

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2025

Present: Fr. RJ, Kent Clark, Sr. Warden; Kathy Wise, Jr. Warden; Beth Bletzacker, Joe Hoot, Ken Jaeb, Marcia Tirpak, Patrick Watters, Rick Werren, Patrick Wilson

Not Present:

Guest: Charlie Kiesling, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 5:55pm by Kent. Patrick Watters provided the devotion.

Joe **motioned** to accept the minutes of the November 5, 2025, meeting. Kathy seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Rector's Report

- Rite 1 will be used through the 3rd Sunday in Advent. The shorter Rite 2 will be used on the 4th Sunday in Advent because of the Children's Pageant.
- Christmas services will be held:
 - Christmas Eve: 5:00pm and 10:00pm
 - Christmas Day: 10:00am
 - December 28: Lessons and Carols at 10:00am. Vestry members are encouraged to volunteer to be readers.
- Fr. RJ will write an article in the Lion's Pause with the theme of "We're glad you're here" to encourage in-person attendance.
- Thank-you notes were distributed to Vestry members to hand-write a message of thanks and send to those who pledged.

Wardens' Reports

- **Senior Warden**
 - Kent reminded the Vestry that new Vestry members are needed to replace those whose terms are ending. We especially need members from under-represented groups such as 8:00 attendees and those under 60 years old.
- **Junior Warden**
 - Kathy reported that several people on Altar Guild mentioned that they missed having a calendar of events that used to be posted in the lobby. Liaisons were asked to send calendar information to Tasha to put on the online church calendar. A note will also be put in the Lion's Pause to remind anyone associated with an event to make sure it is submitted to Tasha for the online calendar.

Liaison Reports

- Lunch Bunch and MOD are continuing to meet regularly.
- Emily thanked the Vestry for their support of the hygiene kits for Hope Outreach.
- The Christmas Pageant will be held on December 21st. It will be humorous and include many adult members of the parish.
- Gift wrapping for Community Christmas will be done on Sunday, December 7 between the services.

Buildings and Grounds

- Joe painted the handbell tree.
- Greening and decorating the church will take place on Saturday, December 13th.
- White poinsettia flowers were added to the Advent Wreath.

Stewardship Campaign

- We received 72 pledges totaling \$195,155. This was a \$7,603 increase from pledges for 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm with a **motion** by Rick, seconded by Joe, and approved unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 6:00pm.

Rick Werren will provide the Reflection and Prayer for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Violand
Clerk