



Saint Barnabas's Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Meeting of the Vestry
February 10, 2026, Via Zoom

ATTENDEES: Kate Kristenson - Warden, George Liles - Warden, Karl Loos, Phoebe Office, Neill Bogan. Steve Handy, Richard Jackmauh, Rev. David Rider - Interim Priest, Louise Prussack, Kirstin Meyer-Kaiser, Lucy Young Absent: Ted Gale, Rick Whitmyre

Meeting was called to order at 6:06 by Warden Kate Kristenson. Meeting was held on zoom due to work vehicles in church driveway. Kate read the Saint Barnabas's Covenant.

January Minutes - One typo was corrected. Phoebe Office moved that we accept the minutes submitted by George Liles. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - briefed by George Liles. Written highlights provided by Treasurer Rick Whitmyre reported January operating surplus of \$44,681. Non-operating deficit of \$15,869 reflected the chapel renovation project. Finance Committee recommended raising awareness of parishioners who may be able to fund their charitable contributions via retirement account distributions. This qualifies as a tax free event.

The treasurer will submit their part of the Parochial Report for approval later this month. Karl Loos has some questions on the report and a meeting will be set up to address them.

A previous vestry decision to allocate 15% from gifts and grants for admin support was discussed. Lucy Young made a motion, second by Louise Prussack to remove the 15% fee. Motion passed with seven yea, one nay, no abstentions.

Interim Priest's Report – Rev. David Rider reported on the Parochial Report, due in March. It will be completed soon and sent out to the vestry for approval.

Vestry planning day will be February 14th. Chapel floor project will begin tomorrow. The chapel organ has been removed and sent to Fisk. Ash Wednesday will be the first use of the newly renovated Chapel.

Stewardship Report – Neill Bogan and Richard Jackmauh reported that seven pledgers did not renew, seven new pledges were received, and six were from prior to 2025, for a total of 101 pledges.

Property Ministry Report – Steve Handy reported on the proposed building to house some electronic fiber optic distribution equipment.

Steve Handy made a motion, seconded by Phoebe Office, authorizing the Wardens to enter into a contract with Gateway Infrastructure, LLC for a 200 sq. ft. lease on Saint Barnabas's property (the specific location to be mutually agreed upon) for telecommunication and broadband purposes, subject to successful negotiations and Diocesan approval. Motion passed unanimously.

Cotuit Solar will reinstall solar panels and new inverter as soon as it is safe to work on the roof.

Vestry Remarks – Richard Jackmauh reported that the contract with Highfield Hall for archiving our materials has been signed.

Warden Remarks – Warden Liles discussed the four parish meetings, three of which have been completed, and the Sacred Ground course underway.

Rev. Rider shared a closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:00.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lucy Young
Clerk