



4/13/25 Vestry Meeting Minutes Karen Saxe, Clerk

1. Opening Prayer (Rector)

- a. Attendance - I usually list names in alpha order based on last name.
 - 1. Absent: Michal Delnin, David Gillespie, Susan McFeeley, and MB Witt
 - 2. Attended: Rebecca Bent, Worth Bracken, Sara Coles, Laura Daly, Mary Davis, Veronique Dulack, Geoff Hahneman, Andris Kalmind, Robert Reynolds, Karen Saxe,

2. Voting on the Minutes of the March Meeting (Clerk)

Approved by all with no changes.

3. Finance Committee Report of March Financials (Treasurer)

- a. Fuel bank donated: \$700.00
- b. Flowers for Easter: \$1800.00 raised and 1000.00 in budget
 - 1. At the end of the year, put money in reserve for next year.
- c. Two lines for flowers in the budget: Easter/Christmas and regular services.

4. Property update (Susan)

- d. Tango Classes- Tuesday nights
- e. Cottage - renovations - will be repainted this summer.
- f. The Parish House door is in need of repair (up the ramp). The painter will look at the wall and door.
- g. We need to paint the side entrance of the church.

5. Renovation update (Worth)

- h. Scaffolding was postponed until this week and should be up before Easter.

6. Wardens' Report (Wardens)

The Wardens had nothing to report.

7. Rector's Report

Geoff has no Sunday off in May because we do not have a lay preacher. Geoff noted that need more people to train to become lay preachers and morning prayer officiants.



Summer plans:

- a. The choir is set to work with Jon LaFleur.
- b. One service in the summer? It was decided to maintain the current schedule of an 8AM and 10AM service.

Spring Training:

1. 400 people online (overall numbers are down)
2. 120 at the in-person Saturday event
3. Three members of St John's attended: MB, Sara and Geoff

Concerns:

- a. Many parishes are merging, and numbers are low. What is our plan to stay strong and continue to grow?
- b. Furniture out of the storage container. (Summer tag sale?)

Brainstorming Discussion:

- Our numbers have improved. We are still strong, but we need to plan for the future.
- Co-convenor (Laura): The Northwest Region Leadership Team is working on the following new projects to build more of a community among NWR parishes:
- Put together a potluck dinner for local wardens and parishioners in several sections of the region.
- First potluck May 17.
 - Look at who doesn't have a priest and build a list of lay preachers who can help with morning prayer.
 - Meeting with Bart (who is building a state-wide youth group) to see if NWR can piggyback with some of his visits.
- Youth lay preachers.
- Karen suggested more youth events - how can outreach be turned into attendees?
- Family services with different music, maybe youth speaker (more modern), add students from local schools to play instruments and sing at Family Service. (Gunn, Shepaug, Rumsey, WMS) [Alecia Evans](#) to coordinate with Tom Brand?
- Women's group- building community and outreach.

The closing Prayer was said by Geoff.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:00 pm.