

Church of the Advent Vestry Minutes
August 16, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 am with a prayer by Fr. Alan.

Attendance:

Present were Diane DePietro, Angela Gloria, Pam Kelly, Richard Hudson, Fr. Alan Leonard, Larry Morier, Joanne Morrison, Karann Murphy, Carol Obligado, Joel Rutenberg, and Charlene Snyder. Absent were Tom Crane and Anna DeForest. Lew Price (Finance Committee Chairperson) was present as a guest.

Minutes:

Motion for approval of the June 21, 2026 Vestry Minutes was made by Pam and seconded by Carol. Motion approved unanimously.

Finance Committee Report:

Lew discussed several aspects of the July 2026 Vestry Treasurer's Report prepared by Sherrie Maahs. He noted that pledges have kept up in July, but that three pledge units have left the church. A donation from ECM of \$2500 is not reflected yet in the July figures. Lew again noted that the non-restricted general fund balance is low and that we have borrowed from the restricted fund lines in the past, but this is not sustainable in the long term. Expenses have increased this year yielding an increased budget deficit of \$32,000 to date. Finally, he said that the funding goal for church painting has been exceeded and the surplus will be placed in the Replacement Fund. Motion to accept the report made by Larry Morier and seconded by Joanne Morrison. Approved by the Vestry.

Rector's Report:

Fr. Alan indicated we may have a permanent organist in September. In addition, money was saved over the summer because of the reduced church music needs with only the 9 am service.

Deacon's Report:

Deacon Charlene noted that the pastoral care team has been doing 2-3 visits every Wednesday.

Senior Warden's Report:

Richard presented a list of ideas to reduce church expenses which will be discussed at a special meeting on Saturday August 22 at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall.

Junior Warden's Report: Joanne had nothing new to report today.

Old Business:

1. Church exterior painting will be done 9/21-10/16 in a manner that should not disrupt daily operations.
2. The Sunday worship schedule with two services will resume 8/30.

New Business:

1. The annual Audit Committee will be formed with Joanne Morrison in the lead.
2. There will be no Sunday School this year due to the departure of Meredith Markley.
3. A stewardship dinner is being planned for a Friday evening in October. Last year's dinner was well attended. Fr. Alan will send an email to involved persons to plan a date.
4. Pam and Deacon Charlene volunteered to be on the Stewardship Committee with Fr. Alan and Joel.

Committee Reports: None

Next Vestry Meeting: September 20

Joel made a motion for adjournment and this was seconded by Pam. Motion approved by the Vestry members. Respectfully submitted,

Joel Rutenberg, Clerk of the Vestry