

St. Mark's Vestry Minutes

August 11, 2026

7:30 PM

Attendance: Edward Atkins, Lexie Blouin, David Boop, Kevin Fix, George Knight, Nicole Moon- Koharik, MaryJane Plote, Jody Porreca, Bill Silliman, Dan Verilli, John Wilson, Vicki Zust

Digital Attendance: Melanie Tepley, Bonnie Thompson, Bill Lange, Michael Bowman

Not Present: Dwight Anstaett, Norm Jones, Alex Reed, Park Zimpher

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Vicki Zust 7:30 PM

Call to Order: Kevin Fix 7:30 PM

a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: No suggested changes. Approved unanimously.

b. Reports:

i. Rector's Report: Vicki

- a. The church made it through the storms with only one large branch down. We will be sharing power with those who need it.
- b. The first day of school is postponed due to storm damage in Upper Arlington.
- c. Welcome was extended to MaryJane on her first Vestry meeting.
- d. The College of Congregational Development is happening the last week of August. They send learning groups around to churches to get a tour of the church. Their task is to get a sense of the culture of the church. This is a learning tool for them. On August 25 at 10:00 AM, a team will be here to study the culture of the church. One vestry member will be here along with Vicki to show them around and talk about Saint Mark's.
- e. September 27th will be the pulpit swap. We will have a visiting priest and Vicki and MaryJane will be elsewhere.
- f. Next month, Derrick Fetz (the Missioner for Stewardship) will be here at our next vestry meeting to start the evaluation of the parish profile from when Vicki began her ministry here. Vicki will be sending information to the Vestry members before the next meeting to help them prepare for this.

ii. Senior Warden Report: Kevin

- a. Welcome to MaryJane and kudos to those who helped with the ordination event.
- b. Congrats to those who helped with the July 4 float.
- c. Discussion will be coming on Capital campaign projects. Phase one is coming to an end, and we are starting to think about phase two.
- d. Bathroom discussion. The woman who expressed concern has left St. Mark's.
 - i. St. Mark's does a good job of striving to be a welcoming community. It is not possible to meet everyone's needs.
 - ii. There is grace for the complainant as she brought forth her concern and responded in the way that was best for her faith journey.
 - iii. It is the hope to make positive changes to the bathrooms in phase two of the campaign regarding the gendering of the bathrooms.

iii. Junior Warden Report: Bill

- a. Expressed appreciation for Kevin's professional handling of the bathroom situation.

iv. Treasurer's Report: George

- a. Audited statements must be submitted to the diocese by the end of August. The audit went very well.
 - i. There are no corrected or uncorrected mistakes.

- ii. A comment for improvement is that checks for over \$5,000 need to be deposited the next day. Asked for questions.
 - iii. Motion and second to approve the audit. Approved unanimously.
- b. George went over the July statement. Things are looking good. July represents 58% of the year gone by. From a revenue standpoint, we are at 64%. At this point we have a surplus of \$27,900.
- c. We have collected 70% of the pledges of the Capital Campaign. The first priority projects were significantly expensive, so we may have to borrow from other funds to continue the projects. They will be paid back as the rest of the pledges come in.
- d. Phil Glandon will be set up as a signer on the bank accounts. Motion made and seconded and approved.
- e. Motion to pass the treasurer's report. Passed unanimously.

c. Discussion Items

i. HVAC Replacement & Bell Tower Update

- a. The bell tower is complete. No water came into the bell tower during today's storms. There are bars that extend across the top that weren't there before to make window washing possible. They are permanent.
- b. HVAC is still in process. We passed the first inspection two weeks ago. They are continuing the work that needs to be done. They will be starting work on the boilers August 17, and then the thermostats can be installed. That should complete the project.
- c. The phones work. We have voice over internet phones now. AT&T did not bill us for the month of July. Vicki has requested reimbursement for the 8 days the phones were out in June. The new bill for the voice over internet phones is 70 cents more per month.

