

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING
MINUTES
October 23, 2025

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

Via Zoom: the Rev. Dr. John Gregory Prior

Absent: Jerry Culver and the Rector, Jennifer Pedrick.

Rick called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. and asked Greg to open the meeting with a prayer.

Junior Warden's Report – John Corbishley

- The barn was broken into, and approximately \$3400 worth of tools and equipment was stolen. The theft was discovered on October 15th and reported to the police. There are no cameras or alarms around the barn, and lighting is low as well. Rick wondered if we should install a motion sensor? One of the items stolen was a new generator. Cory T. offered to donate her generator to the cause. Jon would need to come pick it up. John accepted this gift with thanks.
- Jon and his assistant have been cutting down some dead branches, etc. around the church yard. The work continues.

Investment Committee – David Burke

David Burke has resigned as chair, but will remain on the committee. Ron Machtley has agreed to step into the chairperson position. Ted Bierman, a long-time member of the Investment Committee has stepped down and Chris Stack has agreed to be on the committee.

1. John C. made a motion, seconded by David Brierley, that we accept David Burke's resignation as chair. Motion passed.
2. Rick made a motion, seconded by Murry that we appoint the following as members of the Investment Committee until March 1, 2026: Ron Machtley, David Burke, David Brierley, Chris Bartlett, Edie DeMarco and Chris Stack. Motion passed.
3. Rick made a motion, seconded by John C., that we appoint Ron Machtley chair of the Investment Committee. The motion passed.
4. John C. made a motion, seconded by Nancy that we accept Ted Bierman's resignation and offer our sincere thanks for his many years of service. Motion passed. David Burke will send a letter of gratitude to Ted on behalf of SMC.

Tuck Fund – Murry

Murry presented the following draft motions, crafted by the Tuck Fund Committee and discussed thus far by the Finance Committee.

- 1) The Tuck Scholarship Fund monies will be split into two separate funds: The Tuck Fund and the Mitchell Fund.
- 2) In light of Mary Mitchell's significant gift to the Tuck Fund and its current designation as a scholarship fund, a motion is submitted to change the name of the Tuck Fund to the Tuck-Mitchell Scholarship.
- 3) In an effort to maintain the financial health of the Tuck-Mitchell Scholarship Fund into the future, a motion is submitted that the vestry will provide, on a yearly basis, a recommended total amount available that may be awarded for scholarships that year, with the amount per student to be determined at the discretion of the scholarship committee.
- 4) Recognizing the intention that Tuck-Mitchell Scholarships are provided to active members of the St. Mary's community, a motion is submitted that St. Mary's applicants must be dependents of active members and/or active members themselves (*Note: Active is defined as being present in our community, registered as a member of the parish, and up to date on pledge).
- 5) Recognizing that completion of one's education might include summer study, post-graduate courses, etc., a motion is submitted that the Tuck-Mitchell Scholarship no longer cap scholarships at \$16,000 per person, but will rather be available as long as a student is making progress toward a degree, technical training, or a certificate program.
- 6) Recognizing the great blessing that Adeline Tuck, Mary Mitchell and others provided to St. Mary's in the creation of the Tuck-Mitchell Scholarship Fund, a motion is submitted that we extend this blessing by giving the scholarship committee the discretion to award a yearly scholarship to an underserved member of our local community as nominated by a service agency such as ECC, MLKCC or RISE.

MUCH discussion was held, and it was evident that more refining and discussion is required. A great big thank you to Murry for all her hard work presenting the issues and guiding the discussion.

The vestry will begin work going forward by acquainting themselves with the many issues involved in updating and clarifying the Tuck Scholarship Fund. Our goal will be to accept and vote on motions in November 2025.

Treasurer's Report – David Brierley

David Brierley reviewed the proposed 2026 budget, highlighting several line items and answering any questions. There will be another update in November and the final budget will be presented for vestry approval in December. The December budget will include the “final” number from the current pledge campaign.

Consent Agenda

John C. made a motion, seconded by David Brierley, that we pass the Consent Agenda, consisting of the Treasurer's report, and Minutes for September 2025. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattie E. Gustafson, Clerk