

MINUTES
St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting
July 15, 2025

Present

Rector: The Rev. David Cox

Senior Warden: Will Henderson

Clerk: Margareta Knopik

Vestry Members:

Linda Brown	Leslie Malle
Erik Coon	Kaylen Simpson-Porto
Gretchen Sullivan	Beth Lee
Maureen Weber	

Absent

Mark Hunter Hank Stratemeier

Jaime Keltner Teresa James

Betsy Ordonez

Junior Warden: Ed Reasoner

Treasurer: Carol Zollner

Director, Youth and Family: The Rev. Ryan Bloyd-Wiseman

Guest: Addrianne Conway

Mr. Henderson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

AGENDA

Guest Presentation: Ministry

Ms. Conway gave a brief overview of the EEI Mission. Episcopalians for Equity and Inclusion, which has reformed. There are currently 12 members and all are welcome. The group has developed a mission statement and is requesting a presence on the website. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month and there will be a meet and greet on 7/28/2025 to more fully introduce themselves to the congregation. The group hosted and will be hosting future Sunday coffees to further introduce themselves and answer questions. The EEI group will be sponsoring a game at the Rally as well as being a part of the STMAA booth at the Johnson Country Pride in the Park event in October.

Discussion involved having an article in the Messenger and making use of as many current communications options as possible. Mr. Henderson suggested consideration for 2026 budget.

Formation

Dr. Cox began conversations of **Chapter 1, The Mission-Focused Vestry** in the **Vestry Resource Guide**.

The discussion began with questions asking “what is our story?” and “Has our culture changed?”

Perhaps it would be helpful to group ministries and designate oversight so people who want to help know who to contact. It was noted that Michael Box has taken responsibility for coffee hour Maureen offered to look at current ministries with an eye to reviewing merging and updating for next year. She will reach out to Michael to help organize “meet and greets.”

The reading assignment for the August meeting is **Chapter 2, The Ministry of the Vestry**.

Discussion

1. **NE Convocation Report:** Ms. Knopik reported on the meeting held on 6/28/2025 at St. Thomas the Apostle. STMAA delegates in attendance were Ms. Conway and Ms. Knopik as well as Ms. Bloyd-Wiseman. The agenda focused on budget development for the Diocese the revenues for which come from apportionment (66%), fees (11%), funds (5%), and endowment draw (18%). Delegates were asked to ask questions and recommend budget items. The Bishop’s search is underway. Bishop Bascom’s last day is 1/31/2026 and the anticipated start for the new Bishop is October 2026. It is hoped salary savings will cover search expenses.

Other matters:

- The Episcopal Women’s Fall Gathering will in in Oklahoma City September 13, 2026.
 - St. Martins in the Fields and Marillac Center in Leavenworth are both available for retreats.
2. **Church Website:** Ms. Brown brought up the need to enhance the website—that we need to figure out how to do it given the constraints of the current system. Mr. Coons indicated he can help set up and that he will report options at next meeting.
 3. **Children and Family Ministry:** August 3, 2025, is Ms. Bloyd-Wiseman’s last day and Mr. Coons asked if there was a plan in place to replace her. Decisions need to be made about what this position will look like given low number of youth and budgetary constraints. Dr. Cox indicated he is considering options, but opened discussion to solicit thoughts from Vestry members. A number of members asked to meet as a small group to brainstorm some ideas. Because staff report to the Rector, the Vestry does not have to accept her resignation.
 4. **Rector’s Report:** Dr. Cox reported that with Ms. Bloyd-Wiseman leaving, there is a need for a half-time priest to help him meet the needs of the congregation. There are a few

options being considered given the people and resources available. He will be making decisions soon. Ms. Bloyd-Wiseman did submit a list of recommendations that will be a part of the decision-making process. He did acknowledge that he will be reorganizing his schedule to better cover responsibilities.

5. **Financial Report:** Ms. Zollner provided current financials for review. She noted the pledge revenues dropped somewhat during June, but that so far no significant cause for concern.
6. **Jr. Warden's Report:** In his absence, Mr. Reasoner provided the following report.
 - a. Guttering and roof repairs—repairs are needed to the gutters above the Day School playground and the continuing leak above Cloud Chapel. Repair costs are \$4,494 with an additional \$3,200 for annual maintenance and inspection for gutter and valley cleaning in the fall and the spring. (Jerry will no longer have to climb the roof.)
 - b. A/C motor replacement for Spencer Hall—the motor failed earlier this month. Anthony came out and found the motor was shorting out. The best solution was to replace the motor for \$2,856. (coils and coolant were replaced seven years ago but the motor was not). This should take care of this unit for quite a while.
 - c. Repairs and painting of exterior metal doors—repairs are continuing. The door to the North entrance has been repainted red and further work will be done to add weather stripping. The door to the Baker Youth Room has been repainted and further painting will be done to the kitchen entrance.
 - d. Wish list from May Vestry meeting—see following list. The first priority is sound system in Spencer Hall. The cost will be approximately \$1,500 and the Carpenter Ants should be able to replace it. George Harter is reviewing for us. The remaining projects on the Wish List will be prioritized going forward with plans developed for funding.
 - Replace projectors in Spencer Hall
 - Replace sound system in Spencer Hall
 - Replace hallway windows
 - Install cushions in pews
 - Remodel/update men's restroom
 - Update lighting in Narthex
 - Replace stove in kitchen
 - Replace round tables in Spencer Hall
 - Reconfigure lighting switches in Nave
 - Obtain 20 additional bibles
 - Replace tile floors in hallway

7. **Administrative Matters:** Reminder to all to sign up for Sunday announcements and there is a need for someone to take responsibility for the Devotion at next month's Vestry meeting.

Decisions

1. May 2025 minutes were accepted as corrected.
2. Financial report as presented was accepted.

Meeting was adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,
Margareta Smith Knopik, Clerk