

February 26, 2026 Vestry Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Jim Bradley
Sue Bowron
Kimberley Boyd, Jr. Warden
Jo Brewer
Cheryl Kelley
Laura Rives
Tracy Troutman
Jason Voyles, Sr. Warden
Ben Wagner
Spencer Walker
Jeff Whalen
Rob Harris, Clerk of the Vestry
Rachel Pearson, Treasurer

ABSENT

Steve Carlson

STAFF PRESENT

Rev. Dr. Stuart Higginbotham - Rector
Rev. Dr. Brandon Nonnemaker - Assoc. Rector

Rev. Dr. Brandon Nonnemaker opened the meeting with a prayer and benediction at 6:33 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Parochial Report
 - Jo Brewer discussed highlights from the Parochial Report, including numbers for average Sunday attendance, total members and members in good standing.
 - Higginbotham noted that the number of individuals actively involved in parish life in many ways exceeds total members.
 - Discussion centered on ways to engage and cultivate individuals active in parish life.
2. Building & Grounds

- Sue Bowron led a discussion regarding B&G's triaged list of projects (with updated bids and details) as presented to the Finance Committee
 - Current critical needs funded would consist of:
 - correction of plaza sitting wall finish (for a total cost of \$11,000 sourced from the Bicentennial Phase I funds)
 - replacement of 5 rooftop HVAC units, advanced paving and sealing of the main and porte cochere parking lots, office computer replacement, replacement of heating units in preschool (for a total cost of \$181,066 sourced from the Building Reserve Fund), and
 - COG playground repairs (for a total cost of \$10,000 or more sourced from the COG Spring Fling).
 - Discussion of the list of projects included a suggestion that the COG playground repairs be approved with a cost cap of \$15K.

3. Family Ministries/Discipleship

- Nonnemaker reported that the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper was a success
- Upcoming Intentional Discipleship Committee meetings include April 26 at Top Golf, a series discussion focused on The Lord of the Rings from June through July, a summer pool party on June 14 and Sunday Suppers over the summer
- Nonnemaker noted that VBS from June 21-27 is actively building a team for the event and that volunteers continue to be needed for the various areas and programs

4. Outreach

- Higginbotham noted that the Outreach Committee has a meeting scheduled for next Tuesday.

5. Vision

- Higginbotham highlighted upcoming events including the Park Lectures in August and other programs related to artistry and music, including programs following the St. Brigid's school curriculum.

6. Other items

- Higginbotham announced that the Finance Committee recommended discontinuation of a rarely used line of credit with Ameris Bank.
- Vestry compared the low cost for continuing the line of credit (\$250/yr.) to financial flexibility retained by continuing it.

- Brewer and others discussed whether retaining the line of credit for another year would be advisable to provide additional flexibility in the event of an emergency.

APPROVALS

1. The January and December minutes were approved unanimously. (Voyles/Kelley)
2. The Treasurer's Report as presented by Rachel Pearson at the previous meeting was approved unanimously. (Brewer/Voyles)
3. The Parochial Report was approved unanimously.
4. The Building & Grounds 2026 Project List presented by Sue Bowron on behalf of Building & Grounds and as recommended to the Vestry was approved unanimously with the addition of a cap of \$15K on COG playground repairs.
5. Extension of a \$250K Line of Credit with Ameris Bank for one year was approved (Brewer/Troutman).

Meeting was closed with a prayer by Nonnemaker at 7:35 p.m.

