



Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Time: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Location: Conference Room of St. Luke's

Attendees: Senior Warden Dave White, Junior Warden Rich Leon, Treasurer Dave Malmquist, Bookkeeper Cheryl Erpelding, Betty Doherty, Brenda Schwartz, Gary Nick, Leanne Bryan, Lauree Birchmeier, Leigh Hunt, Vaughna Henry and Acting Clerk: Deborah Baci

Absent: Fr. Marc McDonald, Steven Dear

I.	Called to order at 5:05 PM, Quorum confirmed, May Agenda Approved	Dave White
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II.	Update on Fr. Marc and Coverage of Services	Dave White
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III.	Moment of Inspiration	Dave White
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IV.	Opening Prayer Offered By	Rich Leon
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V.	Consent Agenda	Dave White
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A. Minutes of April 28th Meeting and commission reports

No additions, changes or questions on the minutes or the commission reports

Motion made to approve the Minutes from April 28, 2026

Motioned: Leigh Hunt

Seconded: Brenda Schwartz

Motion approved unanimously

VI.	Treasurer's Report	Dave Malmquist
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A. Cheryl: we overpaid the Diocese by \$9K. We will pay the Feb, March and April Diocese payments. We need to get caught up on the 16.9% payments to the Diocese. Out of the \$151K, approximately \$40K will be taken from the Diocese pledge. Cheryl will have this finalized with updated number by the June Vestry meeting.

B. Cheryl is working with the auditor to help with the chart of accounts. Hopefully this will be done soon for streamlined reports.

C. Dave: The Finance Committee didn't meet this month as there was nothing to discuss. However, compared to the April financials, we showed an increase of approximately \$36K in the vanguard investments for the month.

- D.** Rich asked Dave about our Investments. There are good arguments for not being as conservative as we are. The Wellesly Fund endowments are more liberally invested and about 70% of this investment is in Bonds.

The endowments are training 60/40 for bonds and investments. If we take an overall snapshot, we have 50% in bonds. This is way too conservative. If we can get the money market beefed up, we can look into getting something more aggressive instead of Wellesly. According to the Wall Street Journal, the 60/40 strategy hasn't worked very well over time. The investment committee needs to discuss this further as we're falling way short of the S&P 500. There's an ETF that they're looking at, this one tracks the S&P and focuses on low priced earnings and high growth. That doesn't track as well as S&P, but is better than the 60/40 split. We are mindful with the church's investments as it's other people's money.

VII. Junior Warden's Report

Rich Leon

A. Accordion Wall

JWK, the contractor, will be here June 4 to look at the accordion wall. They will perform much need maintenance and let us know what repairs are needed and provide a timeframe for us.

B. Bees Returned

We were asked to humanely remove the bees, however the cost would be in the thousands to remove walls and part of the roof. We decided to move forward with extermination of the bees. We sprayed Friday and the exterminator is coming back on Wednesday. We hope we will not have them back in the Spring.

VIII. OLD Business

Dave White

Nothing new to report

IX. NEW Business

Dave White

A. Front Door Signage:

The signage on the front door should be replaced. Rich and Lauree headed this up and asked Deborah to create the artwork and secure a couple of quotes for review.

B. Facilities Request –

There was a last minute facilities request from Freedom Academy, a home school that would like to use our space for classes. The classes would utilize the large classroom from Monday to Thursday from 9-3, and possibly on Fridays. While this would be a boon for the church, there's many things to consider such as the Food Pantry use of the hallway on Thursdays and

Friday's. Dave and Rich will discuss with Father Marc in considering this request as there could be a disruption with our teams, as well as the home school classes with noise and people in the hallways.

Calendaring

Lauree would like to encourage the Vestry and Committee or anyone that has meeting at St. Lukes to provide Deborah with the information for the Calendar.

X. Oral Reports from the Commissions

A. Pastoral Care

- Brenda reminded Fr. Phil that she is the assigned Vestry Liaison for Pastoral Care and looks forward to receiving information from him.
 - There are a group of parishioners at Las Fuentes who are coordinating their transportation to and from service.
 - Brenda attempted contacting Ellie Lassiter, but chose not to leave messages.
 - Leigh: The Worship Committee will be meeting on Tuesday 6/9, at 3 PM
 - Dave suggested that we have the vestry sponsor a cookout on 10/18, for the Feast of St. Luke's.
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XI. Announcements / Upcoming Events

- May 31 Fire Drill
 - May 31 Last Sunday for choir for the summer
 - May 31 Last Sunday for Christian Education (K-Adult)
 - June 1 Matt Owens officially becomes Director of Music Ministry/Choir Director
 - June 3 Blood Drive
 - July 5 Ice Cream Social
 - Aug 9 Christian Education Starts up again!
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XII. Closing Prayer offered by

Leigh Hunt

Meeting adjured at 6:27 PM