

Vestry Meeting
January 20, 2026
Grace Chapel

Attendees: Father Jeff Thornberg, Rector, Kit Shenk, Senior Warden, Jeff Ross, Junior Warden, Esther Siu, Clyde Beswick, Rosemary Choate, Myron Castro, Sara Dooley, Brent Schindele, Joanna Cory

Excused Absences: Virginia Barger, Ann Seitz

Staff: Patti Beith, Clerk; David Waller, Treasurer, Father Thomas Ni, Chinese Ministry, Rose Gonzalez, CDO

Guests: Jose Vega, John Ballance

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Kit Shenk followed by prayer.

A **Motion** was made by Joanna Cory and seconded by Jeff Ross to approve the December 16, 2025, Vestry minutes as corrected – Motion approved.

Approval of 2026 Budget

OSC – **Motion** made by Jeff Ross and seconded by Rosemary Choate to approve the 2026 Budget for Our Saviour Center as presented by Jose Vega

ACGS – **Motion** made by Joanna Cory and seconded by Kit Shenk to approved the 2026 Budget for A Child’s Garden School – motion approved

Transitional Housing – **Motion** made by Kit Shenk and seconded by Rosemary Choate to approve the 2026 Budget for Transitional Housing – motion approved (see attached 2026 Budget report).

COS – **Motion** made by Kit Shenk and seconded by Sara Dooley to approve the 2026 Budget for the Church of Our Saviour – motion approved

Outreach Ministry Reports

Vestry Members

Preparation for Rev Jeffrey Thornberg's Performance Review Kit Shenk
The Vestry will meet in executive session on January 27, 2026, for a performance review of Father Jeff Thornberg at COS.

Rector's Report Father Jeff Thornberg
Had a very successful Advent/Christmas season.
Lent is in the planning stages and should be very interesting.
Rev Joseph Ho from Tiawan will preach at a joint service on Sunday February 22, 2026.
Father Jeff would like to take his sabbatical summer of 2027. **Motion** made by Rosemary Choate and seconded by Joanna Cory for Vestry support of Father Jeff Thornberg's sabbatical in summer 2027 – motion approved.

Chinese Congregation Update Father Thomas Ni
The Rev Joseph Ho is visiting SOCAL from Taiwan and will visit the Chinese parishes in the Diocese.
The Chinese community is planning their New Year's celebration.

Stewardship Update Rose Gonzalez
134 pledges have been received for a total of \$580,000.
Plan Giving brochures have been printed and will soon go out to the community.
2025 COS contribution information will go out to the parish shortly.
Updating the COS website with the ways you can contribute to the COS as well as the Plan Giving information.

Media/Publicity Information Rosemary Choate
A picture of the church and information on the church services and activities have been placed in the local newspapers alongside Father Jeff's faith article – will should be able to measure our growth as a result of the printed media information.

November Financial Report David Waller
Deferred until next meeting

Senior Warden's Report/Outgoing report

Kit Shenk

It has been a pleasure to service the parish as Senior Warden. COS has a very special place in her heart after over 40 years of attendance. She is coordinating potluck meal after the annual meeting with Rex Botengan. Thank you for all your support and help during my tenure.

Prayer Requests

Harriette Nagata

Tammy

Anne (David's sister)

Laurel Bullock

Pam

Vince Lee

Caroline Volk

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Submitted by Patricia Beith.

Vestry Clerk

Approved by Vestry March 17, 2026