

Vestry Minutes May 2026

Christ Episcopal Parish

7:00 pm

Parish House

May 26, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Attending:

Father Tim Carr, Rector

Anne Scott, Senior Warden

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 seven new families who have joined Christ Episcopal Church:

- Kevin Fries
- Norman Hampton
- Kandice Tanner and her son, Alex
- Jackie Holden
- Sharon Bernard
- Sally Geisser
- Maria Marshall

Vote to Adopt the Agenda

- a. Augusta Ridley moved to adopt. Jeff Grimes seconded.
- b. There was unanimous approval to adopt the agenda.

Approval of the April Minutes

- a. Jeff Lin moved to approve the minutes. Michael Sparks seconded.
- b. There was unanimous approval to approve the minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the Special May 23 Meeting

- a. Jacqueline Aris moved to approve the minutes. Mohit Mathew seconded.
- b. There was unanimous approval to approve the minutes.

Review of the April Financials (Jeff Grimes)

- a. Revenue was in a good position in April.
- b. Expenses were below budget in April.
- c. Little has been spent on Altar and Worship categories.
- d. Net income year-to-date is a positive \$100,000.
- e. Cash on hand is \$1.3 million.

Approval of April Financials

- a. Jeff Lin moved to approve the financial statements. Jill Weaver seconded.
- b. The April financials were approved unanimously.

The Temporary Peace Order Situation

- a. The individual involved did not show up at the hearing.
- b. The matter is at rest for the present.

The Head of School Report (Tiffany Violante)

- a. Enrollment is OK, but not where we would like it to be.
- b. 118 students are enrolled currently.
- c. We lost 3 FTE's for next year due to a security event that we tried to resolve.
- d. A security task force has been created by trustees and current parents.

- e. The Rockville City Police Department has done a security analysis and has prepared a report.
- f. We hope to get 5 or 6 new students over the summer.
- g. All teacher positions are filled for next year.

Property Report (Melinda Adams)

- a. Temporary air conditioning has been installed and is cooling the main building.
- b. We await the City of Rockville's permit approval to begin major mechanical work on the permanent AC installation. A status update from the City of Rockville regarding the permit is anticipated on May 29th.
- c. Once a permit is issued, we are hopeful to have the permanent AC installation completed by mid-July.
- d. Both the sump pump and a main circulating water pipe located in the electrical room failed, and have been repaired.
- e. Replacing the boiler remains under active consideration to ensure reliable heating and to avoid potential disruption heading into the next heating season.
- f. Chris Nurse was recognized for his ongoing assistance with carious maintenance and repair issues.
- g. The front of the Parish House was power washed, sanded, primed and painted.
- h. Forthcoming projects include restoring the water damaged buttress in the nave and repairing the fence along the back of the property.

Proposal to Retain Legal Counsel Services Regarding SGA's Failure to Complete Parking Lot Work

- a. Seth Oldmixon moved that we proceed to enter an agreement for legal services to assist us in our strategy to assure that the parking lot work is completed. Jeff Grimes seconded the motion.
- b. The proposal was approved unanimously.

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

- a. The required energy report now has a 30-day extension so that its due date is June 30.
- b. On Saturday, June 6, a garden improvement event will take place on the church grounds.

Vision and Mission Statement (Jeff Lin)

- a. Jeff is still looking for feedback from vestry members on the draft vision and mission statements.

Fr. Angel Roque – Vestry Welcoming?

- a. There will be a welcoming get-together by the vestry for Fr. Angel.

The Saturday Luncheon Social Update

- a. It will start in September.
- b. Hopefully, the Mayor and Council will cook the first meal.

Mother's Day and Parents Night Out

- a. Mother's Day service had better attendance than last year.
- b. Parents Night Out also received a better response than last year.

The New Hymnal

- a. 108 have been purchased thus far.
- b. 67 remain to be purchased.
- c. A donation of \$25 gets a hymnal.

Appreciation Sunday

- a. To be held on May 31.
- b. Will feature picnic and games.

The Murdock Bible

- a. This bible was published in 1727 at the University of Oxford in England, and has been in the possession of Christ Church ever since.
- b. Unfortunately, its cover is not in the best of conditions, and it is held together with duct tape.
- c. Bill Hickman moved that we spend \$600 to have a bookbinder re-bind the bible. Augusta Ridley seconded.
- d. The proposal to have the bible repaired was approved unanimously.

Rockville Pride

- a. The festival will be on June 7 starting at 2 p.m. in Rockville Town Center.
- b. Christ Episcopal Church will be present at four booths.

Washington Gay Men's Chorus Concert

- a. The original date of June 13 has been cancelled.
- b. It now appears that the concert will be on October 17.

Vestry Ministry Finalization Areas for New Program Year 2026-2027

- a. Vestry members who are linked to ministries are asked to make appointments with Fr. Tim to discuss schedules in those areas.

New Girl Scout Troop For Our Parish

- a. Meeting once a month on Saturdays.
- b. Part of an effort by the school to increase enrollment by girls.

The Celebration of Our 300th Anniversary

- a. Possible church service at the historic marker in Rockville Cemetery on September 20 or September 27.
- b. Major celebration on October 3 at 4 p.m. with reception following.
- c. Updated Parish History Book is being prepared.
- d. We are working on fund-raising strategies for expanding the organ pipe structure.

Fr. Tim Will Be on Vacation July 3 to July 10

Confirm Date of Next Vestry Meeting – June 30, 2026 – 7 p.m. in the Parish House

The meeting ended with a closing prayer and adjournment at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hickman, Clerk

Minutes approved by vestry at meeting on June 30, 2026.

Bill Hickman, Clerk