

DECEMBER VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 5:30 pm

Members present: Rev. Katie Ayers, Moderator, Jim Hiott, Senior Warden, Rusty Davis, Junior Warden, Julie Claytor, Treye Byars, Betsy Cate, Selman Watson, and Louise Barker, Secretary. Members absent were Butch Addison and Anne Lott, Treasurer.

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

The minutes of the vestry meeting held on November 3, 2025, 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 Julie and Treye to accept the minutes as written and the vestry approved.

Treasurer's Report: Anne Lott was away and Rev. Katie stated she would send the Treasurer's Report to members when she returns. Rev. Katie stated that each year, the vestry should vote for treasurer. A motion was made by Treye with second by Rusty that Anne continue as treasurer for St. John's for 2026 and the vestry approved with thanks.

A motion was requested to give William P. Cate (Billy), chair of the Finance Committee, and Charles L. McCaskill, Jr. (Bud), chair of the Audit Committee, the authority to contact Morgan Stanley for the purpose of asking questions in order to effectively advise the Finance Committee and the Vestry on financial matters. Neither would have authority to modify accounts. This is just a formality giving Billy and Bud permission to contact Morgan Stanley if and when necessary. A motion was made by Selman with second by Julie and the vestry approved.

Following the annual meeting, and with the election of Lisa Clarkson as Senior Warden, a letter to Morgan Stanley requesting that Lisa be given authority to sign checks and other financial documents was signed by Jim Hiott on December 4, 2025, and mailed to MS the following day.

Senior Warden's Report:

Jim asked that everyone please read his annual report and stated he has enjoyed serving as senior warden. He would like to see more folks attend the Wednesday Noon Eucharist.

Junior Warden's Report:

Rusty is waiting on information from the roofers regarding replacing wood and adding metal on the church roof. He thanked Jim for his support and assistance during the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas and Advent: No formation classes during Advent and Christmas Eve service will begin with music prior to the service.

Rev. Katie's IRS Housing Form: This is a form she will submit to her accountant for tax purposes. A motion was made by Selman with second by Rusty to approve the form. Vestry agreed.

Rev. Katie thanked Jim and Selman for serving on the vestry.

Other Business:

At the January meeting, goals will be discussed.

The next vestry meeting will be Monday, January 5th at 6:30pm.

Motions were made by Jim and Julie to adjourn with vestry approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Barker, Secretary to the Vestry