



## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Vestry – March 10, 2026 Saint Barnabas's Great Hall, 91 Main St., Falmouth MA**

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 by Warden Kate Kristenson. The Rev David Rider provided the opening prayer, followed by a shared reading of the parish Covenant.

February 2026 minutes - Lucy Young moved to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously. It was noted that minutes will be published on StB's web site on Thursday after the vestry approves them at their monthly meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Rick Whitmyre reported February operating deficit of \$19,088 due to inordinately high property expenses driven by blizzard weather and low temperatures. Non-operating deficit of \$10,000 reflected the chapel renovation project. Year to date surplus is \$32,000 driven by the quarterly Beebe fund distribution and higher than normal pledge receipts. The Finance committee submitted the Tax Abatement Appeal to the town.

Finance Committee submitted the following resolution: The persons authorized to execute changes and transactions with StB's Merrill Lynch endowment funds will be as follows: Richard Whitmyre, George Liles, Steve Perry. Karl Loos made a motion to amend it to include the following after the word transactions: "as approved by the vestry". Resolution and amendment passed unanimously.

The Finance committee submitted a second resolution to authorize persons to sign Cape Cod 5 checking account checks as follows: Richard Whitmyre, George Liles, Steve Perry. Resolution passed unanimously.

The Finance committee voted to move Outreach Committee funds into the Behrens Fund. Phoebe Office moved to accept the Treasurer's report, second by Ted Gale. Passed unanimously.

Interim Priest's Report – Rev. David Rider reported on the Parochial Report, and how worship service Youtube viewers are counted. Rev. Rider announced the summer schedule of one 9 am Sunday service to be held in the church, effective July through Labor Day weekend. Lemonade could be served under the tent afterwards. The first Summer at StB's zoom meeting

will be held March 18th. Lobster on the Lawn will be held four Mondays starting July 27th. Strawberry Festival is scheduled June 13th. Leaders to head up these events are needed.

A request has been made to hold yoga classes in the chapel, which the vestry considered and declined for now. Yoga classes will remain in the Great Hall for now.

Neill Bogan and David Forsburg authored a grant request to the Hermann Fund which could enable a major renovation of the Great Hall kitchen and storage areas, receiving up to \$175,000.

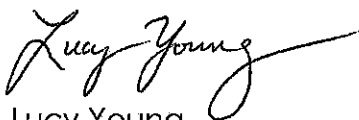
Property Ministry Report – Steve Handy reported via email that the roof project is complete and the company paid in full. The solar panels and new inverter have been installed. The bill was \$2500 higher than the estimate and Steve requested an explanation from Cotuit Solar. The Letter of Intent for the Gateway Fiber Optic project has been signed and submitted. The lease contract will be the next step. Hamilton Tree company just received their new specialized truck which will be capable of the tree removal in our courtyard. No estimate on time frame.

Vestry Remarks – Phoebe Office suggested that defibrillators be procured for the Chapel and the Parish House. Request will be made to the Property Committee. The Saint Barnabas's history exhibit at Highfield Hall opened last week, for about three months.

Warden Remarks –Kate mentioned that articles are requested for the Banner which is published four times a year.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lucy Young". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Lucy Young  
Clerk