



Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Time: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Location: Conference Room of St. Luke's

Attendees: Fr. Marc McDonald, Senior Warden Dave White, Junior Warden Rich Leon, Bookkeeper Cheryl Erpelding, Betty Doherty, Brenda Schwartz, Gary Nick, Leigh Hunt, Steven Dear and Acting Clerk: Deborah Baci

Absent: Dave Malmquist, Lauree Birchmeier, Leanne Bryan, Vaughna Henry

I. **Called to order at 5:01 PM, Quorum confirmed, June Agenda Approved** **Dave White**

II. **Moment of Inspiration:** **Fr. Marc McDonald**

III. **Opening Prayer Offered By:** **Rich Leon**

IV. **Consent Agenda** **Dave White**

A. Minutes of May 26, 2026 Meeting and commission reports

Commission reports received from the Worship and Outreach commissions.
No additions, changes or questions on the minutes or the commission reports

Motion made to approve the Minutes from May 26, 2026

Motioned: Brenda Schwartz

Seconded: Steven Dear

Motion approved unanimously

V. **Treasurer's Report** **Cheryl Erpelding**

Cheryl: Our Account Balances are: Bank Accounts - \$69K; Fidelity - \$115,581; and Vanguard is at \$663K

We have 2 payments due to the Diocese awaiting their OK after they review the reports from April - \$7,526.33 and May - \$6,932.20

VI. **Junior Warden's Report** **Rich Leon**

A. Accordion Wall

JWK, the contractor, repaired the accordion wall and performed a basic maintenance. The Invoice was as agreed at \$1,125.00. This money was taken from the gift we received in 2025 to address and the balance was designated for the lawn and the Labyrinth.

B. Parish Front Door Repair

The door has been repaired and we hope it will be working for a while.

C. Labyrinth

Creation Care is wanting to build a Labyrinth near the church. Two spots were tentatively designated for this; one won't work due to a utility easement; the other is the one on the left side of the parking lot as we drive in, near the Food Pantry area. The Commission determined that the "parking lot" is the best option. Resources from the accordion wall will be designated towards this.

The parking lot site is in direct sunlight and Rich is working on how we can shade this area, as this is a concern. We are also planting trees, however they'll take years to grow and provide shade. No matter where we put it on the property, shade would need to be provided. We also want to look into benches, ways to ensure privacy, trellises with vines and possibly a pergola and a dirt berm to help with the noise from the road.

With summer vacations, the Creation Care Commission (CCC) has not discussed the various options. The Vestry will ask the CCC to paint or mark out where this will be to determine how much of our parking lot will be used. We don't necessarily want to limit parking.

D. Front Lawn

- We contacted 4 companies and received 2 quotes. We hired Mike Settel with Professional Landscape for \$9,100. This will be paid for through a donation. The front lawn will be dethatched and reseeded after new irrigation is installed. This will include a larger manifold, additional irrigation heads and divided into two different systems for watering. One half will be watered at a time to eliminate dry spots, and we don't have to increase the amount of water. After the work is completed, the lawn will look better in about 3-4 weeks.
- We also received a donation of a battery operated lawn mower.

E. Quotes for Sun Screens and Office Front Door Window Film replacement

The quotes are under \$1K, and we don't need action from the vestry. This will come out of the building and grounds.

A. Resignation of Memorial Reception Coordinator

Fellowship is ready to take over the Memorial Reception duties and Dave White is working with them to update the policy. We will have this completed by the first memorial service on 8/1.

Brenda offered to help facilitate as part of Pastoral Care. She suggested we have someone in place to work with the family, greeting them at the church, letting them know where to go, details on what's happening, a Memorial Coordinator position comes to mind.

B. Website

We will keep our domain name of slecp.org with Square Space or whoever we choose. We will find out what we are paying for our Domain Name and Hosting on a monthly basis. We will reach out to the churches that are using Square Space to see what package they are using and any "best practices" and/or roadblocks.

VIII. NEW Business**A. July Vestry Meeting?**

Do we want to meet in July? Rich will be out of town and Fr. Marc will be just back from vacation on the scheduled date. We can reach out through email if something urgent comes up and needs to be voted on.

Motion made to cancel the Vestry Meeting in July and resume in August.

Motioned: Leigh Hunt

Seconded: Betty Doherty

Motion approved unanimously

B. Hope Fest Consideration

Hope Fest brings together local businesses and area service organizations for the Hope Serves Family Resource Fair, including the Fun Zone, music, speakers, and the Car & Bike Show. The result is a dynamic advocacy network that serves with love, compassion and care.

Hope Fest AZ has grown by connecting solutions so families can thrive, thanks to the many friends and service organizations that have participated over these past 14 years.

While we have not participated in Hope Fest in the last 3 years that Fr. Marc has been the Rector, there are a few churches that participate.

The cost is \$200., for a booth and another \$200 for the booth set-up, which the festival will do at our booth. This includes a table, 2 chairs and a canopy. All we need to do is bring our marketing materials.

We will reach out to Lauree Birchmeier from the Membership Committee and Mary Hallford from the Outreach Commission to see if they might be interested in taking this on.

IX. Oral Reports from the Commissions

Fellowship Commission

- Gary and Lyneal Nick went to Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Prescott Valley for the Pride Service. It was great to see the community gather for this.
- They also went to the AZ Diocese for their Pride Celebration. He gave testimonial about the service and how impactful it was. They showed the "Sanctuary" Documentary, it's the gay and trans story within the church. Gary and Lyneal would like to show this documentary to our congregation. This documentary might be available on Prime.
- On Sunday, July 19th, Gary would like to have a display with materials on the LGBTQUA+ community during the coffee hour after the 10 AM Mass. He is also interested in doing the coin show on November 1st.
- December 1st, has been designated as International / World AIDS Day. This disease remains a catastrophic disease in third world countries. Gary would like to bring out the AIDS quilt. This will bring awareness to the situation affecting families and especially children in Africa who lost both parents to AIDS. Maybe this can be an opportunity for people to give to this cause.
- Gary suggested that we organize a field trip to the Diocese at some point. The building and ground are impressive and they have many historical pictures.

No reports from the other commissions at this time.

X. Announcements / Upcoming Events

- Aug 5 Healing Services begin again
 - Aug 9 Christian Education Starts up again!
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XI. Closing Prayer offered by:

Fr. Marc McDonald

XII. Motion made to adjourn the meeting 6:24 PM

Motioned: Dave White

Seconded: Brenda Schwartz

Motion approved unanimously