

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Meeting Minutes  
January 7, 2026

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

**Not Present:** Joe Hoot, Patrick Wilson

**Guest:** Charlie Kiesling, Treasurer via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 5:59pm by Kent. Rick provided the devotion.

Beth **motioned** to accept the minutes of the December 3, 2025, meeting. Rick seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

### **2025 Year End Financials**

- Charlie distributed the 2025 Financial Reports and reviewed it with the Vestry.
- Charlie distributed the 2025 Capital Expense and Major Repairs Report and reviewed it with the Vestry.

### **Stewardship Final Report**

- We received 72 pledges, for a total of \$195,155, which is the highest in the last 6 years.

### **2026 Budget**

- The Budget for 2026 was presented and reviewed.
- Marcia **motioned** to approve the 2026 Budget as presented. Rick seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **Rector's Report**

- Fr. RJ is working on our year-end parish statistics and noted that in 2025, of the 80+ parishes in the Diocese, we were the 10<sup>th</sup> largest parish in respect to attendance. Our average Sunday physical attendance is in the 80s and we typically have about 7-10 people attending online.
- Kent **motioned** to enter into Executive Session at 6:39pm to discuss a personnel matter. Patrick Watters seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Following the discussion in Executive Session, Kathy **motioned** to exit Executive Session at 6:45pm. Patrick Watters seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Tasha Rouech is no longer employed as the Parish Administrator.
- Fr. RJ has been talking to several people about becoming Vestry members.

### **Wardens' Reports**

- **Senior Warden** – No report.
- **Junior Warden** – No report.

### **Liaison Reports**

- Leslie is organizing the Souper Sunday soup tasting event that will be held after the 10:00 Intergenerational Service on Sunday, February 1.
- Tony Kovacevich wants the parish to know that we need a minimum of 4 volunteers when we help with a Sunday noon meal at Hope Outreach. Kathy suggested that the signup sheet should be more noticeable and interesting.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

- Joe summarized the projects that were completed in 2025.
- In 2026, we may need to prioritize the sanctuary floor.
- The handicapped parking signs need to be moved to the spaces that are painted as handicapped spaces but have no signs.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm with a **motion** by Beth, seconded by Patrick Watters, and approved unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 6:00pm.

Fr. RJ will provide the Reflection and Prayer for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Violand  
Clerk