

AUGUST VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 10, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Members present: Lisa Clarkson, Senior Warden, Rusty Davis, Junior Warden, Betsy Cate, Drew Robb, Butch Addison, Treye Byars, Julie Claytor, Perri Peraza, Anne Lott, Treasurer, and Louise Barker, Secretary.

Also attending the meeting was The Reverend Canon Janey Wilson, Canon for Transition and Congregational Health.

The monthly vestry meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Lisa.

Canon Wilson was with us to present and discuss steps to guide us in the search process. Attached to these minutes are two documents (Transition Outline and Timeline) which she presented and covered thoroughly. Topics included: vestry will conduct a survey to build a parish profile for the Vocation Hub; write a charge to the Search Committee based on the survey; empanel the Search Committee; ensure confidentiality; vetting candidates (3 levels – Diocesan House, Search Committee - Vestry; setting Zoom meetings; Search Committee presents candidates to the vestry for voting. Canon Wilson suggested the vestry might add a line item to the budget for the Search Committee and to create their own prayer to include descriptive wording based on our profile.

Following the presentation by Canon Wilson, she was excused and the vestry business meeting began.

Vestry Minutes: The minutes of the vestry meeting held on July 6, 2026, which were previously emailed to all members by Louise Barker, were addressed. Lisa asked if there were any changes. Hearing no changes, motions were made by Rusty and Treye to accept the minutes as written and the vestry approved.

Welcome New Vestry Member: Lisa acknowledged and welcomed Perri Peraza. Perri accepted the invitation to fill a vacancy on the vestry and was presented and elected in July by email vote.

Treasurer's Report: Anne presented the treasurer's report. There were no questions or concerns.

Junior Warden's Report: Rusty reported that John Marsh has done some repair work on the AC for Zion Hall that should hold us for a while. He gave a quote of \$23,250 to budget for replacement for next year. Anne pointed out that there was money in the Building Fund Checking Account and Operating Reserve Fund Accounts to cover such expenses. Rusty will contact John to see how long the quoted price will stand.

One of the PTAC wall units in Zion Hall is not working. The cost to replace it is approximately \$1500 without labor. Rusty can install it.

The dryer at the rectory is not working. Rusty will have David Brown look at it as it may only need a belt. In the event that does not fix the problem, Rusty asked if anyone knows someone who has a dryer to sell or donate.

Rusty will work on getting the dead tree in the new cemetery removed when the weather is cooler.

Senior Warden's Report: Lisa reported that she has been able to fill the pulpit with supply priests for every Sunday in August, September and October. She has some Sundays filled in November, to include All Saints' Sunday, and some Sundays in December. She needs someone for Christmas Eve.

OLD BUSINESS:

Parish Audit: Rusty made a motion with second from Betsy to approve the audit. The vestry agreed. Lisa will check with Bud McCaskill about submitting the report before September 1st.

Katie's Party: Drew asked how much was spent on the party and Anne reported \$769.30. Everyone thanked Drew for organizing the food rather than having it catered which saved a lot of money.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vestry Freeze: The vestry agreed to remain in place for consistency throughout the search process. A motion was made by Perri with second by Rusty and the vestry approved. This action will be presented at the congregational meeting to be held in Advent.

Search Committee: Discussion was tabled until the September meeting.

Web Page: Based on the suggestions by Canon Wilson, Debbie Davis and Danielle Floyd will be invited to the September meeting to discuss our web page.

Formation: Lisa asked that members think about how to continue the work began by Katie for formation, in particular what can be done to include our youth.

Communication and keeping in contact with parishioners: Lisa asked that members think about ways we can stay in touch with the congregation during this transition/search time.

Homecoming: All Saints'/Homecoming is November 1st. We need to start thinking about getting things organized.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Julie reported that unless there was a conflict, the next ECW fundraiser brunch is scheduled for September 13 at 9:30am in Zion Hall. There was no conflict. She also reported that school supplies will be delivered to Gadsden on Thursday, August 13, at which time she hopes to meet with the principal to determine other needs.

Lisa reported that she will be away from August 29 through September 9.

Anne will be away from August 19 through September 7.

The next vestry meeting will be Monday, September 14th at 6:30pm.

Rusty led us in Compline and the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Barker, Secretary to the Vestry