

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Minutes of Vestry Meeting - June 23rd, 2026

In Attendance:

Bob Lundeen, Sr. Warden

Kelley Kash, Jr. Warden

Ed Ross, Treasurer

Tanya Albert

Laura Blanchard

Les Foster

Kay Liss

Rita McKinney

Belinda Nields

Marek Pruski

Alex Pugh

Seth Stewart

Senior Warden Bob Lundeen called the meeting to order @ 5PM in Rector Suzannah Rohman's absence.

Opening Reflections

Rita read several poems by Mary Oliver from the book "Devotions".

- Kay volunteered to give the opening reflection for the July meeting.

Reports and Action Items

a. Minutes - The minutes from the May 26th were voted on and approved

b. Treasurer Report - Ed Ross gave a detailed report of the church's financial condition, noting that many of the funds that support the church are restricted. A question were raised regarding a challenge grant for the Memorial garden maintenance. Kelley offered to speak with Suzannah and Sara Sandberg before contacting the donor.

- Ed noted that the church is likely to get full insurance reimbursement for the repairs of the damage from the burst pipes, less the 1K deductible.
- Ed noted there have been communication problems with the company providing the current credit card used by the church. A motion was made and unanimously approved to switch to a 1st National Bank credit card.

c. Property Committee - Bob reported that the Property Committee had identified 10 critical improvements that need to be made within the next 5-10 years.

Woodhull has been asked to do a Fire & Life Safety and ADA review of the existing buildings, noting that in Maine there are no exemptions for historic buildings or churches. Not undertaking these corrections could risk legal involvement. The analysis will be completed by September.

- The storage unit will stay in Bristol.

d. Earthkeepers - Marek reported that Earthkeepers plan to organise a meatless potluck meal after an Ecumenical Service over St Francis Day. They recommend

the book "Reading the Bible on Turtle Island" and are looking for a speaker to discuss our relationship with our indigenous neighbors.

Old Business

- a. Ann Kash Celebration** - all is in order for the celebration after the 10AM Service on June 28th.
- b. Faithful Givers** - Kelley reported that several parishioners attended the conference and found it very instructive and informative, especially their advice on starting a Capital campaign. The church provides a gratis consultant, Joyce Kennedy, who could be used as a resource for both the Stewardship Committee and for starting a Capital campaign. After some discussion it was decided to contact her ASAP to arrange for her to speak with the Vestry. Kelley or Suzannah will follow up. It was noted that the church has around 80 pledges from parishioners, and amongst all churches the average pledge is \$3500.
- c. Foyers** - Belinda announced that much interest has been expressed in reviving these parishioner gatherings and a group of about 25 will begin after the 4th, to include any summer members. Other interested parties may join in the fall.

New Business

- a. Volunteers** - It was noted that Volunteers are needed to assist with the Wednesday morning Service, particularly to remove spent flowers from the Sunday Services.
- b. Lili Pugh Postulancy** - Lili has received her acceptance to her Postulancy.
- c. Shannon Cotta** - Shannon Cotta may be assigned to St. Andrew's Church for his Field Placement as an assistant under Suzannah's direction.

Expressions of Gratitude

Thanks were expressed to Lili for her service to Earthkeepers and to the Finance Committee, and to Julie Babb and Penny Moody.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned 6:40 PM, next Vestry meeting July 22, 2026 @ 5PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Les Foster, Clerk