

The Episcopal Parish Church of Saint Michael & All Angels

3233 Pacific View Drive
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The Rev'd Dr. Shane Scott-Hamblen, Presiding Officer

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting September 10, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Rev'd Dr. Shane Scott-Hamblen
Pat Albers
Senior Warden - Mark Peterson
Cathy Dunlap
Susan Brown
Tom Nicholson
Jim Headley
Ali Haghjoo
Jamie Mead

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brian Robinson
Junior Warden – Jill Draffin
Elizabeth Henry
Clerk – Steve Gribben

Mark Peterson took the minutes of the meeting.

1. Opening

1.1. Prayer by Shane Scott-Hamblen opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

1.2. June 2025 Vestry Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

2. Rector's Report

2.1. **Bishop Search.** Father Shane reported that a slate of three final candidates for Bishop would be announced soon.

2.2. **Brooke Pauley.** Brooke Pauley is at St. Andrews, Irvine, until May 2026, then will be briefly back at St. Michael's, then probably off to Seminary.

2.3. **Lukas Hasler.** Lukas reports to Father Shane that he estimates that he will be with St. Michael's as choirmaster until May, 2027, and possibly May, 2028.

2.4. **TikTok.** A specialist in TikTok has offered to make 10 pieces for distribution to Lukas Hasler's followers for one \$500 payment.

2.5. **Timpani.** Lukas would like for us to buy timpani.

Internet note: "Timpani are a set of tuned percussion kettledrums that produce a melodic, ringing tone by striking a stretched membrane, or head, with mallets. A pedal mechanism allows the performer to adjust the tension on the head, changing the pitch to create melodies or provide harmonic support. Modern timpani sets typically include four drums of varying sizes, from largest to smallest, allowing for a wide range of notes to be played."

It would cost approximately \$3,000. This will be considered later.

2.6. **Secretarial Support.** Father Shane asked that we increase the hours for office manager / bookkeeper Maile Jansen from two to four mornings a week. This will provide us with staffed office hours of Monday through Thursday mornings. A motion was made to fund this and passed unanimously.

2.7. **Improved Phones.** The phones are old and are not functioning adequately. Tom Nicholson will engage Katie Nicholson to look into this. Jill Draffin will participate. They will reach out to Mike Battin to assist as well.

2.8. **Upcoming Events.** Father Shane summarized upcoming events: Sept. 28: "Michaelmas" Patronal Festival; Oct. 5: the Blessing of the Animals; Oct. 12, 3:00 p.m.: Baroque Music Festival, "Coloring with Corelli," a musical event aimed at children; Nov. 7-8, Diocesan Convention / Election; Nov. 9: All Souls Requiem (Faure).

2.9. **Girls' Choir:** We are joining the Royal School of Church Music, with an eye toward establishing a Girls' Choir.

3. **Real Estate Report.** Tom Nicholson reported that today the Church uploaded "bare minimum" plans for the contemplated apartment development. This preserves the Church's right to develop on the excess parking lot parcel. This plan may be amended to sell the parcel for development of townhomes instead of apartments. Tom, Jamie Mead, and Mark Peterson provided an update on the state of negotiations, including that we are looking for a \$1 million upfront payment.
4. **Assistant Treasurer's Report.** Pat discussed the financial statements, including areas where we are over budget. Treasurer Stacie Tibbets requested approval to reinvest a CD of \$134,720 into another for 5 months, at 3.9% at Chase Bank. A motion was made and passed unanimously to do that.
5. **Senior Warden / Junior Warden.** Mark, the Senior Warden, had no report. Jill, the Junior Warden, was absent. In writing, she reported that there was some conflict between our tenant school Seashore Academy and nearby school Harbor Day School in the use of our parking lot. It is being negotiated between the parties.

6. **Building and Grounds.** Brian was absent. There is no report.
7. **Jim Headley / Growth and Membership.**
 - 7.1. **Marketing Plan.** Jim noted that we need to figure out our marketing action plan going forward. He also said that we need to answer certain fundamental questions before we attempt to execute that plan. He said that the number of volunteers we have may make it impractical to do everything in the plan, so we may need to pick items and pursue just those.
 - 7.2. **Electronic Sign.** Jim also discussed buying and installing an electronic digital sign to co-exist with our current monument sign. He estimated that this would cost approximately \$15,000--\$20,000. Different points of view were expressed about the possibility of an electronic sign. The issue will be discussed further in the future.
 - 7.3. **Mass Mailing.** Given the number of upcoming events, Jim suggested and he prepared a proposed mass mailing letter and enclosed summary to promote them. (This was done shortly after the meeting.)
8. **Communications.** Susan discussed upcoming events and ways to advertise them.
9. **Education.** Ali reported.
10. **Hospitality.** Elizabeth was absent.
11. **Stewardship.** Cathy summarized her written report.
12. **Other Business.** Altar Guild is down to one person. We need new volunteers.
13. **Next Meeting.** The next meeting is October 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.