

Minutes

Vestry Meeting | May 19, 2026 | Calvary Episcopal Church | Memphis, Tennessee

Vestry Members Present: Bill Bangham, Zoe Bondi, Joe Brandenburg, Jordan Edmundson, Barbara Etheridge, Andy Estes, Leanne Kleinmann, Wes Nelson, Allison Parker, Christina Ross, Matt Seltzer, Reg Udouj, Mary Jane Viar, Ginny Webb

Vestry Members Absent: William Etnyre, Heather Grosvenor

Clergy Present: Katherine Bush, Wesley Rowell, Scott Walters

Others Present: Steve Smith, Clay Woemmel

Tour of Grizzlies Prep Buildings: At 6:00 p.m., vestry members gathered at Grizzlies Prep for a tour of the buildings led by a school staff member.

Call to Order: Scott Walters called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. Ginny Webb opened with prayer.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 2026 Vestry meeting were reviewed. Matt Seltzer moved to accept the minutes as presented. Allison Parker seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Reports: Steve Smith presented the financial reports. Pledge income is catching up to budget, and we expect additional payments throughout the month of May. Payments on campaign pledges are ongoing. The balance sheet is in a strong position with nothing unusual to report. Barbara Etheridge moved to accept the financial reports as presented. Bill Bangham seconded the motion. The financial reports were approved unanimously.

Rector's Report:

Grizzlies Prep

Scott is forming a small working group to consider uses for the Grizzlies Prep buildings as they become vacant. The working group will make recommendations to the vestry. The Samaritan Counseling Center will tour the small building to determine if it will fit their needs for temporary space.

87 Adams Project

Committee members recently attended a national conference where they met the president of the Mellon Foundation. The leader of the Memphis Botanic Garden is interested in participating in the project. Their director will join the committee. The Tennessee Master Gardeners may also be a

resource for the project. The deadline for artists interested in the project has been extended to allow more applications from interested people.

Wesley's Ordination

Wesley's ordination to the priesthood is scheduled for the evening of Monday, June 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Scott will preach. Vestry members will assist with the reception following the service. We are still awaiting approval from the Bishop of New Jersey before making a formal announcement to the congregation.

Vestry Areas of Focus:

Listening

The possibility of using sign language interpreters during church services was briefly discussed.

Service Projects

William Etnyre and Heather Grosvenor raised almost \$2000.00 for the campus beautification project through donations collected on Mother's Day.

Christina Ross and Joe Brandenburg are meeting to explore opportunities for immigration-related service projects that the vestry can choose among to select one summer project for this year.

Announcements

The next Newcomer Gathering will be held on September 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Clay Woemmel, Clerk