

St. John's Episcopal Church



Minutes of the Vestry Meeting of October 19, 2025

In Attendance: Fr. Hahneman, Ms. Bent, Ms. Davis, Mr. Kalnins, Mr. Del Nin, Mr. Bracken, Ms. McFeely, Ms. Coles, Ms. Daly, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Reynolds

Absent: Ms. Witt, Ms. Daly, Ms. Dulack, Ms. Saxe

Opening Prayer

Fr. Hahneman opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the previous vestry meeting was deferred, pending recirculation.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Gillespie discussed the income and expense report and balance sheet for September. He noted, with thanks, receipt of a gift of \$5,000 from the Estate of Tillie Paige Laird and a gift of \$8,000 from a family trust at the request and direction of Carolyn Macdonald. These gifts are to be deposited in the parish's endowment account. It was discussed that gifts of \$5,000 or more should be deposited in the endowment account.

Property Report

Ms. McFeely reported that scheduled work on the cottage has been completed, and that the color of the cottage was changed to "Pashmina," in consultation with Rod Pleasants. She noted that painting and repairs to the exterior of the Parish House are being considered for the coming year. She reported on progress in obtaining approvals to install a fence in the side yard of the Rectory.

Restoration Project Report

Mr. Bracken discussed progress with the restoration project for the church's tower, including the arrival of new composite stone capstones, the installation of which has begun. He also discussed the testing of a new machine which could be employed to remove the masonry paint on the cast stone elements that are not being replaced. The mason would look to St. John's to commit to a paint removal project to help defray the cost of this new equipment.

Warden's Report

Ms. Davis discussed the upcoming vestry retreat and the meeting of parishes from the Northwest Region.

Rector's Report

Fr. Hahneman noted that he would be giving a sermon on stewardship on November 9th, and he requested that pledge cards and stewardship letter should be circulated the week before. He discussed potential timing of Christmas Eve services, including the "midnight" mass, which might take place at midnight, 10:00 PM or some other time, as he determines. He noted that he would be appointing members of the nominating committee, in preparation for nominations of vestry members and officers to be elected at the parish's 2026 annual meeting. He offered thanks to Mr. Bracken and all those who helped with the parish's annual picnic.

Fr. Hahneman closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

David Gillespie