

## July 15, 2025 Vestry Minutes

Vestry Members in Attendance: Linda Whitehead, Wendy Pelton, Father Buchanan, Don Clark, Michael Via, Dee Oliver, Susan Freese, Betsy Cromwell, Tony Zontini, Katie Denton, James Noel, Tom McAfee

Others in Attendance: Fr. Randall (Senior Associate Rector)

Not in Attendance: Robbie Berndt (Parish Executive)

*Apologies received:* Bud Syme

*Vestry Meeting called to order at 7:37 PM*

Father Ben opened in prayer.

Approval of the Vestry Minutes: few corrections. Dee moved to approve as amended and Susan seconded.

Rector's Report: Father Andy spoke to the retention of the younger population in the congregation and started a small community group meeting monthly at his home. Father Andy opined on the importance of the range of 20s to early 30s for families without children for this small community group. Father Andy stated that there will be another group for individuals who have children and may be outside the aforementioned age range. Discussion on continuing to assess security based on recent events. Parking also remains a concern. Encouraged the Vestry to park in the garage at the Marriot to help alleviate the current parking limitations.

Senior Warden's Report: Wendy noted that our new youth minister, Ezra Boswell, has been present for two weeks now. Wendy spoke to this month's financials as being down versus last year. Wendy encouraged everyone to remain involved.

Junior Warden's Report: Linda further cemented Father's Andy's concerns over the overparking and impact on ability for emergency vehicles to access in the event of a potential situation. Recommendation to use a parking team to help regulate traffic. Linda commented on the beautiful playing of Mary Dolch at the Summer Music Series. New landscaping being put in place to add beauty and prevent over saturation in the bend. Tom spoke to a potential new access and exit point for a disabled person.

Finance Report: Month to date short from last year. Discussion ensued over discrepancies from last year.

Old Business: Revisited the Endowment proposition and request for the Vestry to send their comments to Don. Discussion around the Stewardship Committee and how to capture God's purposes at work over video. Discussion around the Vestry Nominating

Committee and the outgoing members to assist with the selection of incoming candidates. Father Andy spoke to the history of how the Vestry Nominating Committee was formed. Wendy recommended that the Nominating Committee draft a description about what it entails to serve on the Vestry.

Liaison Report: Katie gave an update on the Galilee Montessori School.

New Business: Wendy spoke to renewal and asked the Vestry to share stories about their renewal experiences.