October meeting.

Approval of the August Financials

- a. There was a motion to approve. The motion was seconded.
- b. The August financial reports were approved unanimously.

Environmental Report (Joe Richardson)

- a. The Environment Committee of the Parish hosted an Adult Forum on September 21.
- b. Three of the four Parish PEPCO accounts are now under Community Solar.
- c. Information will be provided to parishioners about opportunities to partner with Neighborhood Sun to obtain potential energy savings.
- d. For every person that signs up with Neighborhood Sun, that firm will donate \$100 to Christ Episcopal Church.

Head of School Report (Tiffany Violante)

- a. Tiffany will write a final report on the work of the Preschool Task Force.
- b. The Brightwheel app has been implemented.
- c. The Fall Festival will take place on September 27.
- d. Enrollment is now at 104.5 FTE's; we are budgeted at 103 FTE's.

Parent Advisory Subcommittee

- a. The thought behind establishing this subcommittee of the vestry is to look into the feasibility of providing a day camp or some other form of child care on the church-school campus during the summer.
- b. There was a motion to establish the committee and a second to the motion.
- c. The motion was approved unanimously.

Vestry and School Board of Trustees Retreat

- a. Fr. Tim offered his thanks to all who attended and especially to Tiffany Violante for her efforts in setting up and leading the event.

Welcome Back Sunday on September 7

- a. Fr. Tim reported that it was a true success.

Sunday School Opening on September 14

- a. Jamie Alvarado-Taylor reported that it went well.

Stewardship 2026

- a. Fr. Tim presented a brief video as an example of how the ministries and groups of the Parish will be introduced to the parishioners in this year's campaign.
- b. There have been 177 pledging units this year.
- c. We will have a goal of 200 pledging units for 2026.

Fall Festival on September 27

- a. Other obligations require that Fr. Tim be absent from the festival during the 11 am to 3 pm time period.
- b. Vestry members are asked to be there in his place during those hours.

Memorial Brick Campaign

- a. The campaign will run from September 28 through October 26.
- b. Bricks will be sold at \$100 each.

The Society of Catholic Priests Conference

- a. Father Tim will be attending this conference from Sept. 30 to Oct. 3.
- b. The Society's members serve as clerics throughout the Anglican community.

Feast of St. Francis and Blessing of the Animals on October 5

- a. This will take place at the green top and Foley Park.

Rockville City Police Department Faith & Blue

- a. Will be holding this event on October 10.

- b. This is part of a national police Faith & Blue effort on the October 10-12 weekend.
- c. It engages law enforcement officers with community residents through faith-based organizations.

Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday – October 19

- a. All who attend this Sunday service are asked to wear pink.
- b. A motion was made that the loose plate collection that day be given to the Breast Cancer charity. The motion was seconded.
- c. The motion was approved unanimously.

Celebration of Christ Episcopal School – October 26

- a. A motion was made that the loose plate collection that day be given to CES. The motion was seconded.
- b. The motion was approved unanimously.

Remembrance Sunday – November 2

- a. Parishioners will be asked to submit names of those whom they wish to have remembered.

Veterans Day Celebration – Sunday, November 9

- a. The Rockville American Legion Post will be invited to join us.

New Watering System

- a. We have a proposal from Ricky's Lawn & Landscaping to install a new watering system for a price of \$3,300.
- b. There was a motion to approve the acquisition of this new watering system. The motion was seconded.
- c. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting ended with a closing prayer and adjournment at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hickman
Clerk

Minutes approved unanimously at vestry meeting on October 28, 2025.

Bill Hickman, Clerk

