

Vestry Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2025

Members Present: Kelly Kirby, Neville Blakemore Jr., Rick Lotz, Anne Shelby, Rob Peck, Robin McNally, Heather Duffy, Phil Eschels, Patricia Enriquez, William Lewis, Melissa Klassen, Chris Newton, Sally Macdonald, Jamie Horsley, Gaylee Gillim (via Zoom).

Also present: Edie Nixon, Suzanne Barrow.

Absent: Jessica Roufus.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

After the opening prayer, Heather Duffy offered a reflection about her experience on the Flower Guild. She shared several photos of flower arrangements from the different seasons of the liturgical year.

There were two corrections to the October minutes, which were accepted as corrected.

Edie Nixon gave her Financial Report:

- Cash increased substantially in October.
- Investments and endowment continue to grow.
- Some 2026 prepaid pledges have begun coming in.
- October was a very good month for unpledged donations.

Rick Lotz motioned to accept the Financial Report as presented, subject to financial review. Sally Macdonald seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Edie addressed the revised Diocese Parochial Report Supplemental Sheet and its effect on SMEC's 2026 budget. Some errors were discovered in the original computation, and our assessment due to the diocese decreased roughly \$6,000 from the amount originally determined. Robin McNally moved to approve the revised Supplemental sheet. Phil Eschels seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Kelly gave a Stewardship campaign update: 138 households have turned in pledge cards amounting to 95% of our Stewardship goal being met. Adding in expected pledges, we should exceed our pledge goal of \$625,000.

Robin McNally made a motion to approve the proposed 2026 budget as presented. Rick Lotz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Rick Lotz reported on behalf of the Buildings & Grounds Committee:

- A report was received from the structural engineer, which identified deterioration of joint materials, but no penetration of the roof, as the cause of the leak in the sanctuary.
- The lock on the portico door is not working properly. A quote has been obtained for a new lock. Steps are being taken to return the non-functioning hardware.
- Some electrical work is expected to be completed early in 2026.
- Walker did an inspection to identify items that need repair throughout the building. No major issues were found. Expenses are estimated to cost \$4-5,000 total.

Rick reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee. The slate of nominees who have accepted the nomination are Bill Beam, Tim Boman-Jecman, Diane Kyle, Susie Thomas, David Lee, and Emerson Niehaus (youth). Robin McNally motioned to accept the slate of nominees for Vestry. Anne Shelby seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Kelly gave her Rector's Report regarding a busy week:

- The time capsule burial ceremony occurred on Thursday last week for the new bell tower.
- Diocesan Convention took place Friday and Saturday. Elections were held and there was discussion of the pilot programs developed by the Task Force on Structure and Relationship.
- The food pantry was held on Saturday. Surprisingly, it was a normal-sized food pantry, though it was expected to be significantly bigger due to the holiday and current SNAP cuts.
- On Sunday, Diana Butler Bass presented to the community as part of our Dimensions of Faith speaker series.
- Longtime parishioners Jane and Paul Disney were interred Monday in the Memorial Garden.

After a brief reflection, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. Vestry convened in the sanctuary for Compline, led by Heather Duffy.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Enriquez