

**Episcopal Church of the Advent
Vestry Meeting Minutes - June 15, 2025**

Fr. A. Leonard opened the meeting with prayer at 12:02 pm.

Attendance:

Present were Angela Gloria, Dave Hammond, Pam Kelly, Fr. Alan Leonard, Joanne Morrison, Karann Murphy, Joel Rutenberg, and Deacon Charlene Snyder. Also present was Sherrie Maahs, Treasurer.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the amended Vestry minutes of the May 18, 2025 made by Joel Rutenberg and seconded by Pam Kelly. Motion approved by the Vestry.

Treasurer's Report:

Sherrie Maahs reviewed the financial figures as of May 2025. She indicated that income since the last meeting has been reduced as expected in the summer months. Semi-annual pledge statements will be sent to parishioners at the end of June. She also mentioned a special Vestry meeting to be held on June 24 at 7 pm during which the Finance Committee will present the projected financial situation of the church to the Vestry. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report pending audit made by Joanne Morrison and seconded by Dave Hammond. Approved by the Vestry

Warden's Reports deferred due to travel.

Rector's Report:

Fr. Alan Leonard mentioned attendance by summer visitors, the choir summer break, and the summer hiatus of the weekly Monday night Bible Study Group after completion of Romans. He also indicated that there will be a course about the Book of Common Prayer sometime in the fall and that Deacon Charlene Snyder will resume the Bible Study Group for Women with the title of "Whispers of Mary".

Old Business:

1. Fr. Alan Leonard mentioned the installation of a new state-of-the-art alarm system, prompted by a lightning strike incident, Insurance has paid for 70% of the cost so far.
2. Joel Rutenberg discussed new stewardship initiatives from The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS). The recommended theme this year will be "Tell Out My Soul". Some stewardship initiatives will begin earlier than usual in July.
3. A Juneteenth Independence Day pilgrimage by van will be held on the holiday to several relevant historical sites.
4. An "All Are Welcome" sign has been placed at the church entrance. Alice Vasser encouraged high school students to submit designs for the sign and one student's creation was chosen.
5. Fr. Alan Leonard discussed the book "Invite, Welcome, Connect" which defines a program to enhance recruitment and retention of new church members as an Episcopal Church initiative. Ten copies will be ordered to loan to members of the Vestry and the Evangelism

Committee for review and possible implementation of the recommendations including additional training for ushers and greeters and holding enhanced coffee hours.

New Business:

Fr. Alan Leonard reminded Vestry members of the special Vestry meeting mentioned above.. The usual Vestry meeting for August will likely be cancelled depending upon need,

Other Committee Reports: None

Next Vestry Meeting - July 20, 2025

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Joel Rutenberg and seconded by Pam Kelly.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Joel Rutenberg
Clerk of the Vestry**