

Vestry Meeting  
Sunday, August 31st, 2025  
Recorded by: Tyler Helm

*Those in Attendance:* Kent Miller, Carl Muench, Jeff Farough, Bill Bendl, Gina Thomas, Cheryl Essner, Tyler Helm, and Karen Biggs

**Meeting Opening:**

The meeting opened at 12:00 P.M. Karen Biggs opened with prayer.

**Order of Business:**

**1.) Previous Vestry Minute Approval**

- Carl Muench moved to approve previous Vestry minutes, and seconded by Karen Biggs.

**2.) The Treasurer's Report**

- We are doing okay, but we have a couple of items to focus on.
- We have met our budget amount for utilities. Some of this is due to the 15% Ameren increase.
- We have used up a lot of the surplus from no rector due to repairs of such. It looked as if we would have an \$8,000 surplus without a rector.
- Working on budget for next year has begun for 2026. Need to work on a stewardship campaign. John wants to lead this on the request that this remains a small committee. Gloria offered to serve on this committee. The first person who came to mind to serve on this committee for Kent was Monica Waldon.
- In gathering Sunday suggestion as the last Sunday of November. Suggestion of the six weeks leading to in-gathering Sunday having testimonials from people giving to the church. We may need to do some recruiting/finding volunteers for why they give and why others should give.
- Established a stewardship pledge campaign committee with John McGowan, Gloria Miller, and Monica Waldon.
- Giving statements might go out early this week and up through to August.

**3.) Senior Warden Report**

- The grant for the roof is available but it is going to cost more due to structural issues. \$6,000 is what is available and what's left is going to come out of insurance and the bid for the gutters were given. We selected Armstrong and \$1,500 for the Fountain House. There is much to be done for the brick and mortar of the church before changing the gutters of the church.
- Motion to approve by Karen Biggs and seconded by Tyler Helm. Voted to approve for the gutter replacement by Armstrong.
- Bid for brick and mortar for the whole church is \$27,000 and asking for \$30,000 for incidentals. Discussion of taking no-interest loan from diocese as an option for payment.
- 400-500 estimate for repairing the portico.

- \$312.50 cost for turbo clean the floor and grout, repair and seal the grout. This is very similar to the same cost to rent it and do it yourself.
- Motion to approve by Tyler Helm and seconded by Karen Biggs. Voted to approve uniamously.
- Motion to seal up the portico for up to \$500 by Jeff Farough and seconded by Tyler Helm. Vote approved unanimously.
- Ceiling tiles in the parish hall, vesting room, and narthex entrance area need to be addressed in the distant future.
- The Foundry requesting that the wall in the entrance is rotting away to repair. They applied for a grant and waiting on response. This will need to be addressed soon. Window frames are really in bad shape.
- Invitation for parishioners to serve on Vestry.
- Internship proposed by Canon Whitney for a interim priest seeking ordination. This will be discussed later when more information is given.

#### **4.) Building and Grounds**

##### **A.) Committees and Rules**

- Talking to group within groups. Jeff will visit Monday and Thursday groups about cleaning up after ourselves with groups.

##### **B.) Fountain Repair**

- Interest in making fountain functional.
- Vestry is interested in repairs but willing to revisit it later after gutter and window repairs and is tabled at this time.

#### **5.) Care and Compassion**

- Requesting budget for the year to utilize.
- Vestry is in favor of line item for care and compassionate budget.

#### **6.) The Foundry Report**

- Narthex Project is willing to be donated by Karen and Barb to for working on the Narthex.
- Motion to approve narthex project by Tyler Helm and approved by Carl. Uniamous approval to proceed with project.

#### **7.) Bonnie Banks**

- Bonnie Banks will be December 5th and 6th.
- Request for more information and advertisement through Foundry.

#### **Meeting Adjourned:**

Meeting adjourned at 1:22 PM, Sunday, Aug. 31, 2025

Next Vestry Meeting: September 28, 2025

