

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 6, 2025, at 6:30 pm

Members present: Rev. Katie Ayers, Moderator, Jim Hiott, Senior Warden, Rusty Davis, Junior Warden, Julie Claytor, Butch Addison, Treye Byars, Betsy Cate, Selman Watson, and Louise Barker, Secretary. Member absent was Anne Lott. Guest attending was Drew Robb, observer.

The monthly vestry meeting was called to order by Rev. Katie and she opened with prayer. Rev. Katie welcomed Drew Robb to our meeting.

The minutes of the vestry meeting held on September 15, 2025, which were previously emailed to all members by Louise Barker, were addressed. Rev. Katie asked if there were changes that needed to be made. Hearing no changes, additions or corrections, Rev. Katie asked for motions to approve the minutes as written. Motions were made by Betsy and Treye to accept the minutes as written and the vestry approved.

Treasurer's Report: Anne Lott emailed the financial reports to all members prior to the meeting. Rev. Katie asked if anyone had questions or concerns and none were noted. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Junior Warden's Report:

- Rusty addressed the tree in the near corner of the new cemetery which is creating damage to the wall surrounding the old cemetery. He has asked Al Burnett and Billy Cate for their advice/opinion as to whether it should come down. All are in agreement that it should. Rusty is going to look into taking it down with the help of others, but may need to get a bid from a few professional services. If that is the case, he will ask for a Robo call and vote.

Senior Warden's Report:

- Jim reported that he is pleased with the attendance on Sunday at the Adult Formation forum. He is also pleased with the Sunday School program and the mural on the Sunday School wall that is in progress and will depict the "Creation Story."
- Jim and Mary Ann plan to attend the Small Parish and Missions Church Retreat at Gravatt this coming weekend. He was pleased with the retreat he attended last year as it was an opportunity to get to know leaders of other small churches in the surrounding areas.
- Rev. Katie tagged onto this information about the retreat. She is the commissioner of Small Church Ministries and their mission is to create and repair relationships of small churches and foster a sense of cooperation. She is excited about the retreat. On Friday night, there will be a social hour with the bishop who will discuss issues. Thirteen churches are involved.
- Jim and Rev. Katie had lunch today with good discussions.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nomination Committee Update – Members of this committee are Jim Hiott, Selman Watson and Billy Cate who represents the congregation. They have had meetings and are working on a slate of nominees to be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting on November 30. The nominees will be for: Senior Warden, two vestry members, and candidates as delegates to the 2026 Convention. The committee will have the slate ready to present by the next vestry meeting.

Homecoming Update – Rusty reported that Joe Thompson is and has been cutting wood for the barbecue. John Davis has agreed to lead the event. If the price of the meat goes up, we may need to adjust prices for the meat we sell. Meat should be ordered two weeks prior to the homecoming weekend. We will advertise prior to the event for folks to sign up for meat purchases. Drew Robb will plan to prepare the chicken bog for 30-50 guests for Saturday night around 6pm.

Sunday School (Youth) – Rev. Katie was pleased with Youth Sunday but disappointed in the attendance. She thanked Julie, Molly, and Danielle for their help. Having a program for young people is important to long-term growth of our church. She asked that vestry members invite young people they know to join us.

Stewardship Campaign – The stewardship kickoff is off to a lively start. Rev. Katie thanked Julie for chairing again this year and her work in getting out letters and pledge cards. Rev. Katie is setting up online giving this year whereby members can register online to pledge and give by setting up for withdrawal from their bank account. Anne Lott will be the administrator. Rev. Katie reminded the members of the vestry to lead the charge.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Other Business:

-At the next meeting, the budget for 2026 will be presented; nominations for the 2026 slate to be presented at the annual meeting will be finalized.

The next vestry meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 3rd at 6:30pm.

The meeting was closed with compline led by Selman Watson and was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Barker, Secretary to the Vestry