

**Episcopal Church of the Advent
Vestry Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2026**

The meeting commenced with a prayer led by Fr. Alan Leonard at 12:12 pm.

Attendance:

Present: Fr. Alan Leonard, Anna DeForest, Angela Gloria, Carol Obligado, Joanne Morrison (Jr Warden), Larry Morier, Sara Ginder (Clerk), Sherri Maahs (Treasurer), Richard Hudson (Sr Warden), Dianne DePietro, Pam Kelly, Karann Murphy.

Absent: Tom Crane.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for February 21, 2026 were unavailable.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report for January 2026 was formally reviewed. Larry Morier moved to approve the January 2026 Treasurer's report, and Angela Gloria seconded. The vestry approved the motion.

The Treasurer's report for February 2026 was formally reviewed. Joanne Morrison moved to approve the February 2026 Treasurer's report, and Richard Hudson seconded. The vestry approved the motion.

Larry Morier suggested presenting the balance sheet each quarter, with significant financial changes reviewed monthly by the Vestry board. The vestry agreed with this recommendation.

Rector's Report:

Fr. Alan reported no new discussion topics.

Sr. and Jr. Warden's Reports:

Richard Hudson and Joanne Morrison reported no new topics for discussion.

Old Business:

1. Invite Welcome Connect

All vestry board members have now received copies of this book.

2. Social media and website

The church's social media post about ringing the bell for Cape May has received positive feedback.

3. Tom Crawford, music director

The vestry is awaiting additional information to facilitate further discussions concerning the continuation of the contract with Church of the Advent.

New Business:

1. MAC Offer to store a Steinway model A grand piano at Advent indefinitely

Larry Morier motioned to approve storing the Steinway model A grand piano at Church of the Advent indefinitely, and Joanne Morrison seconded the motion. The vestry approved the motion.

2. Disposal of current grand piano

The donors have no preference for the piano's storage. The piano will be transferred to Duffy piano movers. Larry Morier motioned to approve the disposal plan and Joanne Morrison seconded the motion. The vestry approved the motion.

3. Holy Week and Easter

No topics for discussion

Additional Committee Reports:

The Security Committee is looking for new members to join.

Many thanks to Carol Obligado for organizing a fantastic farewell event for Sharon Werth.

Calendar Review

There were no significant comments during the Calendar review. A possible date and venue for the July parish picnic were identified.

With no further topics to address, Carol Obligado moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:02 pm, and Richard seconded the motion. The vestry approved the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sara Ginder
Clerk of the Vestry**