

SEPTEMBER VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 14, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Members present: Lisa Clarkson, Senior Warden, Rusty Davis, Junior Warden, Butch Addison, Treye Byars, Julie Claytor, Perri Peraza, Anne Lott, Treasurer, and Louise Barker, Secretary. Absent were Betsy Cate and Drew Robb. Guests were Debbie Davis and Danielle Floyd.

The monthly vestry meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Lisa.

Vestry Minutes: The minutes of the vestry meeting held on August 10, 2026, which were previously emailed to all members by Louise Barker, were addressed. Lisa asked if there were any changes. Hearing no changes, motions were made by Butch and Treye to accept the minutes as written and the vestry approved.

Treasurer's Report: Anne presented the treasurer's report. She reported that St. John's is doing well and that a nice gift has been received moving our Operating Fund Checking Account balance from \$27,000+ to \$41,000+. She discussed the need to change our by-laws' language regarding two signatures required on checks. She is paying some bills electronically. She will work with the Finance Committee to present by-law changes at the congregational meeting.

Junior Warden's Report: Rusty discussed replacing a TPAC wall unit in Zion Hall at a cost of \$1500. A motion was made by Butch with second by Julie to go forward and the vestry approved. The dryer at the rectory has been repaired by David Brown. Lisa discussed a request for a microphone for some of our supply priests and lectors. Rusty, Debbie, and Perri will research a solution.

Senior Warden's Report: Lisa reported that we are pretty much on track with our business and worship services. Everyone was happy with The Rev. Dr. Porter C. Taylor who filled the pulpit this past Sunday.

Old Business:

Web Page and Social Media: Debbie Davis updated the vestry regarding visits to our website over the past 30 days and the sources used to get there. Attached to these minutes are graphics of traffic overview. To increase traffic to our web page, Debbie suggested that the monthly newsletter and other information resources be sent out using a link to view rather than as an attachment. Danielle Floyd discussed using our Facebook and Instagram accounts as avenues to get to the web page.

Search Committee: Our By-Laws state: *The Search Committee shall consist of five (5) persons, three (3) of whom shall be elected Vestry members and two (2) of whom shall be members of the Congregation eligible to vote, but not office holders.* From the congregation: Lisa has spoken with Van Lott, who has agreed to serve and chair the committee. Danielle Floyd, who is

interested in serving, agreed to do so. From the vestry: Lisa, Julie, and Rusty agreed to serve. Anne will take minutes at the meetings.

Formation: Julie discussed plans for youth formation. For five weeks, beginning on November 8, Julie will teach youth formation. Mary Ellen Barnwell is willing to help. Adult formation will be held at the same time each Sunday and Lisa is hopeful that attending adults will lead a class each Sunday. Lisa will look into the curriculum. Lisa will also look into Safe Church training for Mary Ellen and Perri. Lynn Davis has agreed to help organize the Godly Play classroom and to finish the wall mural begun earlier this year.

Homecoming: Rusty reported that he is "in training" with John Davis who has headed the pit crew for many years. John wishes to step down as head. Butch would like to have a half hog to be cooked on the grill and for "pig pickin." A search is on for the organizing documentation. This item will be discussed at the October meeting as Homecoming is November 1.

Church History: This information, which is on the web page, is being updated to include current history. Debbie and Anne presented documents with additions to the church history (attached). It's a work in progress.

Stewardship: Julie (chair of Stewardship) plans to mail out letters and pledge cards on September 25. October is Stewardship month. The deadline to return the pledge cards is November 1st. Someone will speak each Sunday about the importance of pledging.

Small Church Retreat: Lisa asked if there was anyone interested in attending the Small Church Retreat at Camp Gravatt on October 2 and 3. She plans to go and will ask Jim and Mary Ann Hiott if they can go.

Other Business:

A reminder - The Ukaloones Band will be at St. John's for a concert on Sunday, October 18 at 5pm. There will be a reception following the concert.

Another reminder – the oyster/shrimp roast is Saturday, March 6. Treye suggested a close watch on the weather forecast ahead of time in case more shrimp than oysters should be ordered.

The vestry thanked Debbie and Danielle for being with us and sharing information.

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

Anne led us in Compline and the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Barker, Secretary to the Vestry