

May 19, 2026 Vestry Meeting

The Vestry convened on-line on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 7:30 a.m., Fr. Mark presiding. Members attending: Mr. Ruf, Senior Warden, Mr. Feagles, Junior Warden, Ms. Byam, Ms. Davis, Ms. Hurdle, Mr. Tester, Mr. Todd, and Ms. Warren. Also attending: Mr. Steve Sturgeon, Mr. Widmann, and Mr. Smith.

Invocation

Fr. Mark offered an invocation.

Devotion

Ms. Hurdle led the Bible Study on a passage from the Book of Hebrews 10:23-25: "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near." Ms. Hurdle then discussed the importance of Christian community and the struggle against sin.

Organ Renovation

Mr. Widmann, church organist, updated the Vestry on the organ's condition and improvements the organ requires going forward. He said the Whitesel Organ company provided the organ with a new digital console, new relay switches, and added digital stops. our blower was rebuilt later, when our old one failed, having nothing to do with the renovation/additions.

But most of the organ's components that are part of its 1979 construction including the original pipes. This estimate provides for new pipes, replacing our 16' pedal reed (44 pipes) and our 16' Swell division Fagotto/Oboe (73 pipes) and the 8 and 16 octave ranks, and swell manual components at the 64 and 9 stops (73 stops in total). While several parts of the organ will need work in the coming years, these two pipe ranks are the worst currently.

Replacing the reed division will be the most expensive project - estimated by Whitesel to cost between \$105,540 to repair the current division and \$109,970 to rebuild it. These two sets of pipes are not currently in use, and are being covered by digital stops as a temporary measure. Other divisions will eventually need new pipes, the cleaning of existing pipes and digital re-voicing.

The leather chests that provide the air that passes through the instrument have also been repaired multiple times, and may eventually fail, which would make the pipe portions of the instrument inoperable. Fortunately, the recent improvements that included digital back-ups provide redundancy for these important components.

He also recommended replacing the louvers in front of the organ pipes with a white cloth to allow a better air flow that improves the sound quality and provides better regulation of the humidity levels.

The Vestry asked many questions about these needs for the instrument, and asked Mr. Widmann to obtain a fuller set of bids for all the parts of the organ repair as well as the replacement of the louvers with a hanging cloth. He promised to follow up with Whitesel to price out the other parts of the organ renovation and to work with Ken Hurdle on a bid for removing the louvers and replacing them with cloth.

Because of the pending costs of the final stage of the HVAC project and the very small remaining balance in the Organ Fund (\$10,493), there was no consensus among the Vestry members to move forward with approval of Whitesel's bids for the reed division replacement. Fr. Mark and the Wardens had previously discerned that this would not be a good time to launch an appeal for this project.

Consent Agenda

The Vestry made several minor edits to the draft April 2026 meeting minutes.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Mr. Ruf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tester, to approve the items in the consent agenda, including the edits to the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Parish Hall Flooring

Distinctive Flooring has replaced the LVP flooring that was installed last year after there were repeated attempts to correct the flooring that was warping and buckling. The new flooring is entirely glued to the floor at no cost to the church.

Executive Session

Motion to Move to Executive Session

Mr. Feagles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruf, to go into executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

Fr. Mark and the Vestry concluded their discussion during the Executive Session.

Motion to Leave the Executive Session

Ms. Warren made a motion, seconded by Ms. Byam, to close the executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

June Vestry Meeting Cancellation

Fr. Mark will be away during the regular date for the June Vestry Meeting and asked that it be cancelled.

Motion to Cancel the June Vestry Meeting

Ms. Warren made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruf to cancel the June vestry meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Mr. Tester, church treasurer, said the church's revenues continue to track as expected with expenses in line as anticipated; however, expenses for the church's buildings and grounds and the handyman were higher than expected. Georgetown Hill Early School (GHES) has not submitted its rent payments. Still, the church's monthly revenues are \$9,000 ahead of budgeting this month with the church's overall revenues \$66,000 above the budget forecast.

Motion to Approve the Financial Report

Ms. Hurdle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Todd, to approve the financial report. The motion carried unanimously.

Georgetown Hill Early School (GHES) Proposals

GHES has not submitted its playground renovation proposals for the church's consideration. GHES has asked the church to allow it to install a garden with an "outdoor kitchen" as a memorial to the school's founder. The garden would be located behind the church adjacent to the Glenolden House property. When the proposals for the Outdoor Kitchen are finalized, they will be forwarded for approval by the Vestry.

Church Campus Usage Notice

Ms. Steyn, parish administrator, said GHES has installed a notice that the church and GHES's grounds are closed after dark. This follows recent activities on the basketball court past sunset.

Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruf, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Fr. Mark led the Vestry in the closing prayer:

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this day and night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Smith
Clerk