ii. September 11 Services

- i. There will be two services, a morning service at St. Mark's from 8:30 to 10:30 AM, with special reflections at key times.
- ii. An evening service will be had at Trinity downtown 6:30 PM. Vicki and Mary Jane will participate.

iii. Labor Day Bake Sale (Melanie & Park)

- i. Sign up sheets are up. The library will be closed but our bathrooms will be available.
- ii. We may have football tickets to raffle.

iv. Stewardship (Norman & John)

- i. Two types of letters to go out. It will be done in October.
- ii. John will do the lay speaking.
- iii. It will wrap up on All Saints Day, which is also when we will wrap up the 75th anniversary celebrations.

v. September Workday September 12 (Park & Ed)

- i. Vicki has a running list of projects.
- ii. We need some ceiling tiles and florescent lightbulbs
- iii. It is not an extensive list; we should be done well before noon.

vi. Fall Kick Off Party (Norman & Michael)

- i. Time Capsule will be buried.
- ii. Youth group planning yard games.
- iii. Sandwiches will be ordered

vii. Education Building Roof Replacement

- i. The roof is flat and well past it's prime. (70 years old) This is the last of the first priority projects.
- ii. Progressive Roofing will do the work. They recommend having a slight pitch into the drain to eliminate flat roof flooding. It is a thirty-day project.
- iii. The quoted price is very close to what we projected at just under \$100,000.
- iv. Motion to accept the proposal for the roof replacement and seconded. The proposal is over thirty days old but is still good. Motion approved.

Draft Goals for 2026-27 program year: (These may be narrowed down to 4-5 goals.)

- a. Look at how we are getting newcomers engaged**
- b. Continue to build Children's formation program & recruit young families**
 - a. MaryJane and Vicki will be able to have more presence with the children.
 - b. 3rd through 5th grade represent the Covid "donut hole." It is a very small group.
 - c. There is a large group of age 4 through 2nd grade. This is the Godly play program.
 - d. How many of these kids are from new families in the last three years? (answer, about a third)
- c. Capital Campaign:**
 - a. Major fundraising done- one project completed, one underway, one ready to contract.
 - b. Looking ahead to 2027 projects- Bathroom, parish hall lighting & paint, Memorial Garden wall, Flooring in Nursery & children's formation area.
- d. Enhance our Social Media presence**
 - a. MaryJane's project
 - b. Vicki and MaryJane will work on plans.
- e. Make decisions about the Ark and implement**
- f. Complete Mutual Ministry Review & Plans for Vicki's sabbatical**
 - a. Not really a goal as it is going to happen but needs to be addressed.
- g. Vision changes to services/service times when we hit critical mass at the 10:30 services**
 - a. Around 200- 250 we will reach the point where the church is too crowded. When we get to 180 – 200, we need to have a plan.
 - b. This will be a conversation for more than just the Vestry.

Vicki will work on editing and combining the goals and bring them to the September meeting for approval

Open Discussion – Parking Lot Issues

1. Is the music in for the end of the 75th? Answer (it is). The Canterbury Choir will be singing on the 13th of September. The St. Mark's Choir will do an evensong on October 4th.
2. The oral history group has almost all their recordings done. They are working on combining a book with having recordings available. Goal is to have it for All Saints Day
3. The Hall of History will be updated.
4. We are not going to have a 75th Christmas ornament.

