

Vestry Minutes March 2026

Christ Episcopal Parish

7:00 pm

Parish House

March 24, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Attending:

Father Tim Carr, Rector

Anne Scott, Senior Warden (Zoom)

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

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

O Sally Geisser

O Mark Kaminski

O Bethel Dudit and her son, Louis

O Joe Morales and his wife

Vote to adopt the agenda

- a. Jacqueline Aris moved to adopt. Augusta Ridley seconded.
- b. The agenda was adopted unanimously.

Approval of the February vestry meeting minutes

- a. Jeff Lin moved to approve. Jill Weaver seconded.
- b. Anne Scott abstained. The remaining voting members of the vestry who were present approved. The February minutes were approved.

Approval of the Annual Meeting minutes

- a. Seth Oldmixon moved to approve. Augusta Ridley seconded.
- b. The Annual Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Review of the February Financials (Jeff Grimes)

- a. Revenue from pledged income in February came in at 154% of budget.
- b. Total revenue in February came in at 137% of budget.
- c. Year-to-date total revenue is at 111% of budget.
- d. Among expenses, utilities were high in February.
- e. Other expenses were well under control.
- f. Net income was on the positive side for February and year-to-date.
- g. The church had \$1.3 million cash on hand at the end of February.
- h. The value of the endowment fund rose 17.8% year over year.
- i. Jeff Grimes thanked the vestry members for signing up for the counting rota.

Approval of the February Financial Reports

- a. Mohit Mathew moved to approve. Jacqueline Aris seconded.
- b. The February financial reports were approved unanimously.

School Report (Tiffany Violante)

- a. There are 118 students enrolled (106.9 FTEs) for 2025-26.
- b. There is a high retention rate going into next year, especially for the pre-K group.
- c. The number of visits to look at the school is down.
- d. The gala raised \$82,700 in total; \$41K went to the Raise The Paddle project for the greentop renovation.
- e. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Shakespearean production at Folger's Theater was successful.

- f. The participation by Fearlessly Girl in a mock trial went very well.
- g. Director of Development Cyndy Mamalian is retiring.

#### Property Report (Melinda Adams)

- a. The immediate need is to fix the roof, which breaks up into four tasks
  - Removal and replacement in leak area (lower roof and main roof)
  - Large roof repair (patching and support)
  - Entry area repairs and miscellaneous repairs
  - Drain cleaning (lower roof area)
- b. The estimated cost for contracting the four tasks is \$63,000.
- c. Seth Oldmixon moved approval of the expenditure. Jeff Grimes seconded.
- d. The expenditure was approved unanimously.
- e. The work will be performed during spring break to minimize disruption.
- f. Additional maintenance needs were discussed, but it was decided to defer other expenditures to the following year in accordance with this year's budget.
- g. Between the February and March vestry meetings, vestry approval was sought and obtained for sending a demand letter for resolving the parking lot situation. There was unanimous approval, with the following vestry member indicating their concurrence:
  - Weaver, Richardson, Sparks, Grimes, Mathew, Violante, Adams, Lin, Aris, Ridley, Oldmixon, Alvarado-Taylor, Carr

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

- a. Thirteen people have signed up for Community Solar.
- b. We will be submitting the required Energy Benchmarking Study for 2025. The deadline for submission is June 1.
- c. We will receive a free consultation from the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection on the most promising energy savings opportunities for the church.
- d. Joe Richardson is hoping to bring together a universal understanding within the CEC community about the goals of the gardens and grounds maintenance.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny is scheduled for March 28 from 9 a.m. to 11.

#### Vestry Vision 2026 Summary

- a. Fr. Tim handed out a list of vision statements that had been submitted to him by vestry members.
- b. He asked for volunteers to form a Vision Development Committee to further hash out these draft vision statements and come up with a recommended set for the vestry's consideration.

- c. The committee will consist of Michael Sparks, Augusta Ridley, and Jeff Lin.
- Vestry Spirituality Workshop – April 25
- a. The workshop is being held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church in Upper Marlboro, MD.

Palm Sunday – March 29 -- The Procession Begins at City Hall at 9:45

- a. Jeff Grimes agreed to be a parking angel that day.

Holy Week

- a. Maundy Thursday – 7 p.m.
- b. Good Friday – 12 noon, 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m. BCP service
- c. Holy Saturday – 4 p.m. Family Easter Service with Egg Hunt and Petting Zoo and the CEP Bell Choir (Big Thanks to Jamie Alvarado-Taylor!)
- d. Easter Sunday – 8 a.m. Easter Mass with Hymns and Violin, 10 a.m. The Great Festal Celebration of the Lord's Ascension with incense, Noon Easter Mass with Organ and the CEP Bell Choir

Easter Parking Angels

- a. Joe Richardson, Jill Weaver, and Augusta Ridley will be parking angels.

Ash Wednesday Review

- a. The vestry feedback is that the Ash Wednesday services went well.

The Washington Gay Men's Chorus Will Perform at CEC at 3 p.m. on June 13.

- a. Volunteers will be needed to remove the choir pews and restore them after the concert.
- b. Parking angels will be needed the day of the concert.

The next vestry meeting will be April 28, 2026 at 7 p.m. in the Parish House.

The meeting ended with a closing prayer and adjournment at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hickman, Clerk

**Minutes approved by vestry at meeting on April 28, 2026.**

**Bill Hickman, Clerk**

