

Vestry Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2025

Members Present: Kelly Kirby, Gaylee Gillim, Neville Blakemore Jr., Rick Lotz, Anne Shelby, Rob Peck, Heather Duffy, Jessica Roufus, Patricia Enriquez, Melissa Klassen, Penny Shaw, Sally Macdonald, Jamie Horsley, Chris Newton.

Also present: Edie Nixon, Suzanne Barrow.

Expected Absences: William Lewis, Robin McNally, Phil Eschels.

Meeting was called to order at 6:14pm.

After the opening prayer, Penny Shaw offered a reflection on the power of words by sharing a few readings from Donald Hall, Jane Kenyon and Mary Oliver.

There was one correction to the August minutes, Chris Newton attended the August meeting by phone and was not absent. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Edie Nixon presented her Financial Report:

- Assets, cash flow, and cash reserves are all in good shape.
- Special offerings had a \$1000 donation for Episcopal Relief & Development fund.
- We are ahead of budget on pledged donations and unpledged donations are up.
- Phil Eschels helped Edie with the financial audit and everything was submitted on time. The Diocese determines the guidelines of this review.

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

Kelly summarized the findings of the Engineer's report regarding the leak in the sanctuary roof. The engineer was called in by the insurance company. Rick added that Catherine Banks has organized all of the documentation on this matter.

Rick Lotz reported on behalf of the Building and Grounds Committee:

- The new boiler is working.
- Wood chips were delivered for the Memorial Garden.
- In the digging of the hole for the foundation of the bell tower, an abandoned gas line was discovered, but found to be non-functioning and safe. Concrete for foundation will be poured this week and will cure for 30 days before the electrical is installed.

Rick also reported on the activities of the Nominating Committee. Phil Poore and Jan Scholtz will serve as At-Large members. The Committee will present a slate in a few months for Vestry approval.

Kelly reported that a time capsule will be buried at the base of the new bell tower, which is dedicated to the memory of Bo Nixon. This is in lieu of a plaque. Steve Cherry reworked the drawing of the tower quickly to include this feature. Lee Fletcher is helping to organize relevant information to be interred, including Kelly's letter to the future Rector. An event will be organized for the burial of the time capsule.

Kelly passed around a mock-up of the Stewardship flyer that will be sent to the congregation.

Kelly asked for the vestry's assistance in identifying candidates for diocesan roles, specifically:

- two presbyters and two laypeople to serve on Trustees and Council for the Diocese;
- three clergypersons for the Disciplinary Board for Ecclesiastical Discipline;
- one clergyperson to serve as a Trustee for the University of the South at Sewanee.

After a brief reflection, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. Vestry convened in the sanctuary for Compline, led by Penny Shaw.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Enriquez