

St. James Vestry Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 21, 2026

5:45 pm

Participating: Associate Rector Amanda Doshier, Parish Administrator Meghan Kasuba, Dan Campbell, Gary Garner, Lisa Hansen, Bettsie Norton, Margaret Cadden, Jennifer Lambert, and Amanda Montz, Rhett O'Keefe, Cappi Sully, Ken Talbert, Austin Young, and

Absent: Rector De Freeman, Clerk Mary Mullins Redditt, Jr. Warden Bruce Stone, Finance Director Jim Ketchum, Bill Dowdle.

Opening Prayer Amanda opened us in prayer at 5:46 pm.

Recitation of the Mission Statement

The Vestry then recited together the mission statement: We are a community anchored in Christ, seeking God, sharing His love, and serving others.

Meditation —Jennifer Lambert

Jennifer offered a meditation on connection with God, finding connection with others, and helping others to feel seen, heard, respected, and loved.

School Board Report

- Did not have a golf tournament in May. Had 21 teams and all players were given Swag Bags and the opportunity to play a round at a later date. Thank you notes are written to sponsors. Jim is finalizing numbers, but we are anticipating raising \$15-16,000.
- Had a parishioner who resigned from the School Board, so we need to find a replacement.
- Shelley says we have received our accreditation on April 29, 2026.
- Preparing for summer camp and registration is full.
- Working on ideas on how to use the multi-purpose building.

Status of GF Completing the Vision

- Please put the June 28th Building Dedication on the calendar.

- Margaret spoke at church last Sunday to encourage parishioners to continue or renew their current pledges for the next year or two.

Building Consecration- June 28, 2026

- Considering having drawing from the school to be sent as an invitation to the dedication as well as a thank you for their contribution.
- Videos were completed and Rhett has found an application to mix the videos and he will try to get it done in the next few weeks. Margaret asked to please have them running during the dedication and also to upload to the website.
- Jeanie Smith is heading up the reception in Green Hall and the bishop will bless it for us.

Other

- *A motion was made to approve Ellen Huckabay's housing allowance, which was made by Dan Campbell and seconded by Cappi Sully. The Board voted and approved the motion.*

Finance Report

- We had a deficit last month of \$20k.
- Church income YTD is \$524k
- School Income YTD is \$394k.
- Total Operating Expenses YTD is \$756k and Net Operating Expenses YTD is \$162k.
- Total Assets for the Church are \$9.671M

Growing Faithfully Finance Report

- \$5M in pledges. Received \$15k in April. Received \$4.1M, and outstanding pledges will be made
- Cash Balance is \$286k. Used the line of credit for the first time this month.

Dan Campbell made a motion to approve the Financial Report, and was seconded by Ken Talbert. Motion was voted on and approved by the Board.

Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes from April

- Rhett asked where we stand on deciding on a name for the new building. The survey narrowed them down, but De said that it wasn't conclusive. Need to decide soon.
- Dan said that Vestry can vote on a name. Anchor Commons was tossed around. We don't like "Hall", since we already have "Green Hall." Really like the word "Anchor," since it appears in so many of our branding, mission statement, etc.
- Decided to table this discussion for next month, prior to the
- Dan Campbell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Rhett O'Keefe seconded. Minutes and Motion was approved.

Dan made the suggestion of doing something special for Chuck Coddington. Margaret said possibly a nice gift card and recognizing him at the dedication. Rhett offered the suggestion of getting him a plaque.

Dan asked if we had budgeted for art work and furniture for the new building. Meghan says that we do have soft costs factored in. Looking at old photography, and also using collaborative school artwork to hang neatly on walls. Shelley wants tidy and minimal. Margaret suggested that we find a coffee shop to display St. James artwork.

Cappi suggested having an indoor Stations of the Cross on the walls.

Next Vestry meeting will be held on June 18, 2026. Ellen will be here with us, VBS will have ended that day.

Amanda offered a closing prayer at 6:24 pm.