

St. Mark's Vestry Minutes

October 7, 2025

7:30 PM

Attendance: Dwight Anstaett, Cheryl Boop, Michael Bowman, Steve Brindza, Kevin Fix, Phil Glandon, Jody Porreca, Mary Beth Smith, Melanie Tepley, Dan Verilli, John Wilson, Park Zimpher, Vicki Zust

Digital Attendance, Ted Meyers

Not Present: Norm Jones, Bill Lange, Alex Reed

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Vicki Zust

Call to Order: Cheryl Boop

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Moved and seconded, approved as submitted

Reports:

i. Rector's Report: Vicki

- a. Attendance numbers through the end of September. Year to date, average of 133 to 2024 and 139 to 2025. It is wonderful to have new people coming in.
- b. Oct 25 Mini College for Congregational Development.
- c. Vicki is running for standing committee at the Diocesan Convention. They advise the bishop and weigh in on things like encumbering property. They act as wardens of the diocese.
- d. The regional pulpit swap is the last Sunday in October. Vicki will be at Trinity, London, and Karl Stevens from St. Stephen's, Columbus will be here.

ii. Senior Warden Report: Cheryl

- a. The 150th celebration of the diocese was attended by a small group from St. Mark's. It was lovely and fun.
- b. The Pet Blessing Sunday went well. There were so many smiles at church.

iii. Junior Warden Report: Kevin

- a. The movable wall is now fixed.
- b. We do not have HVAC contract yet but should be ready soon. They are going to fix problems with the pipes being oriented correctly. (Supply pipes became return pipes at some point.) They are going to work on getting better air movement around the elevator.
- c. They have found a way to fix the chimney that will be cost effective.
- d. Need to work on the phasing and the timing of the project.
- e. Lead times on the parts are four to six weeks.
- f. Changing out the boiler will take the organ off-line about three weeks. They will find a way to air condition the space to help the tuning of the organ. It may just need an extra tuning.
- g. This money will not be spent without bringing it to the vestry. Once we have a contract we will call a special meeting of the vestry.

iv. Treasurer's Report: Phil

- a. The August statement is done. September is not done yet. It continues to be a positive story. Phil is cautiously optimistic that we will end up on budget. Phil explained his report.
- b. Phil would like to form a committee with the wardens and Dot Yeager to find his replacement. He has served for nine years. Phil has loved working with the vestry. We are aiming for a hand-over at the annual meeting. Vicki expressed the first of many thanks for his service. The bookkeeper could be from within the church or without.

Discussion Items:

- i. Capital Campaign**
 - a) 1.406 million has been raised.
 - b) The Capital Campaign still has about 75 members who have not yet pledged. It may be a stretch to meet the goal.
 - c) We will celebrate the Capital and Stewardship campaigns on the last Sunday of November, the 26th. (before Thanksgiving) We have enough to do all the priority items.
 - d) The rest of the projects are of the size that could be fit into an annual budget over time.
- ii. HVAC Contract**
 - a) See above, Junior Warden report
- iii. Website**
 - a) Over the summer we were hacked. It is a common thing for churches that allows hackers to get into the computers of people who visit the website.
 - b) We have been rebuilding what we lost, one page at a time.
 - c) The site is up, many important things are there, the goal is to get the rest done soon, (by November). The Christmas page can be rebuilt after November.
 - d) The new platform will have better security, and it is easier to keep hackers from breaking things. No data was stolen.
- iv. College for Congratational Development Day, October 25**
 - a) Cheryl is going, also Mary Beth and Vicki. They will carpool.
- v. Stewardship (Norman and John)**
 - a) Letters will be going out the 2nd of November. They will add Capital Campaign language to them. There will be speakers at the services on the 9th and the 16th of November.
 - b) Vicki asked John and Norman to look at the letter and perhaps add some art.
- vi. Fall Festival (Michael & Mary Beth)**
 - a) 1st Sunday in November
 - b) Should be a fun time.
 - c) We are adding a photo booth and corn hole.
- vii. Evensong Reception (Ted and Alex)**
 - a) Same day as Fall Festival
 - b) Sign up sheets are up, but only one person has signed up.
 - c) Newcomer, Molly wants to help with clean-up.
- viii. 2025-2026 Program Year Goals:**
 - a) The newcomer committee still hasn't met. The good news is that the newcomers seem to be engaging themselves! It will get done. We have about 20 new members who are coming since this time of year last year. The choir has grown to three rows from two.
 - b) The end of October is when the numbers should settle in, sports are over, and travel is done for the most part.
 - c) 75th anniversary is well set. There will be many opportunities for people to get involved, offered at the annual meeting. For example, who wants to be on the committee to do the 4th of July float.
 - d) Children's formation is managing the beginning of year chaos. This time of year, there are different kids every week. It will settle soon.

Open Discussion: Parking Lot Issues

We should probably start thinking about vestry nominations for February. Senior warden is rotating off. Mary Beth is moving. You can invite someone to attend a meeting to check it out. We need four slots filled.

Blessing and Adjourn: Meeting Adjourned at 8:20