

VESTRY MINUTES
Sunday, March 22, 2026

PRESENT: Nikki Clark, Sandy DePlonty, Bruce Lynn, Fran McCall, Ruth Neveu, Cal Woodard;
ABSENT: Gin Mannisto; **GUEST:** Katie Chipman-Bergsma

1. **Opening:** Bruce Lynn opened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. with the vestry prayer.
2. **Review Agenda:** Added to the agenda new business Katie Chipman tuition, etc.
3. **Public Comment:** Katie explained her financial situation with her priestly training. She could use some help with her finances (books, tuition, travel) as the diocese has been late with payment of the promised funds. They should be coming through with the funds for her May bills and she had an unexpected financial
4. **Ministry Support Team:** Katie Chipman-Bergsma reported that Holy Week is scheduled and they are working on the April and May schedule. Palms should be coming for Palm Sunday. Spring cleaning is being planned for the MST office and the music room. Perhaps we could make a memorial regarding Robert Aldrich with some of the materials. Discussion of music and perhaps we need a music team. Sandy DePlonty indicated that it would be good for the church to have its own account and therefore her account would not be available to others. Discussion of the music and whether the words are needed or not. Most of the people in the room indicated that the words are very helpful. Sandy DePlonty indicated she could work with Pam Briglio to create a church account for the iPad, etc. It was decided that creating a church account would be the best option at this time.
5. **Review/Approval of Vestry Minutes:** Nikki moved to approve the February 15, 2026 with changes made by Cal Woodard regarding the March Junior Warden's report and the cost of a possible music system should be \$3,000.00 not \$2,000.00 seconded by Sandy DePlonty. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.
6. **Treasurer's / Endowment / Budget Approval:** Sandy DePlonty reported that the church is operating on a deficit budget. Due to the roofing project, it is showing a larger deficit but due to the funds in the money market account we should be ok. The investments should not need to be taken from due to the money market account funds. Detailed Treasurer's report is placed on file in the office.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Christian Education –None
 - b. Outreach – None
 - c. Missioners Comment – None
8. **Senior Warden's Report:** Bruce Lynn reported that he is still working on getting with Pat's Lock and Key regarding the door locks in the church.
9. **Junior Warden' Report:**
 - a. Due to poor weather on March 15 Charles Murphy and Gin Mannisto could not come over to show us another music system, therefore Cal Woodard will be trying to make that happen. Discussion of Charles Murphy's system. Discussion of the current Apple account under Sandy Deplonty's name and the possibility of creating an Apple church account. It was discussed that Sandy DePlonty and Pam Briglio can make this happen. **Sandy DePlonty made a motion to**

purchase an iPad and create an Apple music subscription, seconded by Cal Woodard. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.

- b. Cal Woodard reported that he will still be working with Joe Jazz regarding the clicking sound and other issues with the sound system. Discussion regarding the possibility of purchasing new microphones that can be recharged versus our current battery-operated microphones. If purchased there would be a 30-day window in which the microphone could be returned.
- c. Annual boiler system inspection is scheduled, and he is looking at updating the current thermostat to a digital system that can report what the temperature is in the church at all times, and it can be programmed on a cell phone to change the temperature in the church. **Cal Woodard made the motion to hire Albert Heating and Plumbing for \$584.00 to update the current thermostat system to a digital system seconded by Sandy Deplonty. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.**

10. **Old Business:** Discussion regarding scheduling vestry meetings for the year. It was decided to meet in May and then look at the schedule and decide when the next meeting should be. Discussion regarding the music system and Charles Murphy's system, etc.

11. **New Business:** Cal moved to support educational expenses for Katie at currently \$500 incremental to \$1,000 if and when Katie Chipman-Bergsma needs another \$500 next fall, seconded by Nikki Clark. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.

12. **Next Vestry Meeting:** Meeting Sunday, May 17, 2026.

13. **Adjournment and Closing Prayers:** Motion to adjourn made by Sandy Deplonty and seconded by Nikki Clark. No opposition or abstentions, motion carried.

Adjourned at 11:54p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Neveu
Clerk of the Vestry