

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY – TEMPE
Vestry Meeting, April 19, 2026, 12:20 p.m.

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

Gathering:

Fr. Hunter requested that a Vestry member read today's Gospel (Luke 24:13-35). He then invited Vestry members to share what stood out for them in the reading followed by a discussion of how Epiphany's vision statement related to the Gospel.

Consent Agenda:

Repair of the drywall in the nursery will be covered under the roof repair for which the deductible has been paid. Quotes for repair of the drywall in the church, parish hall, and Education building were obtained. With the many expenses Epiphany has incurred over the past couple of months, and the fact that the repair of the drywall is not an immediate necessity, the drywall repair will be addressed at a later time. The Rector's, Senior Warden's, and Junior Warden's Reports were approved by consensus.

Discipleship and Mission:

- The new website being designed by The Church Company should be available by the end of April or early May. Missional Marketing will then create the links to the website utilizing Goggle Ads. The \$200 per month cost will include maintenance and assessment of Epiphany's presence on the internet. Heidi Thomas motioned to engage Missional Marketing to provide the internet advertising services for a period of seven (7) months. Floyce Chavez seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- A proposal was received from Gracie Noel (dba Grace Avery Designs) to provide photographic services for events and ministries and maintain updates to the parish website. Kathy Carney motioned to accept the proposal for the next three (3) quarters. Pat Blackman seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- A resolution was presented to the Vestry to authorize the Rector, Wardens, and Treasurer, or any two of them acting jointly, to: (1) take all necessary steps to close all deposit and financial accounts currently held by Church of the Epiphany–Tempe at National Bank of Arizona; (2) open and maintain appropriate deposit and financial accounts in the name of Church of the Epiphany–Tempe at OneAZ Federal Credit Union; and (3) establish a corporate credit card account in the name of Church of the Epiphany–Tempe, to be used solely for legitimate parish business purposes. It was pointed out to the Vestry that this entire process will take several months to ensure all necessary accounts are initiated and no regular vendor accounts have been missed, which could create unnecessary

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expenditures. Barbara Peterson motioned to approve the resolution. Aaron VanBriesen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- Jan Wagner and Pat Blackman are on the Stewardship Committee for 2026. Barbara Peterson volunteered to join them. Two to three more parishioners are needed for the committee.
- Heidi Thomas, Beth Hunt, and Tara Temple are on the Parish Retreat Committee. Kathy Carney and Pat Blackman volunteered to join the committee. Five additional parishioners are needed for the committee. The tentative date for the retreat is November 6 through 8.

Financial Report:

- Ann Neal, Parish Treasurer, emailed the financial reports to the Vestry. Ann pointed out that new accounts were added to the financial statements for the roof loan, major improvements to the land and buildings, capital projects, and the interest on the roof loan. She also explained that the Unapplied Cash account at the bottom of the P&L statement represents payments made in the current period for expenses that occurred in the prior or future periods. Pat Blackman motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Barbara Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Other Items Requiring Vestry Action:

There were no additional items requiring Vestry action.

New Business/Future Agenda Items:

Aaron VanBriesen recommended that new Epiphany logo T-shirts be made available to members of the parish. Fr. Hunter suggested waiting until the end of summer/early fall to offer them when seasonal members would be returning. The suggestion was also made to keep a supply of T-shirts on hand in assorted sizes to offer to newcomers and for special occasions.

Closing Prayer and Sending:

Fr. Hunter closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Stewart, Clerk