

**Vestry Minutes**  
**The Church of St. Michael and St. George**  
**6345 Wydown Blvd., Clayton MO 63105**

**Thursday 3/26/26**

**Vestry Members in Attendance:** Joe Sheehan, Bill Jenkins, Rachel Martens, Matt Aplington, Lindsey Stokes, Rixey Ruffin, Selby Grapel, Abby Castle Miller, Peter Smith (remote), Will Springer, Stephen Eisle, Diane Duncan, Gail Patterson, Frankie Eichenberger (remote), David Ott

**Clergy:** The Rev. Andrew Archie, The Rev. Peter Speropulos, The Rev. Tom Albinson

**Staff & Guests:** Alexis Posnanski, Sonya York, Chad Templin

The meeting convened promptly at 6:00 p.m.

### **PROCEEDINGS**

Fr. Albinson led a prayer for God's wisdom and guidance of the Vestry.

#### **Sponsorship of Chad Templin Candidacy for Priesthood**

- Chad is halfway through a four-year program of study for ministry. Vestry approval of the candidacy was memorialized by unanimous written consent, circulated separately.

#### **Stewardship Report (Alexis Posnanski)**

- We have received 318 pledges for almost \$1.8M so far, with additional pledges still coming in ahead of the May 1 deadline.
- We have \$250,000 in hand of the match, with a matching gift challenge deadline of May 1, 2026.

#### **Treasurer's Report (Alexis Posnanski)**

- Report is not ready, but we will have numbers for the full first quarter at the next Vestry meeting.
- We remain in a good position financially.

#### **Jr. Warden Report (Frankie Eichenberger)**

- We will not be changing the tile on the high altar due to the thickness of the tile (7 inches). However, the tile and surrounding wood will be restored and beautified.

#### **Clergy Report (Peter & Tom)**

- We have started the Theology on Tap program, led by Jesse Lee (M.Div Post-Doc). This has been attended by many young families. This program is designed for members in their 20's and 30's (and beyond), and is geared toward the strategic plan priority of connection.
- Youth Group is growing with many members bringing their friends.

- Peter discussed the results of a study on growing Episcopal churches. Common characteristics of these parishes included: support of women ordination, coffee hour, seminary-trained resident clergy, LGBTQ support, scripture read in meetings, evangelism from the pulpit, no publication of individual pledge amounts, offers rite of reconciliation, visitor follow up within a week, livestream availability, expects Vestry members to believe in the Creed, has a mission statement, full time Rector, the Rector is an Episcopal convert.
- Tom reminded the group of the outreach ministry fundraiser luau on Sunday, May 31

#### **Senior Warden Report (Joe Sheehan)**

- Planning work has begun to implement the Strategic Plan. Sonya and Joe will review the seven priority areas at the next Vestry meeting to solicit interest to lead the committees tasked with implementation, in conjunction with Staff. The committees will include representation from parishioners and members of the Strategic Planning Committee.
- Joe reminded the group of Andrew's send-off party to be held on April 11 at the St. Louis Club. Joe reiterated his thanks for Andrew's tenure and the excellent leadership he has provided the congregation. Andrew discussed the strengths of CSMSG—traditional liturgy, an excellent music program, and openness to all.

#### **Rector's Report (Rev. Archie)**

- Andrew has attended over 400 Vestry meetings, including more than 250 at CSMSG, but this will be the last Vestry meeting of his career.
- Andrew expressed his gratitude for the opportunities at CSMSG, for the Vestry, and for the congregation.

#### **Approval of November Vestry Minutes**

- The minutes of the last regular Vestry meeting in November 20, 2025 were reviewed, moved, approved and accepted unanimously, with two minor corrections.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Vestry then convened in Executive Session at approximately 6:30 p.m. Staff and Clergy left the meeting.

Vestry discussed the ongoing search for an Interim Rector, including their impressions of interviews conducted to date.

**RESOLVED: The Vestry will interview additional candidates for the interim rector position.**

Motion carries unanimously.

The Vestry adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Reviewed and respectfully submitted,

Matt Aplington, Clerk of the Vestry

