

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
VESTRY MEETING  
MINUTES  
April 24, 2025

**Present:** Senior Warden-Richard Updegrove, Junior Warden-John Corbishley, Treasurer-David Brierley, Clerk-Mattie Gustafson, Lauren Lema, Murry Edwards, Jerry Culver, Cory Thurston, Alex Simmons, Sarah Barker, David Burke, Jason DeFalco, Nancy Kimble, and Associate Rector Meaghan Brower.

**Absent:** Rector Jennifer Pedrick

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

**Rector's Report** – presented by Rick U.

**Vestry Retreat**

We will discuss this at our next meeting.

**Summer Schedule**

It was decided that the summer schedule would not be as full as last year. Planned so far are

- New members reception and/or Strawberry Festival – June 28 or 29
- Pentecost Potluck Picnic – After 10 a.m. service June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Family Beach Dinner – in July
- Barfly Concert – August 13<sup>th</sup>
- Community Garden Party – August 2nd

**Investment Committee**

Current members of the Investment Committee are David Burke, Ted Bierman, Jeff Belden, Edie DeMarco, Christopher Bartlett, and David Brierley. Rick will contact Chris B. and ask about continuing on this committee. We will wait until May to discuss adding members.

The question arose about how long appointments to the Investment Committee were – did members need to be appointed yearly? Mattie will check the By-Laws for this information.

**Sara Gibbs Trust**

Members of the Sarah Gibbs Trust are:

Independent Trustees

- Fay Gosling (2027)
- Ted Bierman (2028)
- Jeff Belden, Chair (2026)

## Vestry Trustees

- David Brierley (2027)
- Jon Corbishley (2025)
- Cory Thurston (2026)

The Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely, Bishop of Rhode Island *ex-officio*

New members of the vestry were asked to think about being on the SG Trust. The vestry will discuss this at the May meeting as well.

## **Treasurer's Report** – Dave Brierley

### **Computer Upgrades**

Our computers are 6 years old and starting to show their age. The following costs will be involved in an upgrade -

Replace 3 desktop systems	\$2643
Replace Jennifer's laptop (+ 3-year warranty)	\$ 727
Set up and installation	\$ 900
Upgrade Microsoft Office	\$ 500
Total	\$4906

David Brierley made a motion, seconded by Rick, that we use this amount of money from the unexpended funds account to pay for the upgrades. The motion passed.

## **Quarterly Report**

David reviewed his report and said we are in very good shape financially.

Suggestions that were made include

- Change "Tuck Fund Donations" to "Tuck Fund Transfer"
- Change "Rectory Kitchen Renovations" to "Rectory Renovations"

David Brierley made a motion to take \$15,000 from a recent donation and put it toward the rectory renovation. John C. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **Junior Warden Report** – John C.

John reported that a few more small repairs need to happen at the rectory. In the future, we need to create a lighting plan for the lower parking lot and rectory, which might include adding more solar lights. Security cameras have been installed on the rectory. It was suggested cameras might aim toward the Parish House entry as well.

**Senior Warden Report** – Rick Updegrove

The budget review for 2026 will begin at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Sarah and Rick went to the Vestry Day held by the Diocese. They both felt it was worthwhile.

**Consent Agenda**

Jerry C. made a motion, seconded by Mattie, that we pass the Consent Agenda, consisting of the Treasurer's Report, and the Minutes for February 2025. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mattie E. Gustafson, Clerk