

We lead as a Vestry following our Mission Statement for our church family:

“All Saints is a church equipping the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up the body of Christ.” (The Book of Common Prayer, page 533 & Ephesians 4:12)



VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2026

The February 2026 meeting of the All Saints Episcopal Vestry was called to order by Rector, Rev. Ben Robertson, at 6:31.

Vestry Members Present: Blair Bruch – Senior Warden, Matt Anderson - Clerk, June Lehman, Jim Wyatt, Will Washburn, Bill Burgoyne, John Bell, Claiborne Winborne, and John Delandro – Junior Warden

Also Present: Rev. Ben Robertson, Errol White, Treasurer

Absent: None

Vestry Members Checked in with each other.

Vestry Evening Worship Ben led the Vestry in evening worship.

Approval of January Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: John D.

Seconded By: Claiborne

Approved by: All

Rectors Report

Ben expressed his gratitude for all involved working through the logistics relating to the ice storm and its prolonged impacts.

The annual meeting will be held during the 10:30 service. There are three candidates which can hopefully be elected unanimously, voting could occur if needed. Russ Ryan will speak on behalf of the Endowment Board. John D. will speak about the Building and Grounds. The Vestry will meet immediately after the annual meeting in the library to elect new officers.

A positive meeting occurred between members of the Endowment Board, Ben, and some members of Vestry, discussing process and path forward.

Lent begins tomorrow with Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 and 7:00. A Lenten supper program will begin. Blair asked that the Vestry host the meal on March 4th.

On the 18th of March at 11:30, Ben is preaching at St. Michael's Catholic Church during their Lenten program.

Capital & Annual Campaign

The annual campaign currently stands at 152 pledges, totaling \$668k. We are \$150k short of need. The average pledge has increased and there are 23 new pledges to the campaign.

Annual and Capital Campaign mailings have been sent.

The Capital Campaign raised less than the target amount, \$3.5M out of \$4.2M. Given the shortfall, the Vestry will look at project prioritization at its April meeting.

Building and Grounds

A patio refurbishment project is being quoted through a regular request for proposal (RFP) process. Project estimate is \$16,000.

Affirm Electronic Vote

A motion was made to confirm the electronic election of Paul Finke, Alison Ridpath, and Carol Smithson by Will, which was seconded by Blair and approved by All.

Treasurer's Report

Half of the total in Vestry designated funds is from the bequest, approximately \$202k. Errol is seeing if there could be interim borrowing from other funds to help assist with the current cash crunch.

Errol is working on the Budget and the Parochial Report. The Parochial report is due March 1st.

Errol outlined the balances remaining in the Bequest.

Mark Wilcox is meeting with First Citizens to discuss a loan. Ben spoke with the Episcopal Church Building fund, very positive. The Diocese would have to approve indebtedness; Ben will speak to the Diocese at the March 5th meeting.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's revised December report by John D. and seconded by Will, and approved by All.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's January report by Claiborne and seconded by John D., and approved by All.

New Business

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Anderson, Clerk of the Vestry