

The Episcopal Parish Church of Saint Michael & All Angels

3233 Pacific View Drive
Corona del Mar, CA 92625

The Rev'd Dr. Shane Scott-Hamblen, Presiding Officer

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting January 14, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Rev'd Dr. Shane Scott-Hamblen
Clerk – Steve Gribben
Mark Peterson
Susan Brown
Elizabeth Henry
Ali Haghjoo
Brian Robinson
Cathy Dunlap
Jim Headley

Jill Draffin
Pat Albers

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tom Nicholson
Jamie Mead

1. Opening

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

1.2 December 2025 Vestry Minutes approved by unanimous vote with one minor edit requested.

2. Rector's Report

2.1 **Thank yous.** Father Shane gave thanks for support for Christmas Events:

2.2 **Reports to Maile.** Father Shane reminded Vestry to turn in reports to Maile, as well as him.

2.3 **Damage to Church.** Ali noted that children from the tenant school have been disrupting electronics in the church. Father Shane provided video and it was determined to be preschool children. Jill said she would reach out to let the preschool know.

3. Assistant Treasurer's Report

3.1 Renewal of CD. Pat stated that the existing CD has been renewed.

3.2 Music Budget. Pat noted that there is a substantive increase in the 2026 music budget over the prior year. Much of the cost will be going towards guest musicians for events. She stated that this increase is likely important if part of the church's plan for growth is to attract new parishioners with music.

3.3 Notes on Deficit. Pat noted that she received a message from one of our parishioners that we are going to run through our reserves quickly if we continue to operate with our current deficit. The partitioner stated that we would end up with \$72,000 left in reserves by the end of 2026 if we continue to spend at the current levels. The Vestry discussed this issue and concluded that, while there is still uncertainty surrounding the level of financial gain that could come from the current real estate project (or any similar type of real estate project in the future, should the current one fail), the church must continue to make an effort to invest in its future.

3.4 2025 Budget Report. Motion made to accept the budget report for year end 2025. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

3.5 2026 Budget Report. Motion made to (1) reallocate \$10,000 from the 2026 real estate budget to Girls Choir budget, and (2) further reduce the real estate budget by an \$40,000. 2026 Motion seconded and passed unamously.

4. Senior Warden.

a. **No report for this week.**

5. Junior Warden Report (Report provided)

5.1 Upcoming Vestry Changes. Doug Neff to be nominated as Treasurer. Jill to be nominated as Senior Warden. Ali to be nominated as Junior Warden. Mary Bailey also to be nominated to the Vestry.

Motion made to accept the slate of candidates and positions noted above. Motioned seconded and unanimously approved.

5.2 Pat's Vestry Term. Pat agreed to remain on the Vestry for the next year.

5.1 Real Estate Taxes. Jill noted we are still awaiting further information on our request for a review of our exemption as a religious organizaiton.

5.2 Amdnemet to Bylaws. An amendment to the Vestry election process was presented.

Motion made to accept the bylaw amendment for the Vestry election process. (See Amendment attached). Motion passed unanimously.

6. Building and Grounds

6.1 Altar Handrails. Brian and Father Shane noted that handrails leading up to the altar have been purchased and a handyman has been contracted to put them in.

7. Communications.

7.1 Scheduling. Susan noted that Lucas might double check scheduling against potential conflicts with major sporting events.

7.1 Concert Promotion. We are continuing to promote upcoming concerts, the biggest of which will be the Mozart Requiem concert in March.

8. Education (Report provided)

8.1 Godly Play. Children in attendance have doubled to four.

8.2 Admin. Father Shane noted that Maile can be leaned on for some administrative support related to education. This includes reporting responsibilities to the Diocese.

8.3 Sunday Conversations. This has now ended. Ali noted that he is planning to create another monthly discussion series after service, potentially starting in February.

9. Jim Headley / Growth and Membership

9.1 Sign. Jim noted the open issue of the sign, but acknowledged that spending on this will be dependent on the outcome of the Real Estate Project.

9.2 Marketing. Father Shane noted that he is still working on engaging an Instagram consultant internally.

10. Hospitality

10.1 Post Concert Food. Elizabeth discussed possible food options for concert events.

10.2 Burnout. Elizabeth noted that the hospitality team has been working really hard and she wants to be careful not to over-burden the group. Potentially, she stated that this would mean engaging

additional people for specific events.

11. Mission Outreach

11.1 Alternative Gift Fair. Ali noted that over \$3,500 was raised in total.

11.2 Donations to Adopted Family and Moms OC. Ali noted that we raised over \$2,400 for our adopted family. And we also donated \$500 in bus passes to Moms OC.

11.3 Wifi. Ali noted that Mike Batten assisted Ali with boosting the Wifi link between the two church buildings.

11.4 Advent Livestream. Ali noted that the event achieved 122 views.

12. Real Estate Project. No updates for today.

13. Stewardship (Report provided)

a. **So far 51 Pledges. 7 brand new pledges.**

Other Business:

- Jim and other members of the Vestry asked whether we should be listing amounts that people are pledging in our general report.
- Steve proposed possibly having a tiered system where we show how many people are giving at different levels.
- Pat raised the idea of having an outreach to visit people who are not able to come to church for health reasons.

Annual General Meeting confirmed for February 8th after service.

Next Vestry meeting scheduled for February 11, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned.