

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
August 19, 2026 – 6:00 pm

Members:

+Pastor Jean Vargo	+Kathleen Walters
-Chris Brandt, Sr. Warden	+Diane Labrie
+Bob Neben, Treasurer	+Steve Ireland, Jr. Warden
+Jill Davis	+Randy Young, Finance Chair
+ Cathy Fain	Guest: Rev. Melanie Slane
+Cheryl Strine	

+ In attendance - Absent

1. Opening Prayer

Called to order at 6:06pm, Rev. Melanie Slane opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Review of transition meeting on Aug 9 -

- Melanie has outlined the next 11 steps of the process, who should be the point person for each task, dates for tasks.
- Assembling a Search Team is the next big step. Vestry will come up with a list of possible candidates and vote on them. 6-8 leaders who are not currently on Vestry. The Search Team will work with the congregation to help clarify who we are to build a parish profile.
- Need to work on a 5-year budget plan and plan for the future as we begin this journey. Rev. Derrick Fetz will help with financial pieces and how to work towards our goals.

3. Review/Comment of June 2026 Minutes

- Previous meeting minutes' approval confirmed
- *Steve moved, Cathy seconded, no discussion. Motion passed.*

- *Jill moved to begin attaching draft minutes to the weekly newsletter with note that they will be approved by the next meeting. Steve seconded. Motion passed.*

4. Committees Reports

- **Properties:** Jill
 - Updates
 - Sanctuary ac - power outage blew fuse. Repairs made, system is back online.
 - Boyle mechanical working on options to address water usage for chiller - grant opportunity from the church foundation being written by Mike Miller for replacing chiller to reduce water usage.
 - Duplex - 701 needed to replace washing machine
 - Little Acorn Academy starts up in a few weeks. There will be a work day in late Sept or early Oct for parents to come help tidy and weed the Kiefaber garden.
 - Need more ideas of how to get people to actually show up to help with things like weeding and tasks around church.
- **Finance:** Randy, Chair, and Bob, Treasurer
 - Randy gave the finance report.
 - Nothing remarkable to report, positive number went into checking account
 - Treasurer's report - income: \$34,281 pledge income for July (June pledge was \$5,700) Little Acorn paid several months rent ahead of time in June.
 - Expenses were within acceptable range.
 - We are down \$79,000 for the year
 - Finance Committee asks vestry to accept accountants compilation report so the Parochial Report can be completed. *Steve moved to accept the report, Jill seconded. Motion passed.*
 - Bob presented the idea of selling rental property. Steve moved for this activity to be discussed in an Executive Team meeting, sent back to vestry for more discussion.
 - Sr. Warden request – update presentation of data (visuals vs. spreadsheets); provide updated trend analysis (YTD & past 5-yr)

- **Outreach**

Betty presented idea to do a joint holiday bazaar with Our Savior and Good Shepherd Lutheran – Saturday 9-3pm

- Ask St. Mark's if they'd like to participate
- Vendors pay for table space

Steve moved to move forward with Betty's idea, Kathleen seconded, discussion about inviting St. Mark's too, motion carried.

Steve asks that we table the rest of the agenda due to time constraints. Vestry agreed.

5. Closing Prayer

Adjourned 8:11pm

Next Vestry meeting: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Walters, Secretary of the Vestry