

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry Meeting Agenda

6:30 pm - Thursday, March 19, 2026

 Attendees	Yes	Zoom	No
Anne Styx			x
Teri Tucci	x		
Chris Francis		x	
Charles Bopp			x
Madie Redfern		x	
David Schilling		x	
Chris Whitehead			x
Dave Poole (guest)	x		

Opening Prayer

Fr. Bryan

Prior Meeting Minute Approval (*action*)

Madie Redfern

- Teri T. took February minutes due to Madie's absence.
- David S. motions
- Madie R. seconds
- So passed (3 yeas, 0 nays)

Discussion on what constitutes as quorum - 50% (3 voting members minimum)

Financials

Chris Francis

- February 2025 Treasurer's Report (*action*)
 - Checking about \$6,000 lower than January
 - Lazars has been active recently
 - Pledges, and hall rental are ahead of budget
 - Givers of record is a little behind budgeted
 - Utilities are a little high, though expected in the colder months
 - There are reimbursements for a program has gone out, but were processed in March therefore are not reflected in report
 - Fr. Bryan will email Chris F. when submitting reimbursements
 - Mascari's will not come to Easter Vigil - Fr. Bryan's mother in law will play oboe
- Teri T. moves
- David S. seconds
- So passed (3 yeas, 0 nays)

Committee Reports

● Buildings and Grounds

Dave Poole

- First meeting was held March 1
- Has determined a list of several items of concern in the church
 - “Hilly” area by the west door of the hall which becomes muddy on the sidewalk
 - Dave has shoveled in the past but expressed shoveling again from the recent rain and snow
 - Rain barrels, or a wall
 - Change of the plants which are currently shade loving - some have been ordered, with the hope of making a butterfly garden and has ordered 3 trees (Mountain Ash ~30 ft - not water seeking tree)
 - Tree will be in the center of the semi circle ~10-12 ft from the building
 - David S. moves to approve the tree
 - Teri T. seconds to approve
 - Madie raises concern based on roots - and amends for approving the tree so long as the tree remains in best practice for the tree and safety of all.
 - So passed with amendment (3 years, 0 days)
 - Tree will be planted in late April
 - Adding raised beds by the garage
 - Water fountain in the hall
 - Heat should be better controlled in the hall
 - Down one heating unit
 - Possible wi-fi thermostat
 - Front sidewalk - Sara is talking to the village as someone used marker on the south side, and the sidewalk is failing in the front of the church - hoping it will be soon to remain in ADA compliance
 - Boy Scouts will shovel the rocks for the hole on the north side parking lot

● Grace in Action

Ruth Kozlowski & Barb Plantz

- Fr. Bryan has a written report with mission statement from committee previously titled Outreach
 - If a monetary donation is made online without a specific note they will be determined to be a donation to the church (i.e. Jane Doe would like to donate money for the sock & underwear drive to allow purchasing items, she must put a note stating so when donating the money through the website)
- They are responsible for current socks and underwear drive
- Considered doing a menstrual products collection near Mother's Day but not associating it with Mother's Day
 - Teri raises concern of that is also used in the Blessings Box and are some of the most commonly used items
 - Fr. Bryan will address this with Ruth & Barb
- Winter warmth drive in early fall
- Adopt a family in Advent
- Possibility of a community picnic during the summer - may need volunteers to help (estimating "quickly after Easter")

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- Inviting those who use the food pantry to come share a meal

New Church Software

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- Teri shares that there is value in both, but worries that the more expensive option may either not be fully used or will result in creating more work with the new tools
- Discussion of the need for a directory which the vestry agrees is needed
- Instant Church (\$10/month)
 - If we want photos Tom has offered to bring his camera and take photos of people
 - Members can create and edit their own profiles
 - We can give free print of black and white, but request a donation if they would like a color copy
 - Will be able to be updated constantly, but will have to be audited every 6-12 months
- This will be tabled for a future meeting where more members are present to be voted on “Yes we would like the Instant Church Online Directory”, or “No we would like to only have a printed directory”

Collection Counting Schedule

- Please sign up for 2 weeks in the month
- Will discussing standardizing the schedule at next meeting

Rector's Report

Fr. Bryan

- Holy Week and Easter
 - First week of April will have foot washing, veneration of cross, and lighting candles on Friday
 - Wednesday will hold a healing and anointing service
 - Blessing of Easter baskets noon on Holy Saturday
- Family Fridays
 - One Friday per month there will be a fully social event (Family Fridays, Fellowship Fridays)
 - Mario Kart with Pizza
 - Do we want to buy and ask for a donation or do “Take and Bake”
 - Madie suggests take and bake or frozen to eliminate a monetary barrier for large families.
 - Teri notes that if we shop around we may find pizzas at a cheaper rate than take and bake if we shop around
 - For this first one we will not put a number and just put out the donation jar and see how it goes.
- Children's Service/Children's Ministry
 - Charity has expressed wanting to be involved again.
 - There will be a children's/instructional service (perspective date of April 26 at 10:30 service)

Pastoral Care

- Persons to be Mindful of (*closed*)

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 19, 2025 at 6:30pm

IMPORTANT DATES

March 29-April 4, 2026	Holy Week	Palm Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am Wednesday Healing 7:00pm Maundy Thursday 7:00pm Cross Walk Friday 10:00am Stations of the Cross Friday 3:00pm Good Friday Service 7:00pm Basket Blessing Saturday noon Easter Vigil 7:00pm
Sun. April 5, 2026	Easter	8:00am and 10:30am services 11:45am Egg Hunt
Fri. April 10, 2026	Mario Kart Tournament	Time TBD
Sat. April 18, 2026	Confirmations at the Cathedral	11:00am
Sun. April 19, 2026	Rectory Open House	4:00pm

BRYAN AWAY DATES

Office closed April 6-9

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.