

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
VESTRY MEETING
MINUTES
September 25, 2025

Present: Junior Warden-John Corbishley, Treasurer-David Brierley, Clerk-Mattie Gustafson, Murry Edwards, Jerry Culver, David Burke, Cory Thurston, Sarah Barker, Nancy Kimble, Lauren Lema, the Rev. Dr. Greg Prior, and the Rector, Jennifer Pedrick.

Absent: Senior Warden-Richard Updegrove, Jason DeFalco, and Alex Simmons

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and read Prayers for the Human Family and a prayer for the Right Use of God's Gifts, both from the Book of Common Prayer.

Reconnecting with each other in the presence of God – Jennifer

Jennifer asked the vestry to discuss and share what things in life are bringing us joy.

Rector's Report – Jennifer

New member ministry

- SMC welcomed 35 new members with a reception at the Rectory and a party for children in the parish house
- Nancy Kimble – new head of the New Member ministry - is joining the Pastoral Care Team, which will now broaden its ministry too include pastoral care to new members as well as to current members who need support.

Fall Programs

- Family dinners continue – Vestry members are urged to participate in this community building ministry.
- Bible study – Greg is offering Friday morning bible study
- Christian formation – is also working on developing something for tweens/teens
- Prayer of the Heart – a series on Christian meditation

Hospitality programs

- Bevs and Bites
- Monthly Coffee Hour – on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Jennifer will be away for three weeks in October (10/15 – 10/31), and then participating in continuing education the first weekend in November. She will return to the office on Wednesday, November 5th.

Junior Warden's Report – John Corbishley

- John and Jon walked the property looking for trees in need of attention.
- John is looking at replacing the storm doors on the rectory.

- We have received another quote for \$15,000 for restoration and repair of the historic church's doors. The decision was made not to begin work on them until next summer, when we move to St. George's Chapel. The quote will be valid until then. After restoration, the doors will then need to be regularly maintained – with budget implications.

Archives of SMC – Mattie and Murry

Murry and Mattie have been exploring various issues regarding providing permanent access to important St. Mary's documents (vestry minutes, treasurer's reports, etc.). Right now, many of these are only available digitally and website access is limited to one year.

URI has many of the really old documents, which have actually been catalogued and stored in archival boxes. Murry plans on visiting URI to determine exactly what is there and what kind of access might be available.

It was suggested that once we have everything digitally available, we take steps to enable character recognition, thus making these records searchable.

Tuck Fund – David Brierley

In an effort to establish some clarity and division between the Tuck and Mitchell monies, David has been trying to determine what amount of money belongs to which fund. Eligibility is another issue that needs further definition, as there are so many more educational opportunities available these days.

In February of this year, the Tuck Fund Committee submitted 5 specific motions that they requested the vestry to vote on. The Finance Committee and then the Vestry needs to review and act on these recommendations. [A copy of these motions is on Basecamp.]

Treasurer's Report – David Brierley

All budget requests from the various ministries have been submitted, except for Music and Worship. Jennifer will ask these two ministries to please submit their budgets.

Consent Agenda

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. with everyone saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattie E. Gustafson, Clerk