



Minutes of the Meeting of the Vestry  
November 12, 2025  
Saint Barnabas's Great Hall

ATTENDEES: Rev. David Rider, Steve Handy, Ambrose Jearld, George Liles, Lucy Young, Kirstin Meyer-Kaiser, Richard Jackmauh, Rick Whitmyre, Louise Prussack, Neill Bogan. Absent: Gavin Mulligan, Molly Kelleher

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Wardens George Liles and Ambrose Jearld.

Opening prayer - Rev. Rider, followed by a shared reading of the parish Covenant.

- Louise Prussack moved to approve minutes of the October 14, 2025 meeting as written. Passed by unanimous vote.

- Parishioner Irene Ledwith updated the vestry on the work of a newly formed Social Justice Ministry that meets monthly. A representative attends Falmouth Immigrant Rights Coalition meetings along with various state and local initiatives. The Rev. Rider spoke briefly about the Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations in Washington DC that advocates for official positions of our church nationally. Judicial committee follows legislation and state representatives. Irene proposed a parish lending library and a bulletin board dedicated to social justice.

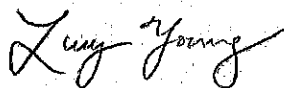
-Interim Priest's report - The Rev. Rider reported that we continue to recruit a Scholar in Residence who might live in our rectory during the interim period in exchange for teaching duties. We have received no applications to date. Rev. Perry Perrine is doing well. We also discussed the two new learning opportunities and a possible summer 2026 project inspired by the historic Chautauqua Institute, focused on themes of church and society. We are also exploring possible capital and planned giving campaign for 2026.

-Stewardship ministry - Neill Bogan and Richard Jackmauh updated the vestry on our stewardship campaign for 2026. 25 pledges received, \$60,200 pledged. A third letter was sent out. Commitment Sunday is Nov. 23rd.

- Treasurer's report - Rick Whitmyre. October surplus was \$2110, and checking account balance \$46,281. Year to date surplus is \$45,372. In a recent semiannual review by our Merrill Lynch advisors, it was recommended to rebalance some of our funds, which the Finance Committee approved Nov. 4, 2025. Total value of our funds is \$4,240,484, up 12.19% for the year. Rick submitted a formal response to the auditors on the recent audit recommendations. Rick and Steve Perry have begun the 2026 budget planning process. Episcopal Church Women (ECW) likely will be sunsetted in 2026.

- Property Ministry - Steve Handy. Cotuit Solar will start Jan. 12 to remove solar panels from the Great Hall in preparation for a major roof replacement approved at our October meeting. Drywells and downspouts will be repaired. There is a leak in the Narthex which was discovered during heavy rain during the Celtic service.
- Vestry remarks - Richard Jackmauh is working with the Archive team on three sections of the exhibit on Saint Barnabas's at Highfield Hall.
- Warden remarks - Rev. Kelly O'Connell will meet Nov. 20th with the wardens for an update on the search process. The intent and follow through on the Drum Major Fund was discussed.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:03 pm by Ambrose Jearld, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:



Lucy Young  
Acting Clerk