

Parish Life Board Meeting Minutes for Thursday, January 8, 2026

Attendees: Barbara Kanto, Terry Myers, Vicki Garrett, Martie Hutto, Jane Mitchell, Kim Bernard

Kim welcomed all and asked that we pray together the prayer on the agenda she had passed out.

Kim then welcomed Terry Myers, ECW representative and asked her to tell us about herself.

Kim then asked about Ministry Updates and Issues:

Parish Board Chairs Meeting on Wednesday, January 7. Kim then gave report from each Board Chair: Facilities and Finance – Dave Ham. Facilities is working on the attic storage and commended ECW on the job they had done on their part of the attic. Next to clear up their part of the attic is Worship Board headed by Ricky Evans. Deacon Pam had asked about the Rummage Sale and wanted all items to remain in the Parish Hall and not in the Narthex until the day before the sale. There will be an Usher Training held on February 28 from 9 to 11 in the sanctuary. Liz Halbert from Outreach reported that there is a sign-up sheet in narthex for the Martin Luther King Breakfast on January 19 at 8:00 AM at the Trinity United Methodist Church. Deacon Pam reported from Pastoral Care that Stephen Ministry and COHI are “on Hiatus” for now and that Wellness Ministry is sponsoring a discussion by Lower Cape Fear Lifecare on Alzheimers and Dementia on Thursday, February 12 from 1 to 3 in the Parish Hall. There is now a cleaning company coming once a week to clean the church and offices and no longer has a sexton.

Vicki Garrett – Coffee Team reminder calls: Vicki said she was calling each coffee team on Wednesdays to remind them of their responsibilities for the following Sunday coffee hour times. Kim asked her to be sure and tell people of the items in the freezer and that some of those items would need to be heated in the oven since they were frozen. Vicki to send out an email to the coffee hour teams.

Gather Round the Table – Barbara Kanto. Barbara says things are going well. She has less Dine Out teams this year due to people saying eating out is too expensive. She has 4 Dine In groups and usually teams are composed of 8 people.

ECW – Terry Myers. Terry reported that the Rummage Sale was March 14 and that Pat Bittenbender was in charge. She said the ECW Board had talked about strategy for the Fall Festival. She mentioned a request for funds for doing a new banner for St. Philip’s as the old one is quite worn and coming apart. There was some discussion and Kim said she was meeting with Mother Betty soon and would mention that maybe the Vestry should be making a decision on a new design for the banner.

Men On A Mission - Craig Allan. Craig was not at the meeting so no report.

Mens Breakfast – Mike Bearden. Mike was not at the meeting. Kim reported that Mike and Margaret would be putting their house on the market and moving to Lexington so Craig Allan would be taking over Mens Breakfast when Mike leaves. There will be a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 17 and Jacob Beamer and his combo are booked to play during the evening. It will start at 4:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

Kim said that the Lower Cape Fear Presentation on Alzheimers would need coffee and lemonade and cookies from the freezer. She asked Martie to coordinate with her about that afternoon’s needs.

Items for the Rummage Sale can be brought to the church during the week of March 9 to March 13. Kim said she would ask Mary Snell for February 8 for Ministry in Focus Rummage Sale information for 8:00 and 10:00 services. She asked Terry to contact Pat Bittenbender to either do both services for find someone to do 8 and 10. Jane also asked Terry to ask Pat about possible pickups by truck for larger items.

Kim is to ask Mary Snell for a Ministry in Focus Sunday for talking about the Newcomers' Reception which is on March 15.

Kim also mentioned the SOIICF business meeting lunch that is to be held in the Parish Hall on March 17. Be thinking of what to serve for a simple lunch. Kim would talk to Liz Halbert as Outreach helped with the lunch last year.

Hospitality – Martie Hutto. Martie said that she wanted to start advertising for the Christmas Trip to Myrtle Beach earlier so could she get a Ministry in Focus for July and also for October. Kim said she would ask Mary Snell for July 12 and see what she could get for late October. Martie reported that for the Newcomers' Reception in the fall that there were sweet and savory items served as finger food and also mimosas. She was planning for Hospitality to do the same thing for the March reception.

Barbara Kanto asked for a date in early June for Gather Round the Table information so Kim is to ask Mary Snell for possibly June 7 for Ministry In Focus date.

Kim reported that **the next Parish Life Board Meeting would be Thursday, February 5 at 2:30 PM in the parish hall.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Mitchell, Secretary