

A Summary of Vestry Actions taken at the September 11, 2025 Meeting:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Steve Paradis reported on the Campus Committee, "Construction documents are completed and they are talking to subcontractors." The thought is that he and John Barnes could be the General Contractors (GC), since they have been working so closely on this project and with subcontractors. Guest John Barnes did add that they would need to hire a fulltime supervisor/superintendent because someone must be on site whenever workers are present. John Barnes noted that all subcontractors have insurance and show their certificate of insurance.

An informal Vestry vote was taken and as long as there is a supervisor in place to work with Steve Paradis and John Barnes, all were in favor of having them as the GC.

It was noted that the new sprinklers will be installed in the church proper at the end of Sept. and the installers are aware of not disturbing the historic fabric of our church. Church services will be interrupted during this short time.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Kirk Baker sent reports via email to all Vestry – Warden Lucy Leske noted that the Finance Committee will be meeting this week and Kirk shared that its been a great month and the long-term account is higher than it has even been, and the one-million-dollar donation is in the bank.

Lucy noted that the budgeting process for 2026 will begin shortly, and it will be different than in the past.

Kirk also noted that we received \$5000 from the Sconset Chapel for the Weds. Meals Program and that St. Paul's was nominated as Volunteer of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce!!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

At present there are 96 pledges for the campaign. We'd like to finish the campaign by the end of the year, including the pledges towards it. There will be another targeted mailing to parishioners. Dec. 31 is the end date of the campaign.

STEWARDSHIP LAUNCH:

Peter Barnes shared that the Stewardship appeal has been a success even with the slight yearly increases; the goal for 2026 is \$575,000. They are working on a name for next year's campaign.

Patsy Wright said one idea is "Working Together through Generosity with God's Love."

Cece Fowler noted that people are noticing all the good things we are doing as a parish and "folks want to be involved in things that are growing."

Peter B. announced he would be stepping down as a co-chair of Stewardship at the Annual Meeting but will continue on the Finance Committee.

The improvements to the Julia Jelleme Cottage are moving along nicely.

BY-LAWS UPDATE:

Toby Broadus noted that there are seven folks involved with the Diocesan Standing Committee review process; we need to follow the model they send to all churches. Ours was close to their report, and yet recently they have been rewritten.

WARDEN'S REPORT:

RENEWAL WORK:

Warden Liz Bristow shared that the Renewal Works will begin during the winter and Director Loren Dixon will lead the Vestry through that process. There will be four workshops for Vestry members, which she reviewed and noted how they will work with a spiritual plan.

Colby Crenshaw noted that if there is a date set for a Vestry retreat, we need to hold fast to that date and not change it because we'll never be able to have everyone attend on any date chosen. Cece Fowler suggested a yearly retreat could be held the weekend after the Annual Meeting, then everyone would KNOW THE DATE way ahead of time. Clerk Peter Greenhalgh mentioned there used to be welcome/thank you dinners in the past to welcome new Vestry and thank the outgoing; Lucy shared that when she was first on the Vestry, there was a dinner and it was super.

RECTOR'S REPORT:

Father Max noted that the National Church calls for a Senior and Jr. Warden, however in our updated by-laws we have named co-wardens.

We'll have three Bishops visiting us over the course of next year.

Max was pleased that St. Paul's was nominated by the Chamber of Commerce as Volunteer of the Year, and while we were not looking for that honor, it will help us share all that we do here at St. Paul's. He went on to state that "we are all laborers in God's Vineyard."

NO OTHER BUSINESS