

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING
MINUTES
June 25, 2026

Present: Senior Warden-Richard Updegrove, Junior Warden-John Corbishley, Treasurer-David Brierley, Clerk-Mattie Gustafson, Jeff Dugan, Elizabeth Ripley, Jerry Culver, Nancy Kimble, Sarah Barker, Sheila Collins, Murry Edwards, the Rev. Dr. John Gregory Prior, and the Rector, Jennifer Pedrick.

Present via Phone: David Burke

Absent: Jason DeFalco

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Reconnecting with one another in the presence of God – Jennifer

Jennifer read the poem “The Summer Day” by Mary Oliver, which ends “What are you going to do with your one, wild, wonderful life.” She asked vestry members to answer the question and substitute life with “summer” or “church.”

Rector's Report - Jennifer

Fee schedule for funerals and burials – All fees have been increased to reflect similar increases in outside vendor services and our costs in general. The goal going forward will be to review and update this fee schedule on an annual basis. [Note: The member charge for clergy goes into the rector's discretionary fund.]

John C. moved that the vestry accept the new fee schedule for the upcoming year. Rick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Funeral and Memorial Service Policy – This is the first time St. Mary's will have a written policy of this nature. Once passed, the policy will be shared with the appropriate funeral homes and directors. It was suggested that the wording members / non-members ~ active members / inactive members be standardized.

Murry made a motion to accept the St. Mary's Episcopal Church Funeral and Memorial Service Policy as modified. David Brierley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Coffee and Conversation – It was one year ago in July that we held our last Coffee and Conversation. Time for another one! We will use this opportunity to listen, once again, to our members and what they want us to hear AND to introduce and explain the new St. Mary's

Generational Endowment Fund. Jennifer will ask Jason D. to facilitate. It will be one Sunday after church in August. Specific date TBD.

Mission Statement for the St. Mary's Generational Endowment Fund – The proposed mission statement was presented. A few edits were suggested and accepted by all.

The St. Mary's Generational Endowment Fund will secure the mission and ministry of St. Mary's Episcopal Church for future generations. The generosity of our founder, Sarah Gibbs and many other magnanimous donors, who gave in response to God's grace and generosity, established St. Mary's and enabled the fund's growth.

Now it is this and future generations' turn to perpetuate this spiritual practice of giving in response to God's blessings and grace, so that all who come here will continue to experience the love of Christ in this place.

Murry made a motion that we accept the mission statement with the changes discussed. John C. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – David Brierley

Things continue to go well. The farmer who leases our land was not paying the amount stipulated in the lease, and will rectify the situation. This will help the budget.

ECC Solar Farm Project – This project is "on track!" The Diocesan CFO has confirmed that he has received our electric bills from this past month of February, and St. Mary's is definitely included in the project. David has been authorized to sign documents related to this project once they arrive. The hope is that everything should be up and running by the fall, and will show up as a 20% credit on our electric bills.

Transfer of funds to our new financial advisors – Almost all funds have been transferred. Some funds are "timed" so we have to wait for the appropriate date to effect transfer, but this should not take too long.

Junior Warden's Report – John C.

John passed around pictures of the doors of the historic church being restored. The restoration should be complete by the first part of August. John suggested that we use a glossy finish on these doors, as it tends to be more durable. The consensus was this was a good idea

The sandstone has eroded around the hinges and we may have to restore this area as well. It was suggested that we set up some kind of regular maintenance schedule.

Murry was asked to put some of these pictures in the newsletter, pointing out that this restoration was able to be completed due to the generosity of a member (e.g. David and Lynne Burke, in memory of her mother). Murry, John and David will work together on a blurb to appear after the 4th of July weekend.

Again – thanks to John C. for all his hard work.

Consent Agenda

Rick made a motion, seconded by Jerry, that we pass the Consent Agenda, consisting of the Treasurer's Report, and Minutes for May 2026. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m. with all saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattie E. Gustafson, Clerk