

Minutes of the St. Andrew's Vestry Meeting April 28th, 2026

In Attendance:

Suzannah Rohman, Rector
Bob Lundeen, Sr. Warden
Kelley Kash, Jr. Warden
Tanya Albert
Laura Blanchard
Les Foster
Kay Liss
Rita McKinney (zoom)
Belinda Nields (zoom)
Marek Pruski
Alex Pugh
Seth Stewart
Lili Pugh (guest)
Jim Swan (guest)

1. Opening Reflections

Rector Suzannah Rohman called the meeting to order at 5PM.

Laura read two prayers by Indigenous Peoples as an Opening Reflection to commemorate Earth Day.

Seth volunteered to give the opening prayer at the May meeting.

2. Reports and Action Items

a. The March minutes were voted on and approved

b. *Treasurer Report*: Kelley gave the Treasurer report, noting that several higher bills reflected changes in billing procedures, not increased costs.

- He announced an unrestricted bequest of \$20K made to St. Andrew's in April. A motion was made and approved to accept the \$20K bequest and record it as unrestricted for current income purposes.

- Thanks were given to Bob and Jim for their work to repair water damage.

- Treasurer Ed Ross will be asked to bring financial statements to the May meeting.

A motion was made and approved to accept the Treasurer report.

c. *Property Committee Report*: Bob announced that an estimate for the new renovations to St. Andrews had been received but not yet reviewed by the Property Committee, consequently discussion on financial particulars would be postponed.

- The committee is still waiting for updates on the Glidden Street drainage project.

- The members looking into reupholstering or replacing 20 folding chairs recommend the replacement of the chairs as the most cost effective solution.

- Dimmers for lights in the undercroft are being evaluated.

- Reconstruction work for the water damage repairs is on target to be finished by May 20th.

d. Earth Keepers: Marek thanked all volunteers who participated in the Earth Day road side clean-up and in the Poetry in Celebration of the Earth event.
- Martha Fitzpatrick will be preaching at St Andrew's on May 31st in honour of Francis Perkins Day.

3. Old Business

a. Parish Administrator: Suzannah announced a qualified applicant, June Budrow from Nobleboro, has accepted the position of Parish Administrator and will begin June 1st.

b. Faithful Givers Roadshow : Kelley announced this Diocesan Conference on Giving/Capital Campaigns will take place in 2 locations: Falmouth - May 29th, & Bangor - May 30th. The event will last from 9-3 each day. Contact Kelley for specifics and registration information.

4. New Business

a. Postulancy Interview for Anneliese Pugh: Suzannah presented Diaconate candidate Lili Pugh for mandatory vestry approval of her eventual ordination as Deacon of the Church. Discussion ensued and gratitude expressed for all Lili has meant to St Andrew's and Earth Keepers over many years. A motion was made and approved to support the candidacy of Anneliese Pugh as Diaconate. Bob and Suzannah will write the appropriate letters.

b. Building Project Concept Presentation: The Property Committee has been working with architects & Warren Construction on a Master Plan to design and develop improvements to St Andrew's. Jim presented a conceptual design in a slideshow. Bob reiterated the construction estimate had just been received.
-Discussion on the need for accessibility, ramp repair, roof repair and the need for a fire extinguisher and it's cost impact followed the presentation.
-The need for a Capital Campaign was expressed and Suzannah offered to locate consultants for the feasibility study.
-The vestry would like additional information on what funds are potentially available and will ask the Finance Committee for further clarification.
- The need for a base/minimum of the most critical construction priorities was expressed.
- It was noted that the construction project related to the presented conceptual design would take around 9 months and not disrupt church services in the nave.

5. Expressions of Gratitude

- Rosemary Brantel was thanked for always providing a cheese/charcuterie board after the 10AM service.

- The Property Committee was thanked for all their hard work on reconstruction and renovation projects.

6. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned 7:00 PM. Next Vestry meeting - May 26th, 2026 @ 5PM

Respectfully submitted,
Les Foster, Clerk

