September 24, 2026 Vestry Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE (VIA ZOOM)

Sue Bowron
Kimberley Boyd, Jr. Warden
Jo Brewer
Steve Carlson
Cheryl Kelley
Laura Rives
Tracy Troutman
Ben Wagner
Rachel Pearson, Treasurer
Rob Harris, Clerk

ABSENT

Jim Bradley
Jeff Whalen

STAFF PRESENT (VIA ZOOM)

Rev. Dr. Stuart Higginbotham - Rector
Rev. Dr. Brandon Nonnemaker - Assoc. Rector

Rev. Dr. Brandon Nonnemaker opened the meeting with a prayer and benediction at 6:34 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Treasurer's Report & Minutes
    - Pearson highlighted financial items for the current period and noted that current trends remain consistent on a percentage basis with similar periods year over year
    - Pearson noted that Parish is experiencing lower revenue totals this year and that reasons are being analyzed
    - Vestry discussed possible reasons for lower Parish revenue, including economic uncertainty and general slowdown in business spending in our area
    - Staff noted increase in assistance requests
2. Finance
    - Higginbotham announced Finance Committee plans to meet with Bob Willis to analyze the Parish endowment funds and will discuss potential changes to the COG budget in its October 1st meeting
3. Stewardship
    - Higginbotham mentioned that current stewardship campaign letters have been mailed out, with All Saints' Sunday the normal goal for having pledges gathered
    - Brewer and Carlson suggested using scripts when contacting Parish members re: pledges likely to make personal outreach easier and more successful
4. Building & Grounds
    - Carlson noted the August minutes covered most of the progress with physical projects on Parish grounds
    - Carlson reiterated there would be some additional areas that need work, including the Parish security system, landscaping and nave sound system, among other things
6. Families/Discipleship
    - Nonnemaker noted that the meeting at Urban Air was a success and included 18 youth
    - Nonnemaker discussed building a group to meet in October and explore ways to connect the various groups meeting at the Parish
    - Boyd and Kelley mentioned that women's retreat registration is ongoing and suggested future registration processes may need to change to be more streamlined and efficient
7. Outreach

- Troutman announced that out of 34 organizations invited, she has already received 9 positive responses for the November 1st Outreach Fair after sending invitations out this week
- Higginbotham mentioned that there will be a November 8th Parish ministry fair as well and noted the need to coordinate across some of our various Outreach ministries
- Higginbotham noted there are approximately 90 participants for the St. Brigid's retreat
- Higginbotham mentioned new dashboard data and discussed with Vestry ways to integrate participants engaging in Parish life in traditional and non-traditional ways
    - Higginbotham suggested forming a working group to explore how Parish should manage its resources (endowments, programs, retreats and school work, among other things) to ensure it is meeting the needs of its parishioners and the broader community

8. <u>Other Items</u>
    - Higginbotham noted the Vestry Nominating Committee will need to begin their process to identify and nominate Vestry candidates
    - Higginbotham congratulated Nonnemaker and Brewer on their work on Vision200
    - Voyles discussed Phase 2 of the Bicentennial Campaign, including ensuring it fits needs of the Parish that have changed since the original kickoff in 2000 and suggested considering a modular approach to Parish improvements targeted by Phase 2

<u>APPROVALS</u>

1. The Minutes for the August Vestry meetings and the Treasurer's Report as presented to the Vestry were approved unanimously. (Voyles/Walker)

Meeting was closed with a prayer at 7:23 p.m.