

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
VESTRY MEETING
April 8, 2026

PRESENT: Fr. Jonathan Galles, Senior Warden John Biggs, Junior Warden Rich Conn, Diane Gerlach, Stan Hirschler, Jan Pahlas, Jason Tarasovic, Lane Vermillion, Paula White

By Zoom: Tom Hinsdale, Treasurer Jim Gilligan

After an opening prayer by Fr. Jonathan the meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

The Vestry reviewed the minutes from the March 11, 2026, meeting. After a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was approved by the Vestry:

***RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the March 11, 2026, meeting be approved. (SEE ATTACHED)*

ANNUAL VESTRY DUTIES: The Vestry elected Rich Conn as Junior Warden. Jim Gilligan was reaffirmed as Treasurer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (SEE ATTACHED)

Buildings & Grounds:

- Water damage has caused a section of the sidewalk in the front of the church to buckle. Repair will require concrete removal and replacement to fix the problem. The work will be done after Holy Week.
- The handicapped door for the east door has been ordered. A 50% down payment was made to the vendor.

Hospitality:

- The Hospitality Committee was recognized for exceptional work during Holy Week.
- Back garden plantings have been completed.

Parish Life:

- The committee meets twice yearly for calendar planning. Key contacts are Bill Carle, Joe Owen, and Elaine Gilligan.

Security:

- The Vestry agreed to form a Security Committee, with a congregation-wide meeting scheduled for April 19 between services.

Evangelism:

- The Vestry agreed to create an Evangelism Committee. The first meeting will be on Sunday, April 26 between services.

JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT:

Junior Warden Rich Conn provided an update on the renovation project for the upstairs bathrooms. No bids have been received, but the estimated cost has increased from \$25,000 to \$70,000 due to expansion of scope, including installation of floor drains, automatic faucets/paper towel dispensers, and ADA code compliance requiring wall relocation. The committee looking at the project is composed of Paula White, Janet Woodward, Jennifer Atkinson, Bill Carle, Joe Owen, Diane Gerlach, Jan Pahlas, John Biggs, and Rich Conn.

Once the plan is completed and bids are received, the Vestry agreed to submit a request to the Diocese of West Missouri for a partial grant to help pay for expenditures.

FINANCIAL REPORT: (SEE ATTACHED)

Treasurer Jim Gilligan reported year-to-date receipts were \$66,623 vs. budget of \$49,406 (35% above budget.) Pledge payments totaled \$60,942 (which includes \$8,500 in prepaid 2027 pledges.) Total expenses year-to-date were \$51,576 vs. budget of \$54,443 (under budget.) Building and Grounds expenses are below budget due to a mild winter (reduced snow removal cost.) Music Expense was under budget at \$950 vs. \$1,100.

Unrealized gains on Microsoft stock held total \$23,618 (down from higher levels due to market volatility.) The Finance Committee has decided to divest some or all our Microsoft stock holdings when the market recovers.

The parish received \$13,936.25 from Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral in March for its share of revenues from event parking. The money was split between the Parking GHT Fund, the Capital Building & Remodeling Fund and the Foundation Fund, as per prior Vestry resolution.

RECTOR'S REPORT:

Father Galles reported Easter Day attendance was lower than 2024 (which was the highest in years), but still significantly above historic average. Easter Vigil attendance was also down from previous years. Good Friday and Maundy Thursday attendance were both higher than last year.

Father Galles gave a comprehensive presentation on Episcopal Church governance, canons, and legal responsibilities (summarized below.)

Canon Law Structure:

- National church canons supersede diocesan canons; diocesan canons supersede local bylaws

Vestry Responsibilities (Canon 15):

- Manages temporal (financial) affairs of the parish
- Must be adult communicants in good standing, contributing regularly for 6+ months
- Terms default to 1 year but can extend to 3 years (Resurrection uses 3-year terms)

- Vacancies are filled by a majority vote of the remaining Vestry members
- Rector serves as presiding officer; can delegate but retains responsibility

Meeting Requirements (Canon 14):

- The Annual Meeting is required by February 20. It is the only canonically required meeting.
- Special meetings require announcement on two consecutive Sundays.
- A quorum is defined as one-fourth of the average Sunday attendance (which is approximately 15-20 people for the Church of the Resurrection.)
- No secret meetings permitted; all meetings must be publicly announced.

Rector's Authority (Canon 20):

- Controls spiritual affairs, worship, building use, and furnishings.
- Cannot be forced to accept members without verification from previous parish.
- Separation of powers: Rector controls spiritual/physical space; Vestry controls finances.

Property Transactions:

- The Vestry cannot buy or sell church property without a two-thirds vote plus Diocesan Bishop and Standing Committee approval.

Fr. Jonathan provided an update on pastoral care.

Fr. Jonathan plans to take 4 weeks' vacation in late June or July. Vaughn Scarcliff (Music Director) is also planning a 4-week vacation in June and/or July.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Vestry discussed safety and security issues and the possible development of a security policy. The Diocese prohibits congregation members from serving on a parish security team. Professional security must be hired, if desired. Resurrection's current practice is to lock the bottom east door during services. Security cameras have been installed and additional cameras are pending. Discussion topics for the newly formed Security Committee will include (i) physical space arrangements and procedures, (ii) the role of ushers in monitoring vs. hospitality, (iii) response protocols for concerning individuals, (iv) professional security hiring considerations.

Father Jonathan stated the church is experiencing frequent internet connectivity issues, which is affecting work and Sunday service preparation. The church internet service is currently provided by AT&T through a DSL connection at a cost of approximately \$75/month. Jim Gilligan and Jason Tarasovic will research alternatives, including calling AT&T for service on the line.

Father Jonathan suggested the creation and printing of business cards for use by members to invite others to our church. These cards would be intended as an "elevator pitch" tool and include information about the church and its location. Resurrection has printed similar cards in the past.

Lindsey Tarasovic has paid a deposit for the purchase of new picture frames for the pictorial directory planned for the undercroft.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The last choir performance will be Sunday, May 3.

The Daughters of the King retreat will be held at Resurrection on Saturday, April 26.

There being no further business, Fr. Jonathan led a closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Jim Gilligan, Treasurer