

ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OCTOBER 2025 – VESTRY BOARD MEETING – CALLAHAN CENTER

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025, 6:00 P.M. – 7:45 P.M.

Attendees – The Very Reverend Jeff Jackson; Sr. Warden Diane Nivens, Clerk Jami Bower; Vestry Members Georgia Carter, Michael Crafton, Randy Hill

Opening Prayer/Reflection – Father Jeff Jackson. Two collections were selected and read from the Book of Common Prayer centering on social justice and social service.

Life Cycle of Organizations - Father Jeff led a session for revisiting the life cycles of our church and continuing our attentive and collective discussion. The “cycles” include the birth formation: All the things that make us who we are, i.e., the basics and practices that sustain the congregation - prayers, services, etc.; traits of a healthy parish; watchful oversight to ensure we do not become stagnant or stale; and the ongoing quest for renewal of our purpose and identity.

The Vestry discussed our strengths as a parish community which include a healthy and stable congregational status and one that is attracting new visitors/parishioners. It was noted that our church community is enjoying visiting between and after services and being together.

Finance Update

- October Finances -

Finance Update & Stewardship – Georgia Carter provided detailed balance sheets and valuable financial definitions and explanations.

September Summary:

Total Church revenue: \$ 27,906.27 vs. budget of \$ 38,749.99

Total Church expenses: \$ 28,117.70 vs. budget of \$ 48,714.75

YTD Summary:

Total Church revenue: \$ 341,510.72 vs. budget of \$ 435,862.44

Total Church expenses: \$ 390,714.59 vs budget of \$ 438,432.75

- **2024 Audit report** - Presented by Georgia Carter - Reconciling of accounts has been done. We currently do not have a fixed asset policy for defining terms for depreciating our assets. Randy Denmon, Rick Prince, and Barbara Morton, will address the depreciation fixed asset policy. **MOTION - by Michael Crafton. Randy Hill seconded. All were in favor of formalizing this.**
- Finance meeting - Thanks to Jeana and team, our policies and procedures are so fantastic and Jeana has become a resource for others!

- **Budget reminders** - Stewardship committee held its last meeting in September 2025. We need to get the budget together for inclusion in the stewardship packet - including leadership and employer compensation.

Old Business:

Pavilion update - No update. Awaiting quotes to take the carport down.

New business:

Food need - Work with other community partners and optimize our parish efforts and impact.

Pumpkin Fest Debrief - Committee debrief on Tuesday, Nov 4. A great event and discussion to improve ensued.

Recycling Provider - City of Carrollton used to pick up. Pauline manages recycling and takes it to the convenience center. Paper and cardboard are now the items. Petal Recycling is \$48/month to pick up in a gray bin. \$576 annually. They also sort for us. Work into the budget for 2026 and encourage parishioners to give a little more to cover? **MOTION by Georgia. Second by Michael. Approved by all.**

Nov 18, 2025 & Dec 16 meeting - 12/16 meeting is the Christmas party with the staff. Julie & Bill Parrish have generously agreed to host again this year.

Action items - Asset policy / Budget requests from commissions.

Closing Prayer