

Meeting Minutes: St. Matthew's Vestry

April 19, 2026 | Location: Library

Present: Fr. Tim, Kenny Adkins, Mindy Barringer, Kim Beasley, Diane Eberhart, Scott Fisher, Sarah Koriath, Amanda Livermont (by phone), Dave Lott, Jan Nabors, Carol Podeszwa, Ted Sawyer, Bernie Waller, Wilhelmina Wilson

Absent:

Start Time: 12:00 Noon

Service

Birthday Cards completed by the group

Lunch

Provided by Wilhelmina & Kenny

Opening Prayer

Fr. Tim opened meeting with prayer at 12:50

Reflection

Scott shared personal perspectives and life experiences about The Sermon on the Mount. Specifically, he focused on [Matthew 6:33](#), which says to first seek the kingdom of God and live in righteousness, and he will give you everything you need. How do you apply that? He then referenced [2 Peter](#), which reads to “make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness.” These practices are how we grow spiritually. Scott ended with a quote from Football Coach Vince Lombardi -- “... We will chase perfection, and we will chase it relentlessly, knowing all the while we can never attain it. But along the way, we shall catch excellence.”

Approvals and Reports

Motion: Approve March 15, 2026 Vestry meeting minutes

Moved by: Ted

Seconded by: Diane

Outcome: Approved unanimously

Motion: Approve March 2026 Treasurer Report

Moved by: Carol

Seconded by: Wilhelmina

Outcome: Approved unanimously

Old Business

Alcohol Policy

Dave led further discussion as follow-up to last month's meeting. The discussion was in-depth, and as a result, the following motion was proposed:

Motion: To adopt diocesan alcohol policy, and suspend current St. Matthew's alcohol policy

Moved by: Scott

Seconded by: Kim

Outcome: Approved unanimously

ACTION: Amanda, Kim, and Dave will review the policy for both internal and external events.

Preschool Liability

The preschool does not carry their own liability policy but rather are covered through the church policy.

ACTION: Dave will follow up with Juanita and Becky Olbon (Preschool Board Representative) to better understand financial reporting provided.

New Business

Motion to Approve Kentucky Derby event

Moved by: Carol

Seconded by: Kenny

Outcome: Approved unanimously

Motion to Approve Episcopal Church Retirement Saving Plan with The Church Pension Fund (for Fr. Tim)

Outcome: Approved unanimously via online voting prior to the meeting

Vestry Sunday breakfast sponsorship discussion

A date of June 7 was decided upon, and Scott and Carol volunteered to coordinate with the vestry members.

Capital Campaign Update

Scott reported \$314,368.94 in total pledges, and shared additional information and a discussion was held.

Notes:

- Future plans include the replacement of 2 HVAC systems per year so that we do not need to replace all units at once. The Sanctuary has 6-year-old HVACs, so is in good shape. The next systems needing replacement include the library unit.
- Capital Campaign Committee is aiming to receive parking lot quotes this summer for completion next spring. In case of not enough funding, it is possible to replace sections at a time (i.e., the back lot). In the end the cost will be more, so this is not ideal.
- We should plan on a 10% overage on pledges, due to those who are giving above and beyond their original pledge.
- Several parishioners that pledged have not made any contributions at all.
- Some concern was shared regarding the perception that other projects are being added to the original list of projects for the Capital Campaign (such as the parish hall updates, which in actuality was completed by Building and Grounds). Scott and Jack will be speaking at an upcoming service and will place importance on delineating what is a "Capital Campaign project" and what is Capital SPENDING.

- The Long Range Planning committee has been reinvented and will work to help to clear up confusion.

ACTION: Scott will follow up to provide the vestry with the cost savings for bundling the lighting in parish hall (Building and Grounds) with the sanctuary updates (Capital Campaign).

Pumpkin Patch 2026 Discussion

Canon Methodist Church is no longer offering a pumpkin patch. PumpkinsUSA reached out to St. Matthew's to gauge interest. We are a primary choice for them.

Notes:

- We don't pay anything to the company, it's all based on commission
- High Investment of volunteer hours
- In the previous year, Canon achieved sales totaling \$10,000 and earned a commission of \$3,000.
- Last year, Canon started the event on the second week in October. They minimized their labor – during the week they only staffed from 4-7PM, and during the day utilized day school teachers when necessary to complete transactions during earlier hours.
- The pumpkins cannot be placed on pavement or grass – Canon used palettes (Susan Jung has volunteered to donate these).
- After the event, farmers come and remove leftover pumpkins (we are responsible for the leftovers).
- We are not responsible for theft or vandalism to the pumpkins.
- The Capital campaign voted to try doing the event this year and see how it goes. We would start with delivery on Oct 10, using a “fireman's brigade” process to remove the pumpkins and place on the palettes. This process will require at least 20 volunteers when the pumpkins are delivered.
- Brookwood Beta Club may be able to help.
 - **ACTION: Scott** will follow up with Lori Bean about this.
- Event would overlap Trunk or Treat on Oct 25.
 - Sarah suggested changing the start time of Trunk or Treat to not overlap other similar events on the same day, as participants tend to stagger the visits from one to another.
- Dave, Scott (and Beth) followed up after the meeting with some additional information, posted here.
 - [PumpkinsUSA Pumpkin Patch Overview](#)
 - [PumpkinsUSA Mini Pack Information](#)
 - [Pumpkin Patch Discussion Timeline – Beth Fisher](#)
 - [Pumpkin Patch Vestry Discussion Follow-up – Dave Lott](#)

Next Meeting

May 17, 2026

Scott and Ted VPODS

Kim – Vestry corner

Jan - Reflection

Prayer Concerns and Thanksgivings

Dave appreciates the hard work of the vestry!

Closing Prayer

Father Tim

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 3:00 PM

Submitted by Mindy Barringer, Vestry Secretary, April 25, 2026