

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Meeting Agenda

6:30 pm - Tuesday, June 16, 2026

 Attendees	Yes	Zoom	No
Anne Styx	x		
Teri Tucci	x		
Chris Francis			x
Charles Bopp			x
Madie Redfern		x	
David Schilling		x	
Jackie Mennella	x		

Opening Prayer

Prior Meeting Minute Approval (*action*)

Madie Redfern

David moves to approve May meeting minutes, seconded by Anne. All approved, none opposed, motion carries.

Welcome to Our New Vestry Member

Welcome Jackie! Fr. Bryan will share the vestry agreement, which will be signed at a later date.

Jackie was approved by a vote from the congregation, as well as Diosisin Convention delegates: Matthew, Vicki, Sophie

Alternate: Madie

Financials

Chris Francis

- April 2025 Treasurer's Report (*action*)

Fr. Bryan went over the Treasurer's Report in Chris's absence with no notes from Chris.

Checking has gone down, but Chris appears comfortable with this.

Other numbers are similar to the past.

Lazarus has been hard at work, which has shown a decrease in funds. Fr Bryan is brainstorming ways to gain funding. Suggested 5th Sunday open plate going to Lazarus. Could also apply for Lazarus to become a 501c3. David notes that this has been attempted in the past but has not been completed.

Income 55%

- ❖ Pledge ahead
- ❖ Givers of record behind
- ❖ coffee/flower ahead
- ❖ Hall rental ahead
- ❖ Open plate ahead

Expenses 41%

- ❖ Utilities are higher than expected

- ❖ Health is slightly above, but this may be due to a rounding error when budgeting.
- ❖ Building insurance is on track given that it is charged by
- ❖ The internet is below budget due to Lauren being able to get a better deal.
- ❖ Altar Guild is slightly ahead of schedule, however many supplies were recently purchased showing a high purchase.
- ❖ Hospitality is already at 124.5%, can we move money from Children's Ministry?
 - We do not have a good way of showing when we request donations to help offset some cost. It is likely that the \$249 in the financial report is likely about \$100 less due to those donations. This information is not reflected in the report, however this information can be obtained to support future budgets.
 - Madie suggests moving the money to allow for the budget to be well reflective of how money is moved.
 - David suggest moving from the anti-racism committee
 - These Friday events will begin coming out of advertising and outreach as they are outreach events.

Percentage of Year- 41.6%

- New Grace Notes Blurb

Someone noted to Madie that it being in black and white was difficult. Discussions were had to use red and green to show net negative and positive, or to have a benchmark like. The color would only be online, as it would be a high cost to print in color. Teri would be happy to help add a benchmark if the help is needed.

Teri moves to approve the May financial report. Anne seconds. All approved, none opposed, motion carries.

Committee Reports

- Buildings and Grounds
 - HVAC Contract Update

Building and Grounds has reviewed 3 options for our use, and recommends Maertin Heating and Cooling in Mokena. They come with a recommendation, have always replied to questions promptly, and one tech is a neighbor. They have shared the plans, with clear cost with our system being older. This includes the church and rectory, two visits per year, filters changed 4 times a year, and belts. We will be bumped forward as a customer in the case of an emergency, however those costs would not be included in our contract (i.e. if the fan motor goes bad, we would have to pay for maintenance for this [this does NOT have any discount]). This will cost \$2,155 per year.

Anne moves to approve the Maertin Heating and Cooling contract. David seconds. All approved, none opposed, motion carries.

Collection Counting Schedule

If a person is not there, best practice is to grab a person who has previously been a vestry member, as well as Chris. (Lauren R., Barb, Susan, Peg) You can also ask Fr. Bryan if you cannot find anyone. It MUST be two people who carry it down and do the counting. Money from the 8am is put in the bottom plate so that it is not seen. Many thanks to all that have supported this new schedule!

Rector's Report

- Pride Mass

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Pride Bible Study has been wonderful! Thank you Allison who has put in a significant amount of work into this.

After Pride Mass (6/28), we will have a “coffee-hour plus” with crafts. People are welcome to bring things, but are in no way required. Do not expect this to be a lunch, it will be closer to coffee hour with more snacks. Michael will be the “host” of this. We will hang the Pride Flag outside, and have some other decorations downstairs.

Ask for people to volunteer to help set up for the Pride Mass, as a printout to be out during coffee hour on June 21. Teri will take charge in getting volunteers. The setup will be about 9:45 or 10:00 to 10:30.

In the past safety concerns have been brought up, and the police have been notified that we are having a Pride Mass. Fr. Bryan will notify New Lenox Police that we are having a Pride Service, however we do not anticipate any security concerns.

Teri can bring her giant Plinko as a game to play.

- Children’s Ministry

We currently have three children signed up from the same family for VBS. This is currently too few to justify the volunteer hours needed, and it will not be as fun for the kids. It may be too early to cancel, however we want to give this family time to find other childcare if we cancel. We can share this information with other churches in the Deanery. Jackie and Fr. Bryan discussed having a mini retreat to reevaluate how Sunday School goes this week, if VBS is canceled.

Anne suggests a July 1 cutoff date. To which we will make a good faith effort to try and get a few more families. Including families from other parishes within the Deanery. Jackie will send Fr. Bryan something to be sent out to the Deanery to see where we are as we approach July 1. We will make it an event on Facebook with a note of ‘subject to cancellation upon low enrollment’. We will use some money from the Children’s Funding (if requested) to pay for this to be an ad on Facebook.

- We are having a DMV day in December to support our community in having updated IDs when they cannot afford the cost. We will have a fundraiser at a later date for this. We will have a meeting after the month of June for further discussion of this project.

Pastoral Care

- Persons to be Mindful of (*closed*)

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 6:30pm

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri. June 19
6:00pm - 8:00pm

S’mores Night

Sun. June 28

Pride Mass 10:30am

Fri. July 17th

Next Fellowship Night

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Mon.-Fri. July 20-24

Vacation Bible School

9:00am-12:00pm

Tue. Nov. 10 & Sat. Nov. 14
@ 6:30pm on Zoom

9:00am-4:30pm in

Diocesan Convention Nov. 10

Nov. 14 @

Rockford, IL

BRYAN AWAY DATES

July 30th Family Camping Trip

August 15th Family Wedding Morning Prayer that Sunday
Steve Officiating

August 17th-21st Liturgy Retreat

September 6th Friend's Wedding Morning Prayer that Sunday
Anne Officiating

CLOSING PRAYER & DISMISSAL - VESTRY MEETINGS

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work or watch or weep this night. Give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.
Amen.

Pause for Intercessions may be offered silently or aloud.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.