

A Summary of Vestry Actions taken at the November 13, 2025 Meeting:

BUDGET 2026 DISCUSSION

Treasurer Kirk Baker shared the draft. "It is a rough draft which still needs work."

He submitted two resolutions for approval –

Resolution One for Fidelity account

Resolution Two for Vanguard account; **motion to approved both made, all were in favor.**

It was noted that the Bike Lending program will now be referred to as the Bike Library.

On Veteran's Day the Toy Lending Library was PACKED.

Because this new program is already so crowded on the days it is open, Kirk has added a small budget for a Toy Librarian for 2026, who will report to Dorothy Baker. Currently open for three days, Liz Bistow shared that by hiring someone who is bi-lingual, it would allow the library to be open for more days and noted that three volunteers would also be very helpful. At times there is only one person – which is too much for one. Max is supportive of this idea, but expressed moving forward with some caution since we need to be aware of adding another salary to the church expenses. Lucy Leske shared that it was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting on Friday and because outreach is growing so quickly, we need more volunteers. Dorothy Baker is hoping we might in fact receive a grant from the Community Foundation, which would help.

Max mentioned this is a great first step towards helping the children in our community.

Cece Fowler thought we might put something on our website about "offering different ways to give in addition to your pledge."

The hope in the new year is that the library will be open on alternate Saturdays, and already many play groups have expressed interest in using our playground. It was noted we do have limited space, so we need to be aware of that.

The final version of the budget will be shared next month and or Jan. before the Annual Meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jay Riggs is chairing the committee. She shared the prospective names for new Vestry members: Scott Ferguson, Josie Martin and Karen Bloomfield. They have not found a clerk, yet. Cece Fowler wondered if anyone was considered a summer parishioner, Scott and Josie are.

CHRISTMAS MARKET AND STROLL EVENTS

There was just a brief discussion about the new way the Silent Auction will be done – which will also be online. There are about twenty experiences, rather than straight "gift" items.

Jay Riggs asked if the online part will launch first, yes was the answer. And they couldn't have done all the online without Jenny Benzie's help!

Venmo is now in place for St. Paul's and training on its use will be offered after Thanksgiving.

CAMPUS COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Steve Paradis noted that the Committee meets every other week via zoom. **The building permit** has been issued! Sprinkler permit too. WISE Construction sent their resume and all they have

accomplished on other jobs – all the work is all on Nantucket and they have a great support staff of contractors/consultants.

The committee is also interviewing Peter Lloyd as a possible supervisor; his prices are in the normal ballpark. It would be 40 hours a week for four months. Steve shared they have done lots of church work in the past. He would answer to Steve and John Barnes.

There are wooden wall mocks-ups in Gardner Hall and floor mock ups arrive tomorrow to help keep parishioners informed/involved.

They are still working on finding an electrical engineer.

It was shared by Colby Crenshaw and others that Libby Tracey did a super job talking off the cuff while Peter B. filmed her.

Cece Fowler noted the wonderful job Peter Barnes and Patsy Wright did on the Stewardship campaign including the Capital Campaign.

WARDEN'S REPORT:

BIKE MINISTRY:

Warden Liz Bristow explained that we have over two-hundred bikes in the parish house basement for the Bike Program! They are looking in to purchasing some equipment to be able to store them, since storage is an issue. Dorothy Baker noted that most new helmets come with lights, but Max shared that many folks do not want to use helmets. Max would like locks for every bike and we need an air compressor too.

John was praised for all he is doing as Sexton. Steve Paradis wondered if the high school kids, who are required to do community service before they graduate, might help with the bike program during the hours of 4 to 5 PM?

RENEWAL WORKS:

The program will start in February and a survey will be sent during Lent – it is a hybrid program.

ANNUAL MEETING:

To be held on Jan. 25th 2026

RECTOR'S REPORT:

Father Max shared that we will be using the Chancel during the winter months when work is being done in the church proper; they are adding an 8 AM service in addition to the 9:30 service to help with the number of folks expected to attend.

Lou Gennaro and Jay Riggs, and others, asked for Rite I at the early service, although Max prefers to give communion at each service; although Rite I does have communion, he likes the full service.

Max shared that Nourish Nantucket will be moving their meals to Tuesday evenings. He plans to apply to them for some funding for our meals.

“People are grateful for all we continue to offer the community.”

The bishop will be coming on Memorial Day weekend and will still with he and Olly at the Rectory in the Bishop's Room. He will encourage her to participate in all the island-wide Memorial Day offerings. He also hopes to have some folks confirmed while she's here. Max might even have her “accept him” as most ministers have that done when they join a new parish and he was not offered that when he came to St. Paul's.

“It is still a very busy time and we have much to celebrate.” He then thanked all for their leadership and shared that we are all a blessing.

NO OTHER BUSINESS