



Vestry Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2025
6:00 p.m.
St John's Cathedral

Call to Order: 6 pm

Members Present: John Bass, Donna Walker Bell, Martha Cox, John Erstling, Glenn Guiler, Lewis Hunt, Patrick Kimball, Lisa McKenna, Louis Russo, Adam Smith

Members Absent: Paige Hakimian, Laura Jane Pittman, Shane Williams

Others Present: John Sefton, Subchancellor

Clergy and Staff Present: Rev. Mark Anderson, Vicar; The Rev. Tom O'Dell, Associate Priest; Megan Cochran, Parish Administrator

Quorum: Yes

Opening Devotion: Donna Walker Bell reflected upon the history of Juneteenth.

Moment of Gratitude: Donna Walker Bell expressed gratitude for all the work that made Pentecost such a glorious day. The Rev. Mark Anderson is grateful for Judi Roscoe's tenure as Chair of The Cathedral School Board of Trustees. Lewis Hunt expressed gratitude for Chet Wilkinson's faithful ministry of setting up for the Wednesday 12:10 Holy Eucharist.

Approval of Minutes: After reviewing the minutes from the April 2025 meeting, Donna Walker Bell motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Patrick Kimball seconded. All members present approved. There was no meeting in May as the Vestry held their annual retreat on May 9-10.

Financial Report: Mark Anderson presented the financial reports for the year ending 5/31/25.

- Revenue and Expenses are trending well
- We received the second Employee Retention Credit installment
- Legacy gift from Dan Hadwin's estate came in
- The Legacy Endowment and the Hellen Ingram Plummer Foundation Endowment funds will be moving to Episcopal Church Foundation accounts for investing as soon as they are considered a 501c3.

Approve 2023 Audit: The Audit Committee has recommended that the Vestry approve the 2023 Audit. Glenn Guiler motioned to approve, and Donna Walker Bell seconded. All members present voted to approve the audit to be sent to the Diocese.

Approval of CDJ Board Nominee: Upon review of Christopher Mahon's bio, Donna Walker Bell motioned to approve and all members present voted to approve him.

Response to Diocesan Resolution: Members briefly reviewed the response to Will Ketchum's Diocesan Resolution that Laura Jane Pittman drafted. Further discussion was tabled until the August meeting for further review.

Council Reports:

- **Center for Wellbeing-** Patrick Kimball reported on upcoming offerings. Strategic planning is wrapping up. Louis Russo will have more to report on strategic planning by September.

- **Formation** – Adam Smith spoke of upcoming and ongoing offerings. New EfM mentors are still needed.
- **Outreach** – Glenn Guiler reported that new and ongoing outreach efforts, and that the council is still financially supporting Blessings in a Backpack.
- **Parish Engagement-** Laura Jane Pittman could not attend to provide an update.
- **Pastoral Care-** Lewis Hunt reported there was no council meeting this month. Chaplains continue to visit many people.
- **Properties-** Patrick Kimball spoke to ongoing properties projects and updates.
- **Stewardship and Development-** John Erstling reported that two families have volunteered to chair the fall pledge campaign. Rather than having a Rally Day ministry fair, the council will spotlight a few ministries each week through the fall and we will kick off the fall season with Together Again Sunday on September 7.
- **Worship, Music and Arts-** Donna Walker Bell reported the council will meet at the end of summer to prepare for fall.

Sr. Warden's Report: Martha Cox briefed the vestry on the Title IV process involving both discrimination and financial allegations against former bishop The Right Rev. John Howard. Cox also presented a report on the Special Convention meeting to adopt rules for electing a bishop.

Vicar's Report: The Rev. Mark Anderson reported that a paraprofessional has been hired to assist in children's programming on Sunday mornings and Felicia Bullock is working to hire more. The church has hired two firms for assessments- IT and Properties long term planning. We are working through the IT assessment recommendations and the properties assessment will take place in September.

Juneteenth Reflection and Closing Prayer- The Rev. Tom O'Dell gave a reflection on Juneteenth and presented members with information on the Equal Justice Initiative. He spoke on the history of Juneteenth and the work of Civil Rights as a necessary and ongoing movement of the Christian Church that we are called to engage in these present times. "The past is never dead. Its not even past" – William Faulkner