

Sunday, March 8, 2026
Episcopal Church of the Atonement Vestry Meeting Minutes
Final – Approved April 12, 2026

Time: Sunday, March 8, 20:26, 12:58 p.m. to 2:13 p.m.
Location: In-Person at Church of the Atonement
Present: Father Charles Everson (Rector), Charles Bonilla (Warden) Pam Ferguson (Warden), Ann Cassidy, Evie Coe, Pauline Sachar, Amanda Patrick, Br. Will White, CMJ, Alex Wyman, Tim Coe (Treasurer), Michael Waltz (Clerk)
Absent: Tim Fox, Sena Leikvold, Charlene Reynolds
Guests: Jerad Mosley, Seminarian Intern

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 12, 2026 at Church of the Atonement and via Google Meet

Father Charles called the meeting to order at 12:58 p.m. after offering a prayer.

Review of February Meeting Minutes: **A motion was made** (Pam Ferguson) **and seconded** (Ann Cassidy) to approve the minutes. With no discussion or questions **the motion passed**.

Treasurer's Report:

February Statement of Financial Position: Tim Coe reported that February was an uneventful month and we finished slightly ahead of budget. At yesterday's meeting the Finance Guild asked if we should have an advisory group for finances. It was also suggested that we should move some money from our savings account to a short-term CD, which would pay a better interest rate. Tim is researching this.

February Statement of Activity: Revenue for February was approximately \$3,000 over budget, with parking continuing to exceed budget. Expenses were ahead of budget primarily because of travel for the Organ Committee, which is offset by money from the Music Fund.

A motion was made (Will White) **and seconded** (Alex Wyman) to receive the February financials. With no further discussion or questions **the motion passed**. *Copies of the reports are attached to these minutes.*

Vestry Retreat Notes: Father asked Vestry members to volunteer for the welcome, communications, programing, landscape design, the Realm update working groups. Parishioners who have been working on some of these issues and/or who have expertise in the area will be asked to join. Ann Cassidy and Alex Wyman offered to work on Realm; Sena Leikvold and Margaret Sullivan will be asked to join. Ann and Will White volunteered for the landscape design, and Rick Velon will be asked to join. Father will ask Charlene Reynolds to lead the welcome committee and Sena to join; Pam Ferguson volunteered. Pauline Sachar offered to lead communications, and Will and Evie Coe joined; Matt Rodgers and Tim Fisher will be asked to join.

During a discussion of the landscape design the problem with rats in the north lawn was raised. Father reported that there was a rat problem in the Rectory building and he hired a firm for \$1,500 that seems to have taken care of the problem. He will be asking them to give a bid for the lawn.

Coffee Hour Update: Charles Bonilla, Pam Ferguson, Sena Leikvold, and Amanda Patrick are organizing coffee hours so that they will be inviting and consistent from week to week but not a burden on those sponsoring. Guilds and a few other groups will host coffee hours, and guidance on types and quantity of refreshments will be given.

Vestry Liaisons: Charles Bonilla led a discussion of the role of the Liaisons, stressing that they are the contact for the Guild chairs if they have questions or need support. He updated the assignments to replace the retiring Vestry members with new members.

Care for Friends Update: Father Charles said that Hope Pavich has accepted a position at the Center for Conflict Resolution. Care for Friends has made an offer to an interim director and a search is underway for a permanent director.

Other Business: As usually happens, the May Vestry meeting is scheduled for Mothers Day. It was agreed that the meeting will be changed to a virtual meeting on Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Dates for the Calendar:

Fridays in Lent – Supper – 6:00 p.m., Stations and Benediction – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11 – Choral Evensong, Rockefeller Chapel, University of Chicago – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 14 –Fundraiser at the Kims’ – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 26 – French Mass – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 3 – Good Friday – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 4 – Holy Saturday Liturgy of the Word – 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 4 – The Great Vigil of Easter – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 5 – Easter Day
Sunday, April 12 – Vestry Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 18 – Fundraiser at the Kims’ – 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m. following a blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Waltz
Clerk of the Vestry