



CHAPEL of
the CROSS
an historic Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

The Reverend Doctor David Christian Parish Hall

Attendance: Liz Welch; Carroll Patton; Ray Kinney; Russ Markle; Meredith Bailess; Rev. Will Compton, Rector; Trey Denton; Clark Liddon; Becky Herren, Senior Warden; Martha Frye; Dick Dickinson, Junior Warden
Out-Heath Wray

- Opening Prayer and Keifer's
- February Agenda
- Updating Notebooks and the Vestry Covenant—discussion of FAM assignments and Vestry Covenant; signed Vestry Covenant
- Approval of the January 2026 Minutes
 - motion to approve the January 2026 minutes made by Martha, 2nd Carroll, unanimous approval
- Old / Ongoing Business
 - Treasurer's Report: Terri Hudson (via Will)
 - January Financials
 - discussion of January financial report
 - \$246,000 in free cash
 - \$1.3M left on mortgage
 - motion to approve January 2026 financial report made by Ray, 2nd Meredith, unanimous approval
 - Ratification of the Email about \$500K donation placement
 - motion to ratify 1/27/2026 email vote to put \$500,000 unrestricted donation into Vestry Discretionary Fund in ODR made by Trey, 2nd Russ, unanimous approval
 - Junior Warden Report: Dick Dickinson (via Russ)
 - Lighting Project
 - for walking paths
 - will need prices from contractors
 - developed a comprehensive lighting plan; plan sent to electrical contractor who gave quote around \$274,000 for project and timeline of 2.5 months to complete
 - we don't have to complete the plan all at once; we can pick and choose what to prioritize
 - Russ will check with 2 other contractors for quotes

- the work is expensive because cables and wiring would need to be buried, plus we want to do quality work
 - discussion of plan
- Chapel of the Cross Stabilization Project
 - engineer’s recommendation is that we stabilize what we have to prevent further damage and preserve the structure
 - will need to suspend financial procedures so that the Vestry can engage Mark Watson to do the work as our design engineer
- Other Items
 - Work on the Dewees House begins this week
 - addressing needs in the Ed Building
 - grounds clean up day closer to Easter
- Senior Warden’s Report: Becky Herren
 - Confirmation of Appointed Positions
 - Clerk of the Vestry – Ashley Herden
 - motion to accept made by Dick, 2nd Meredith, unanimous approval
 - Treasurer – Terri Hudson
 - motion to accept made by Will, 2nd Carroll, unanimous approval
 - Co-Treasurer —Carol Hartman
 - motion to accept made by Martha, 2nd Liz, unanimous approval
 - Vestry Member of Finance Committee—Heath Wray
 - motion to accept made by Clark, 2nd Ray, unanimous approval
 - Finance Committee Members — Kenny Parker and Tony Risher
 - motion to accept made by Liz, 2nd Martha, unanimous approval
 - Chancellor of the Parish – Davis Frye
 - motion to accept made by Will, 2nd Ray, unanimous approval
 - 2026 Annual Council Delegates and Alternates
 - Delegates: Becky, Dick, Russ
 - Motion to accept made by Clark, 2nd Liz, unanimous approval
 - Alternates: Meredith (1st), Martha (2nd), Ray (3rd)
 - Motion to accept made by Liz, 2nd Becky, unanimous approval
- Rector’s Ruminations: The Reverend Will Compton
 - things are going well; getting ready for Holy Week/Easter
- New Business
 - Approval of the Parochial Report
 - discussion of parochial report
 - 337 average Sunday attendance
 - 677 communicants 16 and over, 145 communicants under 16
 - 13 baptisms, 16 confirmations last year
 - motion to approve parochial report made by Carroll, 2nd Martha, unanimous approval
- Compline and Adjournment
 - motion to adjourn made by Liz, 2nd Meredith, unanimous approval