

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 18, 2026

Members Attending: Rev. Chris Micklewright, Christine Pickup, Matt Mahler, Carol Jenkins, Candy Roberts, Gabby Barbour, Cathy Ufheil, Seamus Stimpson

Members Excused: Jeanette Woehr, Wayne Dietrich, Angel Guido

Guests: Ann Brilliant

Joining on Zoom: Amy Grant (ex officio)

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION TO BE TAKEN / PERSON ASSIGNED
Opening Prayer & Scripture Reflection	1 Samuel 16: this passage tells us that the Lord does not look at his people with the same eyes as we do...we should look beyond outward appearances and seek to include people on the "margins" into our lives	Rev. Chris
<i>Vestry Organization, Norms, & By-Laws</i> <i>*By-Laws Change</i> <i>* Wardens, Secretary, Executive Council</i> <i>* DIOPA Delegates</i> <i>* Norms & Basics of Reports</i> <i>* Approval of Consent Agenda</i> <i>* Timeline for Vestry Elections & Annual Reports</i>	<p>*It was decided at the last Vestry meeting to drop the requirement for Confirmation in order to be a Vestry member, but timing requirements prevented the vote from being held in April.</p> <p>*Carol Jenkins was asked to remain Rector's Warden for a year and accepted. Candy Roberts was asked to remain Accounting Warden and accepted. Cathy Ufheil was asked to remain Secretary and accepted. Seamus Stimpson and Christine Pickup volunteered to fill out the required number for Executive Council.</p> <p>*Charles Moore & Rachel Armstrong will continue to be delegates to DIOPA Convention and Deanery. Seamus Stimpson will be the alternate delegate. It was noted that these terms are typically for two years.</p> <p>* Rev Chris reviewed norms and reports, to include: a Call for Agenda Items for Vestry Meeting will be sent via e mail 2 weeks before meeting. Agenda is available for additions/corrections on GoogleDocs. Vestry has a fiduciary responsibility which Finance Committee aids by reports from its monthly meeting. The Summary page of this report is a thumbnail sketch. A more detailed explanation of GDOS finances is also included in this report. It is important to make your voice heard in Vestry meetings even if it is not in sync with others as long as it is done in a respectful manner.</p>	<p>*Motion made, seconded and approved to drop Confirmation requirement for Vestry membership.</p> <p>*Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept all elections of Wardens and Executive Council.</p> <p>*Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept Consent Agenda.</p> <p>*It was decided to put deadlines for Vestry Nominations (starting March 1) & Annual Reports (last Sunday of April) on the Church Calendar. Rev. Chris will add to Church Calendar.</p>
Donor Gifts	It was noted that there is currently no process in place to acknowledge donations through Tithely. Gifts received in Plate Collection or mail are acknowledged by letter by the Parish Administrator. It was decided that donations of \$500 and above need formal recognition via a thank you letter & receipt.	<p>*Rev. Chris will coordinate with Jill & Christine McBride to formulate a process to acknowledge donors of \$500 or more coming through Tithely and perhaps standardize the letter so it can be used for Plate Collection, mail etc.</p> <p>*Christine Pickup will explore options for tracking and acknowledging in-kind donations and gifts.</p>
Property Updates & Issues <i>*Stormwater/PWD Project Update</i> <i>* Riverside Kitchen Floor Project Scheduled 6/15 -6/19</i> <i>*Rudman - Carpets Complete/Consider Cameras?</i> <i>*Lighting Update</i> <i>*HGDPC Historic Marker</i> <i>Memorial Trees Idea</i>	<p>*Bi-monthly meetings with Brandywine Engineers began with meeting on Tuesday May 19. Future meetings will be held every other Tuesday at 10 AM. One final permit for a "tie in" on Water St. is pending from L & I. Ground breaking should start June 8 or 15th. Entire project expected to take 6-8 weeks. We will receive Logistics Plan which will state full explanation of events including where equipment will be stored, where workmen will park, what is expected to be achieved on a weekly basis. Rev. Chris alerted YCCA that at some point children may have to be picked up at Water St. Gate as the parking lot will be unusable.</p> <p>*Noted that carpets in Rudman were cleaned.</p> <p>*Discussion: are interior cameras in Rudman advisable?</p> <p>*We received 3 estimates for Security Lighting for Riverside and Rudman. One estimate disregarded because of price. Lowest estimate from Jim & Sons needs to be revisited to remove a line item. Voting on whether to award to this vendor will take place via e mail when adjusted estimate is received.</p> <p>*HGDPC Historic Marker will be placed by the new entrance to GDOS.</p> <p>**"Family Tree" aka Memorial Tree Idea tabled because of time constraints.</p>	<p>*Consensus was no...to interior cameras in Rudman.</p> <p>*Motion made to accept HGDPC Historic Marker seconded and approved.</p>

Additional Agenda Item: Dottie Smith Headstone needs attention	Carol Jenkins noted that Dorothy Smith's headstone was in need of repair. Carol reminded us that Dottie Smith's bequest to GDOS was and is substantial and represents a large part of our annual income.	It was agreed to get estimates for fixing Dorothy Smith's headstone. Cathy will follow up.
Looking Ahead * <i>Mutual Ministry Review</i> * <i>Parish Vision Day</i> * <i>Lucia Musicians</i> * <i>Planning for Copier Replacement</i>	*Vestry to fill out form for Mutual Ministry Review in time for June Vestry Meeting; completed forms will be included in Vestry Packet for discussion at July meeting. *June 14 is Parish Vision Day. Kelly Mahler will work with Rev. Chris, Candy, Seamus, and Christine Pickup to set up agenda for the day. Picnic will be part of the day. *Rev. Chris reported that Kiersten is very happy with the arrangement to do rehearsals and work with children for Lucia. Rev. Chris reports that he needs to speak with Adam Haines to finalize his part in the Lucia services. *Our copier is becoming obsolete as parts are no longer being made. Candy advised against signing a lease as they are very restrictive and extremely difficult to get out of. We need to budget for a new copier in 2027.	
Lenape Collaboration Opportunities	Rev. Chris reported on his meeting with an elder in the Delaware River Tribe of the Lenape. Many remains of these indigenous people are displayed in museums. The Lenape would like to reclaim and bury these remains on their own land. Rev. Chris proposed the idea of deeding over some of our ground in the back yard of Rudman as a sacred resting place for the Lenape. Initial reactions were positive, and further discussion on this issue is planned. Rev. Chris noted that Pennsbury Manor, the home of William Penn has donated some of its land for this purpose. He also noted that the Lenape have an idea for a food truck and that he offered to let them park their truck in our parking lot.	
Diocesan Updates * <i>Budget Meeting Debrief</i> * <i>Deanery Virtual Missions Fair</i> * <i>Youth Service Trip</i>	*Budget Debrief tabled due to time constraints. *Deanery Virtual Missions Fair tabled due to time constraints. *Rev. Chris reported that the Youth Service Trip was fully funded as of last Sunday! Gifts may still be made to the students for pocket money on the trip.	
Communications * <i>Large Print Bulletins?</i> * <i>Who will report?</i>	Discussion re: large print BCP and Hymnals also Sunday Bulletin. Decision to investigate cost of Large print BCP and Hymnals.	*Christine Pickup will investigate cost of large Print BCPs and Hymnals and Matt Mahler will format the Sunday Bulletin to ADA standards for Large Print. *Matt will report to congregation during Sunday service.
Closing prayer		Rev. Chris
Respectfully submitted, Cathy Ufheil, Secretary		