

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

Vestry Meeting

Date: December 16, 2025

Members present: Lance Robbins, Kathy Stokes, John Trompeter, Kris Murray, Mary Randall, Annie Bishop, Brenda Pierce, Tom Nairn, Carol Wawrzycki, Dawn Wilkins, Roch Whitman, Bruce Dunn, Finance Committee, Dick Robinson, Finance Committee, Sue Casey, Finance Committee, Pam Meyris, Clerk
Members absent: Barbara Fornalik – Deacon Emeritus, Tom Yourch

AGENDA

1. Opening prayer
2. Approval of November minutes
3. Letter of recommendation for ordination for Mary
4. Sexton's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. 2026 budget development
7. Other

The vestry meeting opened with prayers given by Father Lance.

Old Business

The minutes from the November vestry were reviewed. There was a spelling error that was noted and corrected. Dawn moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Annie seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed. It was announced and noted that this will be Pam Meyris' last vestry meeting as clerk. Thank you very much to her and the great job she has done as clerk.

Mary Randall's discernment committee presented a letter to the vestry recommending her to move forward with the ordination process. John moved that the vestry accept the letter. Dawn seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed. The letter was given to each vestry member to sign.

Sexton Report

Chris has gotten a new vendor and quote for the removal of trees in the east parking lot. Ontario Tree has quoted \$3800.00 to remove the trees in the parking lot, grind the stumps down to below grade and remove all chips and debris. The work can take place in 2026. Carol moved to accept the quote for tree removal in the east parking lot. Brenda seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

Finance Report

Dick Robinson introduced Sue Casey, the new Financial Administrator. The vestry members went around the table and introduced themselves to Sue. Thank you so much for joining the vestry in this important role on the committee. Dick reviewed the Financial Report stating it was not a bad month, and we appear to be in good shape. The Balance Sheet is missing since the Investment fund information was not available at the time of the meeting.

The report was reviewed with discussion. Mary moved to accept the Finance Report as received. Brenda seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

Stewardship and Budget (via email from Bruce D.)

Pledges are still coming in, as of today the numbers are as:

\$282,320.00	Dollar amount pledged	(2025 final -> \$294,228,87)
105	Number of pledges received	

11	new (or pledged this year but not last)
26	Increased pledges
55	same as last year
13	decreased from last year

\$2,688.00	Average amount pledged
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The vestry did not vote on the current proposed budget at tonight's meeting as information and reports are still being processed. The Finance Committee will report to the vestry on a more current Proposed Budget and the vestry will receive it via email. Voting can take place on the budget via email on January 6,

The Annual Meeting is January 18 after the 10:15 service

Energy Audit

There will be a Zoom meeting on 12/23 regarding the report from the auditor's report starting at 10:00 am . Kris will have a full report for a meeting in 2026,

New Business

Updates:

Thank you, Dick and Bruce, for all your hard work this year. And thank you Sue Casey for joining the Finance Committee. The vestry is looking forward to working with you.

Joyce White sent the vestry a thank you note for the wonderful Thanksgiving meal.

There will be a memorial service for Bill Eggerts on 12/22. He is Deborah McLean's husband.

The parking lot is very icy. It needs to be salted.

It's hard to write my own thank you but – Thank you Pam Meyris for your hard work and dedication to vestry and Good Shepherd.

Submitted by Pamela Meyris, vestry clerk