



Vestry Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2026
6:00 p.m.
St. John's Cathedral

Call to Order: 6 pm

Members Present: John Bass, Rebecca Black, Martha Cox, T.R. Hainline, Paige Hakimian, JJ Howell, Patrick Kimball, Caroline Nichols, Adam Smith

Members Absent: John Erstling, Glenn Guiler, Louis Russo, Shane Williams

Others Present: John Sefton, Chancellor; Paul Arrington, Treasurer

Clergy and Staff Present: The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll, Dean; Megan Cochran, Parish Administrator

Quorum: Yes

Teaching Devotion by Clergy: Dean Kate led a reflection on biblical passages about land stewardship ahead of John Sefton's upcoming discussion about land decisions for the Vestry. The passages emphasized caring for and having dominion over the land as a stewardship responsibility rather than possession, with themes of mutual respect and responsibility toward both the land and existing inhabitants.

Vital Signs

- **Financial Report:** Paul Arrington updated the Vestry on revenue, expenses and overall net assets.
 - Revenue is coming in under budget by approximately \$140,000.
 - Expenses are being held under budget
 - Staff is working with GuideServe to continue to update and streamline processes.
- **Pledge Campaign Update:** Caroline Nichols provided an update on the upcoming pledge campaign, the theme being "Becoming Whole."
 - This is the first time the Stewardship and Development Committee has asked so many volunteers to shepherd parishioners through the campaign to make the process more personal. The committee hopes all Vestry members will attend at least one dinner.
 - The committee did not set a specific financial goal this year but instead will encourage members to consider tithing or moving toward tithing 10% of one's income as an act of spiritual faithfulness and trust in God's goodness.
 - The campaign will tell the stories of how giving allows the cathedral to touch lives.
- **2025 Audit:** the Audit Committee has received the draft 2025 Audit and will meet on Tuesday 8/25. Once approved for recommending to the Vestry, the Vestry will be asked to give final approval for the draft to be finalized.

Immediate Action Items

- **Consent Agenda:** Martha Cox motioned to approve and Rebecca Black seconded. All present approved the Consent Agenda items
 - June 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes
 - Council Reports
 - TCS Board Nominee

Adaptive Change

- The Vestry discussed this strategic plan goal: *Land Use*
 - The grassy lot used for parking needs to be updated with a permeable surface for drainage and to provide a safer and smoother parking and walking surface.
 - Dean Kate asked the Vestry if they agree that adding solar panels above the lot would be a worthwhile project to research. The panels would provide shade, energy savings and would be a visible witness to our commitment to good environmental stewardship.
 - A developer working with CDJ has proposed a plan to provide condos on the land that used to hold the Duval trio of condemned houses and on the current CDJ parking lot. The vestry was asked to consider implications of the plan and requested more time for consideration and research.

Closing Prayer: JJ Howell read a blessing by John O'Donahue, "May the Light of Your Soul Guide You."

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Megan Cochran