St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2026

Present: Fr. RJ; Kathy Wise, Sr. Warden; Tony Kovacevich, Jr. Warden; Linda Deuble, Ken Jaeb, Mandy Pelger, Patrick Watters, Patrick Wilson
Not Present: Beth Bletzacker, Marcia Tirpak

The meeting was called to order at 5:54pm by Fr. RJ. Kathy provided the devotion.

Patrick Watters **motioned** to accept the minutes of the February 4, 2026, meeting. Kathy seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Patrick Watters **motioned** to accept the minutes of the February 15, 2026, Special Meeting. Ken seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Rector's Report

- The Holy Week schedule will be the same as last year.
    - Palm Sunday: One service at 9:00am followed by Brunch
    - Maundy Thursday: 7:00pm
    - Good Friday:
        - 12:00 noon service from the Book of Common Prayer
        - 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
    - Easter Sunday: 8:00 and 10:00, including a baptism at 10:00
- The Diocese is having a three-day Regional Gathering in the Akron/Canton region on May 28-30, 2026. The Regional Gathering will be hosted by a different parish each day: St. Paul's Akron, St. Paul's Canton, and Christ Church, Hudson.
- A Regional Confirmation will be held on Saturday, May 30 at 3:00pm at Christ Church Hudson in conjunction with the Regional Gathering. We will have 2 or 3 confirmands from St. Mark's.
- Fr. RJ will be on vacation May 22-29. If we do not get a substitute priest from Food for the Poor, either Bruce or John will conduct Morning Prayer on May 24.
- Kathy Hawthorne is the new Administrative Assistant in the office.

Wardens' Reports

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

Vestry Member

- Marcia needs to resign from her Vestry position, and Joe has offered to replace her for the remainder of the year.
- We will need to elect a new Vestry member next year for the remainder of her term.
- Kathy **motioned** to appoint Joe to replace Marcia and fill the spot for the remainder of the year. At the next Annual Meeting, we will elect a new member for a one-year term. Patrick Watters seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Vestry Liaisons

- New Vestry Liaison assignments are:
    - Administration – Tony replacing Joe
    - Worship – Linda replacing Kent
    - Fellowship – Joe replacing Marcia
    - Outreach/Mission – Mandy replacing Rick

Liaison Reports

- It was brought to Ken's attention that some of the round tables in the undercroft can only seat 4 people comfortably instead of 6 because of the placement of the legs. We will investigate replacing those tables.
- Tony is concerned about the lack of volunteers to serve lunch at Hope Outreach on the 3rd Sunday of each month. At least 4 volunteers are needed. Announcements about what volunteers do may help raise interest and get more volunteers.

Buildings and Grounds

- We received a landscaping quote of $9,300 for the year, which is similar to last year.
- A new pump was ordered to replace one that was frozen that served some of the classrooms.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm with a **motion** by Kathy, seconded by Patrick Wilson, and approved unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 6:00pm.

Linda will provide the Reflection and Prayer for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Violand
Clerk