

**Worship God**

**Grow in Discipleship**

**Share Christ's Love**

**Minutes of the St. Andrew's Vestry Meeting  
January 10, 2026**

**In Attendance:**

Suzannah Rohman

Sara Sandberg, Sr. Warden

Kelley Kash, Jr. Warden

Tanya Albert

Laura Blanchard

Martha Elliott

Bob Lundeen

Rita McKinney

Ruth Piper

Marek Pruski

Alex Pugh

**1. Opening Prayer/Reflection**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm. Before the meeting, the vestry held a retreat to set priorities for the new year through appreciative inquiry.

**2. Announcements**

- a. By Law Revision: Suzannah announced that a group is working on revisions to the bylaws for presentation to the congregation at the annual meeting in March.
- b. Parish Administrator Search Committee: Suzannah proposed establishing a committee to evaluate the job description and devise a structured transition plan. Kelley will provide her with a list of potential members from the previous summer's ad hoc committee.

**3. Reports and Action Items**

- a. Review of Meeting Minutes: The vestry formally approved the minutes from the meeting held on December 16, 2025.
- b. Property Committee Report: Bob gave an update on the parking lot steps, noting ongoing debates over responsibility between the Diocese and the State, along with unresolved insurance and permit issues. The preference is to remove the steps and

have the town extend the sidewalk up Glidden Street. Bob also mentioned that the toilet on the main level requires repair. Progress and future actions for the architectural design project were briefly reviewed during the retreat.

- c. Stewardship Update: Rita and Laura reported 79 pledges for the 2026 campaign, totaling \$261,169.
- d. Land Acknowledgment: Kelley provided background information from the Diocese. He also reported that he surveyed the state's Episcopal church websites and could only readily find two with posted land acknowledgements. Laura referenced a case in British Columbia, in which the town had used the land acknowledgment at a public event. The Canadian court then used it as a legally enforceable admission of wrongful possession thus returning the land to the tribe suing the town. The vestry chose not to make such a statement now but agreed to learn more, possibly by inviting a speaker or taking online classes. Alex offered some relevant websites:
  - [Wabanaki REACH](#)
  - [Maine Memory Network, a collaborative digital museum of the Maine Historical Society - Maine Memory Network](#)
  - [History: Discover History & Explore Nature: State Parks and Public Lands: Maine DACF](#)
  - [Abbe Museum](#)

#### **4. New Business**

- a. Advent/Christmas Review: Having both services close together with a cookie gathering between them seemed very successful. While the bad weather may have reduced attendance at the early service, attendance increased for the second service over last year. Choir participation was lower than usual—consider ways to make it festive regardless. It would be nice if there was a full-service program (bulletin) for visitors at the Christmas morning service.

#### **5. Expressions of Gratitude**

- To St Andrew's and Suzannah in particular.
- To Sproul's retiring owner, Laura Stubbs. She has been a wonderful neighbor to St. Andrew's over the years. Rita and Laura will arrange for a card to be signed by congregational members with thanks and best wishes.

#### **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 pm. The next meeting will be on February 24, 2026.