

## **A Summary of Vestry Actions taken at the December 11, 2025 Meeting:**

### **REVIEW OF CHRISTMAS MARKET & STROLL**

Warden Lucy Leske asked for feedback/debriefing from the Vestry as to how we thought things went, the committee had a wrap up meeting yesterday. Lots of talk about how things flowed. Peter Greenhalgh shared that when he came for lunch he found everything running smoothly, “so well done to all the worker volunteers.” Peter also spoke of the wonderful concert on Friday evening and the John Shea readings and Nantucket Community Music Center (NCCMC) concert on Stroll Sunday. Lou was working the lunch buffet and also felt things went smoothly. Kirk noted that he was there and also agreed. Max felt all went well and considered the Friday concert a great evening. He too, expressed how well attended the John Shea readings were, as was the NCCMC concert. “We are a spiritual & cultural center as well as a church! The online auction was a huge success and applause went out to all, especially Jenny Benzie for all her work getting the online portion up and running.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Kirk shared the Christmas Concert & Market numbers which were almost double from last year and the biggest intake Market year-to-date!

The new technology used during the Christmas Stroll Concert and the Market went well, “it was simple for folks to learn and the **Give Butter** platform was a success. The use of the new Venmo addition was also a huge help.”

Kirk then read a new resolution for approval - about the Rector’s Yearly Housing Compensation Resolution 2025.12.01.

**Motion to approved made by Lou, seconded by Dorothy, all were in favor.**

### **ENDOWMENT SPENDING POLICY**

There was much discussion on this topic and Kirk read what the policy says, which is just like the Diocesan policy. This yearly draw will be taken from the gain on the Church’s Unrestricted Long-Term assets. It will put monies into The Benevolence Fund (60%) and Church Operations (40%). “Once the draw occurred, the money would go into high yield savings until needed.”

**Lucy made a motion to approve, all in favor.**

### **BUDGET 2026 DISCUSSION**

It was noted that the budget is still a work in progress but once all the numbers are in place, the budget will be broken down monthly for more accurate management on a monthly basis. On a separate, long-term planning discussion, the thought is to have a long-term plan in place for all campus buildings and the campus itself. A vote on the 2026 Budget was tabled until next month’s meeting and will then be presented to the parish at the Annual Meeting on January 25, 2026.

### **STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

The next meeting of the committee will be Tuesday. Peter Barnes spoke of the Capital Campaign, which includes 108 pledges thus far. They would like to have this wrapped up by the end of this year. There is a possibility of one donor giving us a matching gift....Cece Fowler noted that often folks do give towards the end of a campaign "to get the organization up and over the asking line."

At present we have 81 Stewardship pledges, totaling \$327,000 which is a 4% increase over last year at this time.

### **CAMPUS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Steve Paradis noted that the construction plans are moving forward. They have two quotes from electrical contractors and they have walked through the church and really looked at things very closely.

January 2026 is the soft start of beginning the work, preconstruction meetings, etc.

On Jan. 12 the folks will begin to install the new sprinkler system in the church proper and pews will begin to be removed after Christmas services.

There was conversation about not having things disposed of/thrown out that should be saved.

Discussion as to where to hold the Annual Meeting on January 25: "probably the Chapel." Also, conversation about having two services in the Chapel to help with "crowd control" and how to put those services on Zoom? "They will discuss that question with the A.V. folks."

Warden Liz Bristow noted that we'd like to reinstall the Fellowship Dinner for those retiring from the Vestry and those coming on, and Max will invite the new Vestry members to attend the Jan. meeting as has been our custom. It was decided that the dinner would be a pot luck in the Vestry room after the January meeting on Thursday, Jan. 8. Cece noted that at that meeting, we need to give a warm thanks and kind farewell to the old members of the Vestry, and welcome the four new members.

Lucy, Liz, and Toby Broadus are working on packets for the new Vestry members.

### **RECTORS'S REPORT**

Max thanked everyone at the meeting for all they are doing. He noted that it was not his idea to be selected by *Nantucket Magazine* to be their person of the year, however he has received numerous standing ovations and compliments from many. He hoped the story praised St. Paul's enough for all the work we do.

We will have an intern with us through Easter; a young man from Brooklyn who will be married on May 1 (Parker and Sarah). He'll be staying in the Parish House apartment and will arrive March 5 and stay through April 6.

Joe Hammer continues to doing great things with his music and we are on a roll!

### **NO OTHER BUSINESS**