St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Minutes of Vestry Meeting - July 28th, 2026

In Attendance:
Suzannah Rohman, Rector
Bob Lundeen, Sr. Warden
Ed Ross, Treasurer
Laura Blanchard
Les Foster
Rita McKinney
Belinda Nields
Marek Pruski
Alex Pugh
Seth Stewart

Rector Suzannah Rohman called the meeting to order at 5 PM

Opening Reflections - Bob Lundeen read a thoughtful essay comparing the gathering of sea shells to experiences and memories collected during a lifetime. Suzannah will contact Kay Liss about September meeting reflections.

Reports and Action Items

a. ***Minutes***-The June minutes were approved with a correction of the July meeting date.

b. ***Treasurer Report*** - Ed Ross indicated the Church finances are in good shape. Some of the propane and electrical bills were high but can be attributed to the lack of insulation during damage repairs. *Treasurer Report Approved*

c. ***Property Committee Report*** - Bob Lundeen announced that St. Andrew's insurance has approved the final payment for water damage expenses. The costs to the church will be limited to the $1000 deductible.
- An ADA & Life Safety review of the existing church structure by an independent consultant is being researched & will be reported in September
- A motion was made to accept the painting proposal of Rein Green to include the repair and repainting of the railing post caps, steeple, exterior elevator shaft, foyer door and ramp walls. It was noted that this cost was part of the operating budget. *Motion Approved*
- Ramp repair is being pursued
- 20 new folding chairs are being purchased
- 2 proposals have been submitted to clean the organ. Suzannah requested that Sean be contacted before any work begins.

d. ***Earthkeepers*** - Marek reported that Lili Pugh will preach at the Sept. 6th service. They are also looking for proposals relating to Land Acknowledgement actions. Enclosed is the Schedule for the "Season of Creation" Sept 6 - Oct 4, 2026

September 6: Sermon “Loving your neighbor & reflections on plants”: discussion of the book “Reading the Bible on Turtle Island”: meatless pot luck
September 12: Terra Divina
September 19: Ecumenical service
September 20: The discussion focused on our relationship with the land on which St. Andrew’s church stands, as well as its indigenous people and land acknowledgment.
September 27: Singing circle
October 4: St. Frances prayers for more-than-human friends.

Old Business

Foyers Report - Belinda announced that 6 groups of 6-8 people have gathered and the events have been well received.

New Business

a. ***Shanon Cotta, Field Placement*** - Suzannah announced that St Andrew’s has been assigned as a Field Placement for Diaconate Shanon Cotta who will assist her in various Parish activities during his tenure.

b. ***Extreme Heat Plan*** - Suzannah noted that during summer days of extreme heat Services will be conducted in the Undercroft which is air conditioned.

c. ***Emergency Sunday Service Plan*** - Suzannah announced that she will create a “Morning Prayer” document to be read in case she is unable to conduct Sunday services and a replacement priest is unavailable. Seth volunteered to read the prayers if he is available.
- Suzannah would like to remind all those who remain at meetings or services after she has left the church to be sure doors are locked, in particular the outer doors, and any AC or heating units turned on for those events are turned off.

b. ***Pride and American Flag Proposal***
A motion was made to hoist an American Flag on certain appropriate holidays provided a Volunteer could be found to oversee both the raising and the lowering of the flag at appropriate hours and in inclement weather. After some discussion of current church signage and flags it was decided to include Vestry members not present and postpone until the September meeting. Seth volunteered to take pictures of how other churches in the region express support for the LGBTAIA+ community. A reminder was made that any issues or concerns about church property should be brought to the Vestry for review. *Motion Withdrawn*

d. ***Ecumenical Food Pantry Representative*** - Nora Lundeen has volunteered to replace retiring representative Judy Weislogel as St. Andrew’s Food Pantry Representative.

e. ***State Owned Wooden Steps to Main Street***- Bob noted that the Property Committee has been contacted to assist with the repair of these steps. These steps are not on Church property and a Motion was made that “*The Vestry of St. Andrew’s does not wish to be involved in any decisions regarding the disposition of these State Owned steps”. Motion Approved*
- Seth volunteered to take pictures of some parking signs for the Vestry to consider.

Expressions of Gratitude

Judy Weislogel was thanked for her many years of serving as the St. Andrew's Ecumenical Food Pantry Representative.

Suzannah thanked the parishioners for their outpouring of help and support while she was in the hospital.

M**eeting Adjourned -** 6:25 PM. Next Vestry Meeting - September 22nd @ 5PM

Respectfully submitted,
Les Foster, Clerk