

St. Philip's Parish Council – Minutes (draft)

7pm, Monday 25 May 2026 Via Zoom

Attendees: Allen Doerksen, Mark Laidlaw (minutes), Evelyn Savage, Paul Scambler, Bruce Richmond, Larry Anthony, Florie Varga, Gerianne Knowles-Robson, Mike Pipes, Adam Tarnowski, Dave Conway

Regrets: John Laidlaw

Guests: None

Meeting came to order at 7:17pm.

AD opened with prayer. AD welcomed Florie Varga as newly elected People's Warden.

Agenda approved as circulated.

Review of April 27 Minutes. Noted change of date for parish picnic, now June 14. Minutes otherwise approved as circulated.

Rector's report:

- Parish Picnic: Date changed to 14th June because of volunteer availability. Expression of thanks to ES for her involvement and organizing.
- AD reports consulting with Wardens and others about the best way to start talking about renewing Vision/Mission in our Parish. AD acknowledges FV's background in this topic, and expresses thanks that the Spirit moved her to accept the role.
- FV shared about her background in project management and strategic management including non-profits. Brought up that her perspective is that we haven't gotten "marching orders" or clarity about what we're "expected to do". AD summarized as: Focusing too much on "building" question and not enough on the "vision and mission" question; how do we adapt to the new environment we're in. FV clarified a process around how we need to have leadership focus on developing our vision and then once that is defined our decisions support our mission. A discussion ensued. Key questions: What is uniquely ours to do? Who do we serve? Connection between our values and the gifts of the Spirit.
- AD reports on meeting with St Matthias and Wardens and Bishop on 29 April. MP reports that there's a pause on the building discussion for the next few months to facilitate work on vision. LA reports on meeting in April including the Wardens at St. Matthias; deadline for building decision is end of year.

Preschool Contract Update – MP reports anticipated signing lease for 26/27 with preschool. Preschool has sole use of two bathrooms during the week.

Treasurer's Report

- ML circulated Financial Report from April and a snapshot for May
- Question about contract with Post-Meridian: decisions driven from visioning
- MP reports looking at Envelope Secretary

Missions:

- ES brings up refugee support
- ES reports that Missions committee has disbursed about ½ of the Missions budget.

Meeting adjourned with the Grace at 9:07pm.

Next meeting date: 22 June, 2026