

Grace Vestry Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2026

In Attendance

In attendance: All members present, including Kris Eckert

I. Approvals

- A. June meeting minutes. Approved by Michael, 2nd by Lucy.
- B. June & July Financials
 - 1) \$50,000 of bequest money will be transferred into our operating expense account in September
 - 2) Ask Gary to highlight any important items for the Vestry
 - 3) Motion to approve by Michael, 2nd by Ernie

II. Ongoing and New Business

- A. Worship Technology Report- Kris Eckert
 - 1) Echo eliminated by turning off extra microphone on computer during 10:30 service
- B. Computer needed repair and was fixed
- C. Website
 - 1) Organist bio is incorrect, old organist listed
 - 2) Remove Interfaith for Social Justice
- D. Apportionment Pledge
 - 1) Vestry members all approved
 - 2) Lucy approved, 2nd by Michael
- E. Grace Delegates for Diocese Convention
 - 1) Tish Burns & Stephen Gammicchia elected
 - 2) Sharon motions an appointment of both, 2nd by Selia
 - 3) Vestry approves
- F. New Field Education Student- AJ Hawks
 - 1) He requires two years of field education, with Grace Church one year
 - 2) AJ will shadow Pastor Steve beginning 9-13-2026
- G. ERT Update & Action Plans
 - 1) Congregation be prepared for a medical, weather, or intruder emergency situation
 - 2) Maintain our warm welcome to all persons at Grace Church
 - 3) Use Realm to include an emergency contact person
 - 4) Pastor Steve will have Realm add an emergency contact person & their phone number section to each persons contact
 - 5) In four Sundays, have a master list of all member's name, phone number and emergency contact
 - 6) Meeting with Ushers to explain new duties

- 7) 8:30 service, Michael O to talk to regular members to help observe during service
- 8) Always wear name tags to reinforce warm welcome
- 9) Chapel red doors- protect
 - Sharon will investigate options
- 10) Additional cameras for Church
 - Michael will research

H. Rectory Inspections & Next Steps- Don Siefkes

- 1) August 11, 2026 City Inspection for occupancy
- 2) Updates needed
 - a. Handrails
 - b. Exterior wood deck
 - c. Entrance ramp
 - d. Kitchen, laundry, basement plugs replaced
 - e. Electric panel properly labeled
 - f. Laundry room light fixed
 - g. Upper bathroom exhaust fan fixed or replaced
 - h. Boiler in basement needs permit and inspection
 - i. Shower fixtures in basement removed and capped

I. Building and Grounds Meeting Report

- 1) Hall ramp finished 75%- to be painted soon
- 2) Airworks replaced boiler pump and updated inspection of boiler for state boiler inspection
- 3) Hall & front doors- installed mid-Sept
- 4) Shelby Mechanical came out on 7-29-26 to test back flow- passed
- 5) B&G Liaison- Selia Tuten from Vestry
- 6) Next meeting 9-12-2026

J. Next Vestry Meeting

- 1) October 8, 2026, no meeting in September

K. No New Business

III. Prayer and Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Morgan☺