



St. Andrew's Vestry Meeting

Approved Minutes

August 18, 2026, 7:30 – 8:00

College Club Boathouse

11 E Allison St, Seattle, WA 98102

Vestry members

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Dan Catchpole	David Blindheim	Cathy Austin
Will Lewis	Vikki Day	Ace Bennett - absent
Lily Nichols	Diane Santiago - absent	Mark Chubb
Cheri Peele (Senior Warden)	Charles Stahl (Junior Warden)	Joanne Fraser

Rector: Kendall Haynes

Clerk: Julia Selkie - absent

Guests: Jessica Thompson

Minutes by Cheri Peele.

Cheri Peele called the meeting to order at 7:30. Lily Nichols offered the opening prayer.

July 21, 2026 draft minutes

Vikki Day moved that the draft minutes be accepted with minor copy edits. Charles Stahl seconded. The motion carried.

General Fund Budget Performance and Special Funds reports for July 2026

Written report from Kevin Deffinbaugh:

Related attachments: July 2026 Profit & Loss General Fund Collapsed Budget Performance, July 2026 Profit & Loss General Fund Budget Performance, July 2026 Special Fund Report

Income beat budget expectations by \$13,356, largely driven by Pledge payments arriving earlier than anticipated, and Fundraising, Rental House Income and Guest Group Receipts beating their targets. The shortfall of Non-pledge receipts has grown in July by an additional \$2,000 or a year-to-date total shortfall of \$3,412, and we will need to continue to monitor this for a trend.

Expenses also came in under budget, mostly due to utility and admin costs lower than expected. Outreach continues to be over budget by \$1,651 year to date, but is largely covered with the transfer in from Feeding Ministries Special Fund which currently has a balance of \$5,833.73.

Year-to-date net income is about \$42,584, roughly \$24,500 better than anticipated.

Discussion followed. Charles, Kendall, and Gretchen will soon meet to debrief from the College for Congregational Development. As part of that conversation, as well as in follow up, we will look at other ways to raise funding for feeding ministries, where costs have risen.

Dan Catchpole moved that the draft July financial statements be approved. Lily Nichols seconded. The motion carried.

St. Andrew's Day/Kick-off Sunday/Ministry Fair, September 13, 2026

The Kick-off Potluck and Ministry Fair are projects of the Vestry.

Set-up team, 9/12:

- Cheri
- David
- Lily
- Will

Kick-off lunch, 9/13:

- Hamburgers, veggie burgers, and hot dogs provided and grilled by Mark and Dan
- Alphabet potluck for sides, salads, desserts, and drinks

Clean up team, 9/13

- Cathy
- Charles
- Cheri
- Dan
- Joanne
- Will

Discussion ensued on which traditions to revive and possible new activities.

Draft 2027 Budget

Fr. Kendall shared that a budget team has been formed consisting of David Blindheim, Alyson Stage, Jessica Thompsom (observing), and Kendall Haynes. The group will meet in the coming month.

Pledge Drive 2027

Charles Stahl shared that the Pledge Drive Committee will consist of Alan Coburn, Gail Coburn, Will Lewis, and Charles Stahl. Others have been contacted for participation; we are waiting to hear back.

South staircase replacement, written report by Cheri Peele, based on notes from John Ginn

The south staircase will be replaced in early - mid September. A cost estimate was obtained for a concrete stair and landings in lieu of wood to provide more permanent construction not subject to weathering, warping, etc. The cost exceeded the allowance provided by the Vestry, but a generous anonymous church member has offered to make up the difference.

Other projects:

Work is ongoing for the following projects, with no update this month:

- By-law review
- Accessibility improvements
- Active shooter/political disturbance protocol
- Natural disaster protocol
- Personnel Committee

Important upcoming dates

9/13 St. Andrew's Day
9/25 Draft budget due
9/28 Pledge cards mailed
10/4 Pledge drive 2027 begins

The closing prayer was offered by Jessica Thompson. Cheri Peele adjourned the meeting at 8:22.