Minutes of Vestry Meeting
October 28, 2025

Members present: Andy Durham, Eric Beam, Jeanne Sommerfeld, Tony Huffman, Libby Tsubai, Ben Blanding, Patrick Humphreys, Gladys Valles, Samantha Rainman, Lovette Browne

Members absent: Andrea Shiloh, David Villarreal

Officers present: Steve Lee, Assistant Treasurer

Offices absent: Larry Laubach, Treasurer

Clergy present: The Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero, Rector; The Reverend Maria Teresa Bautista-Berrios, Curate

Clergy absent:

Guests: none

After determining a quorum, the senior warden called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Property Status – We have a consultant for the statue. The consultant has been paid, and we are beginning to move forward with the project. We are going to install two bike racks within the next two weeks. All is well with the air conditioning. Everything is working as it should. The boiler needs repair. We do not have an estimate. We are hopeful the current system can last at least one more winter.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Parking Lot – The parking lot needs repair. The lessee is responsible for the lot once the structure is built. The lessee does not have an obligation to maintain the parking lot before the structure is built. The lessee continues to claim that they are going to tear it up and build on the land soon. We need to consider alternate parking agreements when the lot does eventually go under construction. The rector is going to encourage people to use the HCC parking lot on Sundays. The church does not technically have a right to use the parking lot across the street. The lessee has allowed us to continue using the parking lot as a courtesy to the church.

Security – There have been some issues with the security team not being as proactive to issues as we would like them to be. Reverend Maria Teresa met with the security

company to discuss which members should continue working at the church and which team members should not.

Partners for Sacred Places – The senior warden recently connected with them and confirmed that our project is still in the works.

Budget Status – The finance committee had to postpone their meeting to develop the 2026 budget review.

Vestry Nominations – Two people have communicated (Tim Lawson and Ben Halcutt) that they are willing to run for the Vestry in 2026. Two other people have been invited to run for Vestry.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Communications Meeting Report – The rector would like to have a communications ministry with a group of people who can enhance some of the things that we do including keeping the website updated and sending out communications on social media.

Stewardship – Things are moving along toward Consecration Sunday. Announcements have been made. The rector needs RSVPs for dinner on Monday, November 3rd.

December Fundraiser for Stage Curtain – the PRIDE band has been regularly using Fellowship Hall, and it was recommended that a stage curtain and carpets that can be rolled be added to Fellowship Hall. We have secured a donation for the carpets, and we got an estimate of $14,000+ for a stage curtain with installation. Some fund-raising ideas were discussed. It was suggested that we partner with PRIDE band.

Annual Fundraiser Outreach and Music "Body and Soul" – The fundraiser idea is to have people bring food and have donated entertainment and have a low overhead cost fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall. The fundraiser would need to be sometime in January or February (before March 1st).

Signature Jazz and Country Masses and possible sponsorship – It was suggested that we bring back the Big Country Mass on March 1, 2026. It was also communicated that the rector would like to do a Jazz Mass (date TBD). The rector would also like to do a "Blues" Mass and a Latin Music Mass in 2026. Each mass costs about $5,000 each. The rector would like to explore possible partnerships and sponsorships for these services.

Music Fundraiser – Psalm-a-thon (November 2025) – This is fundraiser for advent and Christmas music. Choir members and musicians are donating their time and others are bringing food. The church is donating the space. They are asking for $10 per Psalm. The rector approved the fund-raiser without Vestry approval. The rector is asking the Vestry to approve the fund-raiser retroactively.

Updated VPOD Checklist – The Checklist will be edited by the rector and this will be readdressed in November Vestry meeting.

Resolutions:

1. Motion Tony Huffman to approve the minutes of September 16, 2025 Vestry meeting as amended; seconded by Andy Durham. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Andy Durham to retroactively approve the Psalm-a-thon fundraiser; seconded by Samantha Rainman. One vote against it. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Tony Huffman to approve the rector moving forward with the fundraiser ideas toward the special Signature Masses; seconded by Samantha Rainman. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.
Minutes prepared by Ben Blanding