

# St. Monica's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting

April 23, 2026

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## Present in Person

The Rev. Sylvia R. Czarnetzky (Interim Rector), Ed Strong (Senior Warden), Ralph Pike (Junior Warden), Melanie Rose (Assisting Senior Warden), Betty Devlin, Margaret Holt, Dick Rumpf, Scott McCurdy (Treasurer)

**Absent/Excused** Marilyn Dessauer, Kathy Connelly, Heather Williamson (Joined late via zoom)

## Call to Order

Rev. Sylvia Czarnetzky began the meeting with a prayer

## Treasurers Report – Scott McCurdy

- The current financial situation was reviewed using a graph comparing income and expenses against last year's indexed cash flow.
- The blue line represents the projected cash flow based on last year's percentages.
- The red line shows the net difference between income and expenses.
- The budget projects a positive end-of-year balance of \$15,000.
- February had low income (around \$23,000) and high expenses, resulting in a negative net for the month, though the overall cash flow remains slightly positive.
- There is a significant lag compared to the projections based on the previous year.
- A recent weekend deposit of \$38,000 (from plates and checks, excluding online giving) offers hope for catching up in April.
- A suggestion was made to educate parishioners on the benefits of spreading out their giving throughout the year to stabilize cash flow.

## Senior Warden Report – Ed Strong

- **Reports:** All committee reports have been submitted and distributed. A separate meeting will be scheduled to discuss potential overlaps between committees.
- **Endowment Committee:** Frank Dowd, Doug Ball, and Betsy Smith have been appointed to the new endowment committee. They will formalize parameters and giving options for a policy to be presented to the vestry.
- The Endowment Committee membership was approved by vote.
- **Endowment Funds:** \$20,000 was successfully moved from an endowment fund to the budget's endowment line item. This was a cash transfer from the Fidelity account.
- **Audit Team:** An audit team has been formed with Kyle Williamson as the lead, and Keel Jones and Janet Perna as auditors. The team membership was approved by vote.

## Summer Meeting Schedule

- The May meeting will be moved to Tuesday, May 19, 2026.
- The vestry will not meet in August 2026.
- The June and July meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month.
  - June 17, 2026.
  - July 15, 2026.

## Junior Warden Report – Ralph Pike

- The organ installation is scheduled for the week of April 27, 2026. The exact start time from Walker Technologies is pending.
- Mahoney Handyman installed three new electrical outlets and four speaker cables in the sanctuary in preparation for the new organ.

## Building/Maintenance Issues

- **Cellular Communicators:** Executive Electronics removed the cellular communicators. A credit will be issued, but it will not be a full refund and will be applied against future monitoring fees.
- All In One Technology will be contacted to provide a solution for the cellular communicators, as Executive Electronics' installation was problematic.
- **Fire Line Backflow Test:** A confusing letter was received from Collier County regarding the annual fire line backflow valve inspection. The test was last done on May 29, 2025, and will be scheduled again for the last week of May 2026.

## Choir Lighting Project

- The current choir lighting is inadequate.
- A proposal was discussed to install two rows of white track lighting. Each track would be eight feet long with six feet of lights.
- The estimated cost for the lighting fixtures is \$1,056. Installation, including running a new electrical circuit and switch, is estimated to cost around \$1,000.
- The track lights are small, can be tilted, and would be installed on a separate circuit with a dedicated switch.
- The proposed solution will be discussed further with Marilyn and Dick.

## New Business – Melanie Rose

- **Welcome Committee:** Various groups working on member reception have been consolidated into one team.
- The team has identified issues in the greeting, shepherding, and receiving processes for new members and will propose solutions in about a month.
- **Disaster Response Plan:** The current disaster response plan is outdated (from 2019). Melanie will lead the effort to create a new one.
- The **newcomer's brunch** was previously postponed.
- Planning for the next brunch will begin around September 2026 to time it with the return of seasonal residents.

## Closing Prayer – Sylvia

## Submitted by – Heather Williamson