

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY – TEMPE
Vestry Meeting, May 17, 2026, 12:17 p.m.

Present: Fr. Hunter Ruffin, Rector; Jan Wagner, Senior Warden; Jerry Adwell, Junior Warden; Pat Blackman; Floyce Chavez; Beth Hunt; Alex Mather-Charles; Barbara Peterson; Johnny Sullivan; Heidi Thomas; Aaron VanBriesen; Ann Neal, Treasurer; Andrea Stewart, Clerk.

Absent: Kathy Carney

Gathering:

Fr. Hunter invited Vestry members to share what was the heart of their week.

Consent Agenda:

Fr. Hunter shared his monthly report with the Vestry orally. The Rector's, Senior Warden's and Junior Warden's Reports, and April Vestry minutes were approved by consensus.

Discipleship and Mission:

- A proposal was made to extend the hours for the Sexton. The effort to maintain the church property is greater and takes more time with the increased use by outside groups. An appendix showing the financial effects was shared with the Vestry. Pat Blackman motioned to increase the Sexton's hours. Barbara Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Fr. Hunter and Jan Wagner presented a plan to apply for a grant from the Lilly Endowment, which primarily funds programs in community development, education, and religion. The grant, which would be proportioned over a five-year period, would support the development and formation of lay leaders who will guide communities of practice through retreats, spiritual direction, peer-supported gatherings, Rule of Life formation, and leadership training. Pat Blackman motioned to apply for the Lilly Endowment grant. Heidi Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Financial Report:

- Ann Neal, Parish Treasurer, emailed the financial reports to the Vestry. Ann announced that the new accounts with OneAZ Credit Union were opened. It will take a couple months to ensure all automatic payments and checks have cleared National Bank of Arizona before the remaining NBA accounts can be closed. Meanwhile, checks for the new account have been received, and deposits and payments through OneAZ will begin. Barbara Peterson motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Johnny Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Other Items Requiring Vestry Action:

There were no additional items requiring Vestry action.

New Business/Future Agenda Items:

Alex Mather-Charles mentioned that the Nursery Policies and Procedures would most likely need to be revised due to the change in title of the position of Director of Children and Youth Formation to Director of Intergenerational Formation.

Closing Prayer and Sending:

Fr. Hunter closed the meeting with prayer. Pat Blackman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Johnny Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Stewart, Clerk