

Vestry Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2025

Members Present: Kelly Kirby, Gaylee Gillim, Rick Lotz, Penny Shaw, Jessica Roufus, Neville Blakemore Jr., Rob Peck, Robin McNally, Heather Duffy, Phil Eschels, Chris Newton, Sally McDonald, Patricia Enriquez, Anne Shelby.

Also present: Edie Nixon, Suzanne Barrow.

Absent: Melissa Klassen, William Lewis, Jamie Horsley.

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

Jessica Roufus presented a reflection in which she read excerpts from the book Star Spangled Jesus by Lexington-based author April Ajoy about questioning the Christian Nationalism she was raised with.

Last month's meeting minutes were approved with one correction made to names of members present.

Edie Nixon presented the Financial Report. Cash and cash reserves are healthy. Assets and Liabilities are in balance. Endowment numbers will be trued up at the end of June. The Easter offering collected \$10,000 for Outreach. Pump repair and replacement occurred in April, putting expenses over budget for the month. Neville Blakemore made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Rick Lotz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Sally McDonald reported for the Outreach Ministry. Recommended funding is \$37,788 going to 8 ministries. Penny Shaw contributed that the Churchill Downs Backside Ministry desperately needs support, they would ideally like us to provide a meal weekly. There is a large increase in the request for funding for the Food Pantry, more than \$5000, due to a concern that there will be greater food insecurity due to federal budget cuts in the coming year. In SMEC polls, the Food Pantry is the most widely approved ministry by congregants. Less money was allocated for Habitat for Humanity because there is money in the bank if congregational interest increases next year. Rick motioned for the Vestry to approve the Outreach Committee recommendations as presented. Phil Eschels seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Rick Lotz presented the Building and Grounds report. He credited Catherine Banks for exceptional coordination of outside workers in the building and overall troubleshooting.

Regarding the leak in the sanctuary, the inspectors agree that the water is not coming from the window wall, but through the metal roof. A pipe organ professional has examined the space and ascertained what needs fixing. When the weather is drier, we will run an independent leak test and send the results to the insurance company. Rick anticipates a significant amount of work will be needed, including possible carpet replacement and pipe organ, roof, and beam repair.

Quotes for locks are coming in for Portico door. This will cost several thousand dollars to fix and make ADA compliant.

The bell tower is progressing; shop drawings are in final stages of review. Waiting on a schedule to go in the bid package. Fabrication of tower and bells is underway. Steve Cherry forecasts it will be completed in October instead of September, as originally expected, due to weather delays.

Gaylee Gillim thanked Rick for his hard work on the B&G committee.

Kelly Kirby reported on upcoming church events:

- She will host a conversation on trauma-informed preaching.
- Youth Sunday will include guest preachers from the Senior Class of 2025.
- Bishop White will attend the Pentecost service.
- Kelly will preach this summer that estate planning is an important value in Episcopal life.
- There will be no June Vestry meeting.

Robin McNally reported on two events coming up: a small group ministry reflecting on Constitutional law by congregants with expertise in that arena, as well as a dementia support group meeting on May 21st with speaker Dr. Gregory Cooper.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Enriquez