

ST. JOHN'S VESTRY AGENDA

Sunday, February 15, 2026

In the Parish Library

After the 10:00 Coffee Hour

In Attendance: Rod Pleasants, Susan McFeely, Mary Davis, Veronique Dulack, Laura, Robert Reynolds, Andris Kalnins, MB Witt, Geoff Hahneman, Karen Saxe

Unable to Attend: David Gillespie, Leslie Weigel, Worth Bracken, and Rebecca Bent

Opening Prayer and Welcoming of New Members (Geoff Hahneman)

1. Voting on the Minutes of the January Meeting (Written by David Gillespie for Karen Saxe)
Approved
2. Finance Committee Report on January Financials (David Gillespie) **Approved**
3. Property Committee updates (Property Chair)
 - a. Bell tower rope is there and repaired!
 - b. Mitchell Oil repaired the boiler
 - c. The Property Committee will begin accepting bids for painting the parish hall.
4. Nominations for the Foundation Board (Nominating Committee)
 - a. If there is a vacancy, we will fill it.
 - b. MB suggests we need more people on the committee.
5. Foundation Report (Wardens)
 - a. Update the foundation website - need to hire a professional
 1. It is important that we create a fundraising section. There is software just for donations (DonorPerfect)
 2. The website will focus on the church's restoration and history.
 3. We also need to create a social media presence.
 - b. Rod and Sara Lee will get a list and begin to interview candidates - need to create a position, even if only part-time, just for that portion of the website
 - c. Need a committee for advertising. The vestry suggested Sara Coles and Laura Daly
 - d. Update on Foundation Meeting to be held in February
 1. Planning for capital improvements
6. Warden's Report (Wardens)
 - a. Fete update: Susan - made an extra 4,000 at Litchfield Auction- gross 80,000 in Fete.
 - b. The Fete allowed us to donate 10,000 to the Washington and Warren Foodbank.
 - c. We need new ideas and people to get involved more deeply. The Fete needs to evolve, so we need to bring on new people.
 1. The couture sales did very well
 2. The silent auction was a success, with alcohol sales bringing in the most revenue
 3. Dinner sales were down.

- d. Form a committee now and get volunteers
 - e. Report on Annual Meeting table talks
 - 1. Mary Davis: How do we move our ideas forward?
 - 2. Geoff: Wrote to wardens at Roxbury Christ Church and Saint Michael's (Litchfield) to invite, connect, and welcome them to talk more about the future of our churches. Get three people to greet new people.
 - 3. Mary Davis suggested that we create an event: Sunday lunch or tea, and get the wardens from the churches together in April after the 19th. Two wardens from each warden to tell their story. Saint Michaels and Roxbury, just for a conversation.
 - 4. Youth focus - Weekly study club in the Parish Hall (we will coordinate the day based on the parish schedule)
 - 1. Partner with Gunn Library for youth activities
 - 5. We will host a Halloween (Trunk-or-Treat) on Saturday, the 31st.
 - 6. Parish picnic.
 - 1. We will ask Mr. Bracken where he would prefer the event to be held: Wallingfield Farm or the Sheila Anson Pavilion.
 - 7. The Blessing of the Animals remains an important event.
 - 8. Table talks were successful overall - we need to work on collaborating with other parishes...so important!
 - f. Property tax update
7. Priest's Report (Priest)
- a. Approval of the Annual Parochial Report - approved