Blessing and Adjourn Motion to adjourn at 8:48

Saint Mark's Statement of Activities

Year to date - 8/31/2026

Yr is 66.7%
Complete

	<u>This Year to date</u>	<u>Last Year to date</u>	<u>2026 Budget</u>	<u>% of budget</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<u>REVENUES:</u>					
Member Contributions - pledged	\$374,687	\$360,416	\$472,000	79.38%	Substantially more early pledge payments in 2026.
Plate & non-pledge receipts	43,758	42,345	75,000	58.34%	
Earnings from Investments	46,174	7,640	57,000	81.01%	Tracking ahead of Budget
Rental Income	14,284	12,226	18,000	79.36%	
Other Income	1325	997	1,500	88.33%	
Total Revenue	<u>\$480,228</u>	<u>\$423,624</u>	<u>\$623,500</u>	<u>77.02%</u>	Tracking ahead of Budgetally better than budget
<u>EXPENSES:</u>					
Staff & Payroll Expenses	228,196	200,434	\$341,110	66.90%	
Administration	49,182	40,461	74,500	66.02%	\$7,316 in Boiler repairs in Jan. 2025
Facilities	87,399	93,283	129,500	67.49%	Outreach support increased to \$20,000 in 2026 vs \$18,000 in 2025
Outreach	13,334	10,000	20,000	66.67%	Increase in 2026 Share to \$72,526
Diocesan Mission Share	45,868	41,629	72,526	63.24%	
Christian Formation	1912	1,171	3,800	50.32%	
Fellowship & Hospitality	2525	1,792	3,400	74.26%	Timing of coffee purchases
Member Care					
Music	2,665	2266	10,025	26.58%	
Stewardship					
Worship	1042	812	2,925	35.62%	
Total Disbursements	<u>\$432,123</u>	<u>\$391,848</u>	<u>\$657,786</u>	<u>65.69%</u>	Slightly below budget
Net income (deficit)	<u>\$48,105</u>	<u>\$31,776</u>	<u>(\$34,286)</u>		

ST MARK'S BALANCE SHEET AS OF AUGUST, 2026

ASSETS:	31-Aug 2026	31-Aug 2025
Current Assets:		
First Merchant's-Checking	93,651	140,036
First Merchant's- Money Market Acct	<u>331,620</u>	<u>65,408</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	425,271	205,444
 Columbus Foundation-Benefactor	161,250	368,687
Columbus Fdn Major Projects	182,525	177,955
Endowment Fund-ECF	435,846	384,726
Prepaid Expenses	10,483	5,782
Capital Campaign Expenditures	-	12,300
Total Current Assets	1,215,375	1,154,894
 Long-Term Assets		
Furniture & Fixtures- net	14,461	16,481
Computer and Office Equipment net	7,874	22,075
Capital lease Copler net	2,053	3,813
Landscape/Signage net	4,849	6,236
Building net	1,487,867	1,571,599
Constr In Progress	867,901	-
Land	58,570	58,570
Collectibles	<u>15,556</u>	<u>15,556</u>
Total Long-Term Assets	2,459,131	1,694,330
 TOTAL ASSETS	<u>3,674,506</u>	<u>2,849,224</u>
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:		
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable	13,296	9,958
Accrued expenses	4,702	-
Copler Lease Liability	1,333	3,027
 GENERAL FUNDS	11,259	10,623
MEMORIAL /GIFT FUNDS	21,436	29,133
MUSIC FUNDS	81,813	70,029
STAFF FUNDS	9,200	3,622
MAINTENANCE FUNDS	248,290	248,290
 PROPERTY/PLANT/EQUIPMENT FUNDS:		
Capital Campaign Collections	1,158,816	223,096
Landscaping & Gardens	2,743	2,743
Property Fund	<u>2,380,882</u>	<u>2,380,882</u>
PROPERTY/PLANT/EQUIPMENT FUNDS	3,542,441	2,606,721
 Endowment Fund-Restricted	392,106	392,106
Other Operating Fund Balance	(651,370)	(524,285)
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>3,674,506</u>	<u>2,849,224</u>

Status of the Capital Campaign August 2026

		2025	YTD Campaign		
			2025	To Date	% Collected
Pledges to date:		\$1,668,594	80 Pledges		
Collection of Pledges to date:		\$717,516	\$455,123	\$ 1,173,639	70%
Expenditures to date:					
Campaign Expenses		\$12,627			
Deposit to cover detailed proposal		\$17,500			
Payment for Nursery & Nartrex HVA		\$14,375			
		\$44,502			
HVAC System progress payment			\$581,320		
Progressive Roofing			69,098		
SteeplesUSA			221,170		
Campaign to date spending				\$916,090	

