

Vestry Meeting 1-17-2026

Attending: Jennifer Khaleel, Darcey Tatum, George Herrin, Lee Ann Sipe, Brenda Tamba-Dahn, Lorenzo Clarke, Alma Hurtado, Ruth Mannah, Teresa Guzman, Charmaine Mitchell, and Kathy Yukishige. Also attending were Fr Fabio Sotelo, Nicole Harrison, William Paasewe and Mary Lu Rogers.

Absent: Martha Cuenca

Meeting began with Morning Prayer at 9:02 am, led by Fr Fabio.

Bill gave the financial report using the proposed 2026 budget, as it has all the 2025 numbers on it as well. There is a \$17,000 shortfall in income, mostly from pledges not meeting expectations. We made up about \$6,000 by watching expenses which leave a \$11,000 deficit. Jennifer commented that a number of people had approached her, unable to fulfil their pledges. Darcey asked if the problems of charging to restricted funds when indicated instead of taking expenses out of the general fund had been addressed. This was discussed.

He then moved to the proposed 2026 budget: the total pledged has dropped nearly \$20,000. Given the economic climate, we cannot expect more. So, we are looking at a deficit of \$21,000 just to balance the budget. The finance committee has looked at the problem and has not been able to find anything to cut. He therefore brings the need for more pledges to the vestry. Jennifer and Fr Fabio have gone over the list of persons who have pledged in the past and who have not yet put in a pledge card for 2026. There will be a reminder sent to all of them. Some of the members pledged more in 2025 in order to get Fr Fabio as Rector but did not consider that his salary must be sustainable. Jennifer moved that the budget as proposed be presented at the Annual Meeting. George seconded and the motion carried with no votes against.

Darcey reported that the Safety Committee has put up signs for the private areas. Emergency evacuation is much more complicated as far as posted signage goes. Private areas include the sacristy, the flower room, the sound room, and one of the downstairs rooms. Yesterday we had the fire inspection and replaced four fire extinguishers and added one more. Add this cost nearly \$2,000. Two of the connections to the fire hydrant system will require repair this year. The clogged pipe that needed repair. Royal Flush donated to that repair, and we got some insurance payment for the problem, so we actually made some money on that repair.

A non-profit that installs solar panels may be able to save us about \$4,000/year. This needs to be investigated before we get into it. Darcey moved to form a committee to investigate; George seconded and the motion passed. Darcey also added that he is ordering more parking area lights: these will be paid for by a volunteer.

George reported on the efforts to extend the lease of Promise Haven to Family Promise for at least another year. The only difference would be a rent of \$200/month to help cover property Insurance. Family Promise is very interested in buying the house. George moved that we extend the lease with the increase in rent. Ruth seconded and the motion carried.

Fr Fabio recognized the work of our Junior Warden, Darcey. We have four members finishing their terms: Jennifer, Brenda, Martha, and Teresa. He commended all the work Jennifer has put

into St. Edward's throughout her term. Candidates are Marck Morman, Alejandro Soto, Rosalita Kennedy, Diana Littleton and Xochitl Ramos. Some of them were volunteers, some he approached. On the 25th, a week from this Sunday, we will have the Annual Meeting, planned from 11:30 am to 12:45 pm followed by a brief meeting in the chapel at 1:00 to confirm officers. ~~Installation will be February 1st~~; retreat will be February 7th from 9 to 2 pm without a vestry meeting afterwards. This should include vestry, ministry heads, and staff. Beth Wright will be leading the retreat. He has been working on his annual report, stressing the need for all of us to work on this together.

Jennifer commended the vestry on their work during her term at Senior Warden and thanked them. Alma thanked her in turn.

Fr Fabio reminded the vestry of the celebration of life for Blanding Roberts today January 17 at 2 pm.

The meeting was ended with the Lord's Prayer, asking for prayers for this nation and wisdom for the nation's leaders. The meeting ended at 10:10 am.

The next meeting will be ~~January 25, 2026~~, at 1 pm in the Chapel, following the Annual Meeting.

Submitted by Mary Lu Rogers,

January 17, 2026

AMENDEMENT TO THE MINUTES:

The Annual Meeting was postponed until February 1, 2026, due to inclement weather conditions.

Installation of the New Vestry members will be on February 8, 2026.

Next vestry meeting will be February 1, 2026 at 1:00pm.

Jennifer Khaleel.

Senior Warden.