

**February 26, 2026 – 5:00 PM  
Meeting of the Vestry  
The Church of the Holy Faith**

**MINUTES – DRAFT**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Robin Dodge, Steven Shore, Jacki Walker, Paula Price, Preston Stone, George Case, Michael Smith, Rebecca Tobey, Pam Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kelly Enos

GUESTS: Fr. Simon Carian, Charles Rountree, King Price

- **Call to Order**

Fr. Robin called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM and led the Vestry in prayer.

- **Acceptance of the Agenda**

George moved, and Rebecca seconded acceptance of the agenda. *Carried unanimously.*

- **Disposition of January 22, 2026 and January 25, 2026 Vestry Meeting minutes.**

Rebecca moved, and Steven seconded acceptance of the January 22, 2026 meeting minutes, and George moved, and Steven seconded acceptance of the amended January 25, 2026 minutes. *Carried unanimously.*

- **Bible Study – John 3:1-17**

Fr. Robin led the Vestry in Bible study.

- **Treasurer’s Report – Charles Rountree**

The month of January closed with an adjusted surplus of \$8,408. Contributions in January included recognition of 2026 pledges received in 2025 totaling \$53,571. When added to pledges, plate, and other contributions, the total was \$128,608 surpassing the budgeted total of \$101,168 by \$27,439. There has been a pattern for years to see robust giving in the first several weeks of each year and then a slump until later in the year: budgeted contributions reflect the pattern. The method used was to take contributions for the past three years and to take a quarterly average. There will be a notable decline in budgeted contributions in April through September and will ramp up again beginning in October.

Overall expenses remain in line with expectations. Security, maintenance, and printing costs are the focus this year of special scrutiny so that we can determine where savings can be realized.

The January 2026 Fair Share support for the Diocese is \$37,307 reflecting December 2025 contributions and other sources of funding.

Available cash at month end is \$418,042. The CD held at Sunflower was closed early in January. The funds were then used to purchase a CD at Century Bank earning 4% annually. The CD will mature in April.

The reconciled cash balances at month-end compared to previous years:

	<u>@1/1/24</u>	<u>@1/1/25</u>	<u>@1/1/2026</u>	<u>1/31/2026</u>
• Century Bank	174,682	61,860	315,973	273,083
• First Citizens MM	191,035	41,172		
• First Citizens CD				
• Sunflower Checking	\$ 2,500	2,520	2,520	
• Sunflower MM	\$138,405			
• <u>Sunflower CD</u>			141,919	141,919
	<u>\$506,622</u>	<u>403,405</u>	<u>213,129</u>	<u>144,959 Earning 3.928%</u>

Below are the Northern Trust balances comparing the current month to previous years:

	<u>@1/1/24</u>	<u>@1/1/25</u>	<u>@1/1/2026</u>	<u>1/31/2026</u>
• Article VI	\$ 9,155,543	9,297,097	10,515,531	10,893,206
• Article VII	\$ 551,798	1,268,457	1,552,695	1,604,787
	<hr/> \$ 9,707,341	10,565,554	12,068,226	12,497,992

Charles reported that there were no surprises in January; expenses were in line with income. He noted that credit card charges are high because of the timing when booked; the fees are being covered by payers.

Charles stated that there are 164 pledges totaling \$737,443. Follow-up letters to those members not yet pledging will go out.

*The Vestry accepted the Treasurer's Report as recommended by the Finance Committee, unanimously.*

- **Junior Warden's Report – Preston Stone**

Preston reported on the progress of the shed project, stating the permit process is ongoing – we still owe them information to complete the process. Alpha Painting will remove the baseboard heaters in the church and paint to match the sanctuary. The wrought iron railings and concrete ramp will be cleaned and patched, and the wooden benches will receive a touch-up.

Preston also reported that projects in the works include replacing the carpet in the Librarian's office and working with Mark on the sacristy re-model this year.

- **Senior Warden's Report – Jacki Walker**

Jacki talked about the need for additional volunteers for the Altar Guild, as well as for the Hospitality Ministry. She said the Guild did well at the Christmas Bazaar.

- **Rector's Report – Fr Robin Dodge**

Fr. Robin began by saying how many opportunities for worship and study are available in Lent – both for adults and youth.

Fr. Robin continued with a report on the Lilly Grant that Holy Faith is administering on behalf of the NM Conference of Churches. He reported that the money has been received and the upgrade of the digital /online capacity of the websites will begin. Seth Reese will update the website for the NM Conference of Churches and he will review Holy Faith's website as well.

Fr. Robin stated that our Livestream Ministry needs volunteers.

- **Associate Rector's Report – Fr Simon Carian**

Fr. Simon told the Vestry how grateful he continues to be to serve at Holy Faith. He talked about the importance of Holy Faith's Code Blue Cooking as well as the coat drive to provide warm coats for those living on the streets during the cold weather.

As liaison to the Mission & Outreach Committee, Fr. Simon noted that the need for our emergency kits is expanding – we are already giving out 40 kits per week and the cost for the supplies for each kit is approximately \$4-\$5. He talked about an announcement to the parish asking for donations for the supplies for the kits.

- **Other Business**

The Vestry reviewed and discussed the 2026 Parochial Report and noted that the approval and certification of the report is due March 1<sup>st</sup>. Fr. Robin stated the Finance Committee reviewed and approved the financial portion of the report. Michael moved and Jackie seconded approval of the full report. *Carried unanimously.*

There being no further business, Rebecca moved, and Jacki seconded adjourning the meeting. *Carried unanimously.*

The vestry meeting concluded with prayer and adjourned at 6:24 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Pam Jones*