

MARCH VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 4, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Members present: Rev. Katie Ayers, Moderator, Lisa Clarkson, Senior Warden, Rusty Davis, Junior Warden, Betsy Cate, Drew Robb, Butch Addison, Treye Byars, Julie Claytor, Anne Lott, Treasurer, and Louise Barker, Secretary. Member absent: Tammy Brazzell.

The monthly vestry meeting was called to order by Rev. Katie and she opened with prayer.

Vestry Minutes: The minutes of the vestry meeting held on March 30, 2026, which were previously emailed to all members by Louise Barker, were addressed. Rev. Katie asked if there were changes that needed to be made. Hearing no changes, additions or corrections, Rev. Katie asked for motions to approve the minutes as written. Motions were made by Treye and Drew to accept the minutes as written and the vestry approved.

Treasurer's Report: Anne presented the treasurer's report and pointed out the large increase from March to April on the Account Balances report (\$894,590.89/\$937,968.02). Anne also stated the budget numbers reflected for the oyster roast are from last year and will be more realistic in the next report.

Junior Warden's Report: Rusty apologized that it's taking so long to get the sink in the sacristy bathroom replaced and the water turned back on. He has obtained a bid of \$300 labor to replace the sink and faucet soon. If we are willing to wait, he can purchase the sink and faucet for about \$100 and do the labor work himself. The vestry was in agreement to wait. Rusty stated the hot water would be turned back on when the work is done.

Senior Warden's Report: Lisa asked that the vestry members think about leaving the current vestry in place during the search process. She is corresponding with The Rev. Canon Janey Wilson in the diocesan office through email for a meeting date (May 26 is her choice). Once that meeting occurs, Lisa will report on our options and their discussions at the next vestry meeting. Rev. Katie suggested that Lisa work right away on filling the pulpit with supply priests for the month of August.

Lisa asked about certification of delegates to Convention and if that's her responsibility. Rev. Katie has already registered our delegates for this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Transition: Has been discussed in Senior Warden's Report. Rev. Katie is working on getting a supply priest for June 28 when she will be away. She also reported that she is working on getting the parish register up to date. She is creating a transition document with all the information and passwords we (Lisa, Louise, Anne) will need when she leaves on July 26th.

Baptisms: St. John's had six Baptisms on May 3. Rev. Katie thanked everyone who helped to make the day and reception so meaningful.

Gadsden Testing Program: At the last vestry meeting, members voted to give forty \$25 gift cards to Gadsden as testing incentives for the students. Julie delivered the cards on May 1st as testing is beginning. So far, \$525 has been given from St. John's members. There is money in the outreach budget to cover what is not received to meet the goal by May 17th. Ms. Washington and her staff are appreciative of the cards.

NEW BUSINESS:

Youth Sunday/Picnic: May 24th is Pentecost and Youth Sunday. Rev. Katie will reach out to families in an effort to get all the young people involved in assisting with the worship service. Rusty (and he volunteered Debbie) will purchase the meat, buns and cheese. Julie and Betsy will inventory our current condiment supplies and get help for whatever else is needed, i.e. picnic sides and desserts.

T-Shirts: Rev. Katie would like to look into getting t-shirts (red) with St. John's printed on them for youth Sunday. She will check on the pricing.

Security: At 4am on Monday, May 4th, the alarm went off in the parish hall. A door had been left ajar and possibly a critter entered and set off the alarm. Police came and Jim Hiott was called by our monitoring service. Jim and Mary Ann came to secure the building and set the alarm. Nothing was missing or damaged. This experience triggered getting the call list updated which now includes in order: Rusty Davis, Van Lott, Jim Hiott, and Rev. Katie. It was agreed that the last person to leave and set the alarm will ensure that all doors are closed first. Rusty reviewed the alarm setting which has a "door open" indicator as a reminder for the last person leaving the building. Rev. Katie thanked Jim and Mary Ann for coming out here.

OTHER BUSINESS:

By-Laws: Treasurer Anne has set up Bill Pay to pay bills and has an app to make deposits to Morgan Stanley by phone. Because our By-Laws specify that there are to be two signatures on checks there will need to be a change made to the By-Laws. Anne and Bud McCaskill are working on the language to change the By-Laws which will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting or a called meeting.

Diocesan Audit Rule: There is a new rule that specifies churches should have outside auditors. Rev. Katie is checking on how that rule would apply to St. John's as to budget and size.

The next vestry meeting will be Monday, June 1st at 6:30pm.

Anne led us in Compline and the meeting closed at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Barker, Secretary to the Vestry