

Vestry Meeting 3-21-2026

Attending: George Herrin, Darcey Tatum, Diane Littleton, Lee Ann Sipe, Kathleen Yukishige, Charmaine Mitchell, Alma Hurtado, Marck Morman, Lorenzo Clarke, Rosalita Kennedy, Xochilt Ramos and Ruth Mannah. Also attending were Fr Fabio Sotelo, Deacon Alyssa Sali, Ted Ruchalski, William Paasewe, Nicole Harrison and Mary Lu Rogers.

Absent: Alejandro Soto, Emmanuel Mitchell

At 9:02 am, Fr Fabio began the meeting with a video from the “We Confess” series from our bishop, concluding that nothing is impossible for God. He invited the vestry to share times when God has intervened in our lives, beginning with himself.

Ted reported on the Diocese’s programs to help churches with websites and social media: we will have a succinct video showing what St. Edward’s is. We have also been referred to Meghan, a specialist in branding, who set up a guide for logo, letterhead, etc. to provide consistency in our works. Next, Roy is helping with re-doing the website. “Listen wifi” has been installed in the nave which can be connected by phone app to help anyone who has difficulty understanding voices from microphones. This works with hearing aids or phones; the hardest part is the set-up, and that is not difficult.

Kathy was looking for ways to have emails to children and youth and those who work with them available for scrutiny as a level of protection for all involved. Alyssa has some ideas that will help.

Bill provided the financial report: income improved in February and expenses were contained, giving us an overage to contribute to our debt. Utilities appear to cost more than we have budgeted. We pay peak rates between 2 and 7 pm, and need to remember to turn the lights off when they are not needed.

When Bill exited the meeting, the zoom link closed for everyone. The meeting resumed by 9:55 am.

Marck reported on the gas cutoff valve and the light out back of the church which will be replaced. Jeannette is helping with the area in front of the nave where the crepe myrtles were taken out. He hopes this will be ready before Easter.

George wanted the list of phone numbers and email addresses to be correct, and for members to check their emails at least once a week. Communicate corrections with Leslie Nystrom, Parish Administrator.

The ministry liaison list needs to be reviewed before the ministry fair April 26. Notices and the “housekeeping” duties of VPOD are essential. George is experimenting with assigning

different people to different services to make the day not so long for one person. The vestry has to find a way to keep this working.

For the fixed asset list, George will be sending out a list of locations for the vestry to volunteer to fill out so we can get this list made. Anything owned by the church with a value or group value of \$1500 should be on this list. We would like to have the list done by the end of April.

Realm: be sure your profile is not “private” so that anyone in the congregation can see your information. There are many listed in Realm who have not been in church for a long time, and there are regular congregants who are not in Realm. We all need to work on this, and George would like to get this done by the fall. Kip Cloward has volunteered to help with this.

The vestry needs to look at the Strategic Plan and decide the three things we need to focus on this year. And everything we do needs to tie into the Strategic Plan.

Fr Fabio spoke of the discipleship for the vestry and the essential need to look after each other and support one another.

Concerning the church vitality survey, this will be sent as “Page 5” of the Parochial Report that was sent to the Diocese March 1. The pages were reviewed. Darcey moved to accept this report to send to the Diocese. Diane seconded and the motion carried.

Ministry reports should all be in with Leslie. They will be available on the website. The Ministry Fair will be April 26.

Tomorrow is Women’s History Month celebration. Women are urged to wear purple. Next week is Palm Sunday, a bilingual service followed by lunch. There will be immigration attorneys present to aid and to inform us what is happening. Then comes Holy Week with Maundy Thursday service with an hour of prayer to sign up for to fill the vigil of Gethsemane. The Easter Vigil and Easter Services also include the Easter egg hunt. We have the eggs, but need candy and help stuffing the eggs.

Lee Ann reported we raised \$1297 for the Hunger Walk, and we are still collecting until the end of the month.

Birthday Sunday in April will be Easter. George will donate the cake in April, Marck in May. Other members should email George with when they wish to provide the cake.

The next meeting will be April 18, 2026, and George would like that to be in person at the church. Vestry will be going over finance procedures and voting on them.

Meeting closed with prayer for the crises in Iran, the St. Edward's community, ending with the Lord's Prayer at 10:56 am.

Submitted by Mary Lu Rogers 3-21-2026.

Next meeting will be April 18, 2026, at 9 am in person at Nickelson Hall.