

Vestry Minutes February 2026

Christ Episcopal Parish

7:00 pm

Parish House

February 24, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Attending:

Father Tim Carr, Rector

Melinda Adams, Junior Warden

Jeff Grimes, Treasurer

Bill Hickman, Clerk

Jamie Alvarado-Taylor

Jacqueline Aris

Jeff Lin

Mohit Mathew

Seth Oldmixon

Joe Richardson

Augusta Ridley

Michael Sparks

Tiffany Violante, CES Board Chair

Jill Weaver

Absent:

Anne Scott, Senior Warden

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

o Somdatta Sengupta

o Mary L. Scott

There was a unanimous vote to adopt the agenda.

Approval of the January minutes

- a. Jeff Grimes moved to approve. Mohit Mathew seconded.
- b. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of the minutes of the Vestry Orientation

- a. Augusta Ridley moved to approve. Jamie Alvarado-Taylor seconded.
- b. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Reports (Jeff Grimes)

- a. Pledge income for January came in at 80% of budget.
- b. Total revenue for January was 16% below the budgeted amount.
- c. It was thought that January weather was a big factor in the lower revenue intake.
- d. The bottom line for January was about a \$9,000 net loss.
- e. On the balance sheet, the cash on hand exceeds \$1.3 million.
- f. There was a 16% increase in the value of the endowment fund in one year.
- g. A new money counting rota will start the first Sunday in March; all vestry members are asked to sign up for it.
- h. Jeff Grimes will schedule a zoom meeting for new vestry members to orient them in the money counting procedures.

Signers for the church's operating account

- a. Jeff Grimes moved that Jay Renner's name be removed from the list of signers. Augusta Ridley seconded.
- b. There was a unanimous vote to remove Jay Renner's name as an authorized signer.
- c. Jeff Lin moved that Melinda Adams' name be added to the list of signers. Jeff Grimes seconded.
- d. There was a unanimous vote to add Melinda Adams' name as an authorized signer.

The School Report (Tiffany Violante)

- a. 118 students are enrolled for the 2025-26 school year.
- b. The number of applications are down a little from last year. Historically, about 50% of applications have become enrollments.
- c. Difficult to project the ultimate number of enrollments, because there is usually a flurry of enrollments in the summer just before the next school year begins.
- d. The school has 84 re-enrollments for the 2025-26 school year versus 66 re-enrollments on the due date last year.
- e. Fearlessly Girl will visit a District Court for a mock trial experience.
- f. New windows will be installed on the second floor of the school over the spring break.
- g. The Advancement Committee of the Board will make recommendations for Annual Fund goals.

Property Report (Melinda Adams)

- a. We're setting up processes.
 - Establishing the Junior Warden's email address.
 - Recording critical inspection dates.
 - Recording licensing dates.
- b. We have established the Campus Stewardship Committee.
- c. The wheel chair lift is back in operation.
- d. The dying spruce tree will be removed.
- e. Our current priorities
 - Fixing some leaks in the church.
 - Gutter cleaning.
 - Painting of the Parish House.

Report of the Creation Care and Environmental Committee (Joe Richardson)

- a. Six or eight people have signed up with Community Solar.
- b. We hope more people will opt to sign up, as it saves money for those who participate and it earns money for the church.

Parish Policy of Hiring Relatives

- a. The proposed policy would prohibit the hiring of a relative of a current church employee without the written approval of the vestry.
- b. Jamie Alvarado-Taylor moved approval of the proposed policy. Jill Weaver seconded.
- c. The proposed policy was approved unanimously.

Review of the Annual Meeting

- a. Vestry members were encouraged to send emails to Fr. Tim if they had thoughts on how well the meeting went or how it could be improved.

The Fourth Annual Scout Sunday

- a. The general feeling is that everything went well on Scout Sunday.
- b. Special kudos were given to Ryan Brost, an Eagle Scout, for his hard work on Scout Sunday.

Ash Wednesday

- a. Attendance was up 12% over last year.

Parking Lot Update

- a. Jamie Alvarado-Taylor has crafted a demand letter to be used in spurring action to get the parking lot situation fixed.
- b. The problem has persisted for seven months.
- c. We continue to look for ways to get the responsible parties to make the effort necessary to repair the parking lot.

Approval and Ratification of the Parochial Report

- a. The report, which had been prepared by Fr. Tim and Jeff Grimes, was circulated at the meeting to all members of the vestry who were present.
- b. Jeff Lin moved approval of the report. Mohit Mathew seconded.
- c. The report was approved unanimously.

Confirm the date of the next vestry meeting

- a. The next vestry meeting will be on March 24, 2026 at 7 p.m. in the Parish House.
- b. The meeting ended with a closing prayer and adjournment at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hickman
Clerk

Minutes approved unanimously at vestry meeting on March 24, 2026.

Bill Hickman, Clerk