

Vestry
Minutes of September 22, 2026

Attendees: Father Lance, Roch Whitman, John Trompeter, Dawn Wilkins, Mary Randall, Brenda Pierce, Beth Wrisley, Gary Gailor, Ed Kushall, Sue Casey, Dick Robinson, Maggie Markham

Absent: Tom Nairn, Carol Wawrzcki, Gary Richardson

Opening: Prayer given by Father Lance

Sexton Report:

Chris N provided the Sexton report that was attached to the agenda. This report was reviewed and indicated that HVAC was completed with the installation of 4 new units. The cost for replacement of these units was \$66,874. This was paid by using 2 sources of funding of operating budget and from the capital fund.

The drop ceiling in the Narthex was completed for a cost of \$23,300 that will be paid from insurance money we received due to ice and water damage from this past winter.

As noted in the Sexton Report the water damage that occurred last winter may have been caused by two intake openings that fed old heating/cooling units. These were sealed off as they are no longer needed. The cost of this will be paid from the insurance money received.

In preparing for winter Chris has contacted Harvey Strassner Roofing to apply ice deterrent to the gutters running along over the office door, Narthex, Music Room and Library walls. This can also be paid from the insurance money received.

A review of estimates received from B&M Paving were reviewed for the State St parking and for the prep work area where the cottonwood trees stood. Recommendation from Chris was to delay this work until 2027 and at that time to repave the State St, lot and to sealcoat and restripe the Webster Rd. lot. Estimate included in packet.

In discussion it was felt that additional estimates were needed and the Vestry agreed with delaying work until spring. The cost of this project will likely exceed \$70,000.

Mary made a motion to pass the Sexton Report and was seconded by Brenda with thanks to Chris N. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Report:

The finance report was reviewed by Sue and Dick Robinson that included a discussion regarding Stewardship. (included in packet). The finance report indicates that despite funds received during the summer months the parish remains on solid financial grounds. The parish has a positive

balance of \$14,709.00. The finance report was accepted with thanks to Sue, Bruce and Dick. A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Brenda and passed unanimously.

A discussion regarding Stewardship occurred as we must develop the 2027 budget in the coming months. It was recommended that Vestry members assigned as liaisons contact each committee to discuss the financial needs for 2027 and to be reviewed at the October meeting. John will send list to Vestry regarding committee assignments.

Discussed IT equipment failure and the need to develop a budget for 2027.

Thanksgiving Dinner:

Vestry will host a Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday November 21 at 2:00 PM. John will send a sign-up list and we will need people to help with set up and clean up.

Eternal Flame:

John reported on options for the eternal flame to be installed in the columbarium. It is not recommended that it be gas operated and options were provided that may include solar or electrical. Cost for each will be reviewed at the next meeting by John.

Banners:

The banners on the front lawn need to be replaced. Dawn will follow up with ideas and cost to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Review of Grant

A grant was received by the Diocese for 5000.00 for Invite, Welcome and Connect. Additional information regarding implementation and how this maybe a model for the diocese will occur at the October meeting. Funds to be received in installments starting in January of 2026.

Support for Seminarian:

A form was signed by Vestry members in support of Julie in preparing for the priesthood.

Vestry Membership:

Brief discussion and recruitment of new Vestry members for January of 2027. John and Brenda will be leaving the Vestry and Dawn who will be Senior Warden is already looking and possible individuals who maybe interested. To be updated at the October meeting.

Other:

Father Lance reported on the number of funerals that have recently occurred, many have been long time parishioners of Good Shepherd.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45, Dawn made the motion and it was seconded by Beth. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Nest Meeting: **Tuesday October 20 at 6:30**

Minutes submitted by Maggie Markham, Vestry Clerk