

MINUTES
St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting
January 20, 2026

Present

Rector: The Rev. David Cox
Senior Warden: Will Henderson

Treasurer: Carol Zollner
Clerk: Margareta Knopik

Vestry Members:

Gretchen Sullivan	Leslie Malle	Jaime Keltner
Linda Brown	Betsy Ordonez	Kaylen Simpson-Porto
Beth Lee (Zoom)	Teresa James (Zoom)	

Absent

Hank Stratemeier
Mark Hunter

Junior Warden: Ed Reasoner

Mr. Henderson called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm as quorum was present.

Devotional

Ms. Simpson-Porto offered the devotional based on Isaiah 61:1-4. Her message was *in these times how can we serve?*

1. *Bring (good news)*
2. *Bind up (the brokenhearted)*
3. *Take in (captives and prisoners)*
4. *Proclaim (the year of the Lord's favor)*
5. *Comfort (those who mourn) and*
6. *Provide (restoration)*

Formation

There was no formal formation discussion.

Treasurers' Report

Ms. Zollner presented first draft of year-end numbers followed by discussion with questions and answers. One of the questions addressed the procedure new ministries should follow to request/receive a budget for activities.

Ms. Brown moved to approve the draft 2026 budget as amended.

Ms. Simpson-Porto seconded.

Motion carried.

Ms. Zollner will make the Treasurer’s presentation at the Annual Meeting on January 22, 2026.

Rector’s Report

Father Cox announced that a part time rector, Mtr. Mary Lynn Coulson, has been appointed. He distributed her Letter of Agreement together with her resume. She assumed her duties this week. She will be introduced to the congregation at the Annual Meeting.

Vestry Retreat

Following discussion, the Vestry Retreat will be held on the weekend of April 10-11, 2026.

Nominating Committee

Mr. Henderson noted that the following slate of new members will be presented at the Annual Meeting:

3-Year Term (need 3)	2-Year Term (need 2)	1-Year Term (need 2)
Roxie Pearce	Still vacant	Craig Aikman
Ray Burchfield	Still vacant	
Kirsten Lee		

Sabbatical Grant for Rev. Cox

The grant program that provides funds to support sabbaticals requires the grant request come from the Parrish and the application is due on March 18, 2026. Decisions are communicated in August 2026 for 2027 sabbaticals. (Sabbaticals are typically 3-6 months in length.)

A committee will be formed to structure, prepare, and submit the grant request.

Ministry and Committee Team Updates

Ms. Sullivan expressed a concern about lack of greeters on Sundays. [Greeters welcome all who come, identify new people and follow up after the service, and distribute “welcome” bags.] It was noted that ushers can step in if necessary, but trained greeters are sought.

Rev. Cox reported that Heidi Carter has been contacted to help with strategic planning.

Ms. Porto-Simpson raised a concern regarding coffee hour—that hosting isn’t just making coffee. There is an expectation that hosts are to bring food. Michael Box continues to coordinate making and starting the coffee. All agreed that conversations need to include Michael, the Henrys, as well as any groups that host so everyone is on the same page.

Decisions

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with one correction.
The financials as presented were approved.

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Ms. Simpson-Porto led the closing devotional.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for **February 17, 2026**, at 6:30 pm. The formation assignment is ***Chapter 6, Stewardship and Vision***, in the **Vestry Resource Guide**.

Respectfully submitted,

/MSK/

Margareta Smith Knopik, Clerk