St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2026

Present: Fr. RJ; Kathy Wise, Sr. Warden; Tony Kovacevich, Jr. Warden; Beth Bletzacker, Linda Deuble, Joe Hoot, Ken Jaeb, Patrick Watters, Patrick Wilson
Not Present: Mandy Pelger
Guests: Charlie Kiesling, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 5:58pm by Fr. RJ. Ken provided the devotion.

Joe **motioned** to accept the minutes of the August 5, 2026, meeting. Patrick Watters seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Rector's Report

- The Annual Diocesan Convention will be held on November 20-21 at Sawmill Creek in Sandusky. We need two delegates and an alternate, who must be elected at the October Vestry meeting.
- Fr RJ will be taking a sabbatical next year in late summer/early fall. There will be no cost to the parish for the sabbatical except for supply priests. Fr. RJ's contract allows for a sabbatical lasting between a month and 5 weeks.
- Fr. RJ wants to finish his dissertation for his D Min degree before his sabbatical.

Wardens' Reports

- **Senior Warden**
  - At the last picnic the food tables were relocated to inside the undercroft because the outside location was in direct sunlight. This seemed to be well received by attendees and was easier for setup and cleanup. Tony had talked to Carol and she was supportive.
- **Junior Warden** – No report

Liaison Reports

- Sunday School will start September 13.
- The Youth Group will combine with the younger Sunday School students once a month to assemble hygiene kits for Hope Outreach.
- The Christmas Pageant will be held at an Intergenerational Service on December 20.

Buildings and Grounds

- Charlie reported that contributions for the new sound system have exceeded the target amount and any additional contributions received will be put in capital reserves.
- The new cleaning crew is doing a good job. Cleaning the various church areas is scheduled for every other month.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31pm with a **motion** by Beth, seconded by Joe, and approved unanimously.

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

Patrick Watters will provide the Reflection and Prayer for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Violand
Clerk