

Vestry Meeting

May 17, 2026

Members Present: Harold Ashworth, Karen Bronaugh, Joel Hagen, Harvey Leist, Crystal Priddy, Joe Richmeier, Fr. Mark

Members Absent: Kathy Fowler, Bill Kennan, Marie Painter

Guest: Danielle Bland

The meeting opened with prayer.

The April meeting minutes were reviewed. Harvey motioned to approve the minutes.

Crystal seconded. All approved.

Financial Update

- All things are good. Fr. Mark noted that our income is good and we aren't overspending.
- Joel motioned to accept the financial reports. Harvey seconded. All approved.
- Parish Audit – we have received approval from the diocese for the audit exemption. The audit is due August 31.

Upcoming Events

- Pentecost: May 24
- Ordination and consecration of Karin MacPhail: June 13 – several people from St. Thomas are going. Joe will bring our banner and Landon Cairns was asked by the bishop-elect to carry a flag.
- Summer Sunday Suppers – Danielle Bland will host June if Jane Carper does not want to do it. Fr. Mark will be in touch with Jane.
- Wilderness Trail Festival: September 19
- Fr. Mark requests a vacation day on June 28. We will probably do Morning Prayer that Sunday.

Danielle thanked the vestry for the generous donation to the RATT program. She presented the check at their last meeting, and it was greatly appreciated. St. Thomas prepares meals every third Tuesday of each month.

Danielle spoke with Sarah Morris who would like a Trex bench for their gardens in memory of Robert who passed away last Sunday. Danielle would like to give the bench in the parish hall to Sarah. She will purchase a plaque for it.

Harvey motioned to donate the bench in the parish hall to Sarah Morris in memory of Robert and have Danielle get the plaque for it. Harold seconded. All approved.

Buildings & Grounds

- Fr. Mark noted that the landscaping guys came on Thursday.
- Joe will install the changing table in the lady's room.
- Joe motioned to put a changing table in the men's room. Joel seconded. All approved.

Nursery

- The space at the back of the church may not be practical.
- Space in the parish hall would be better; children and attendants would have space to move around and read.
- We can use the accordion wall to separate the space.
- We should get a volunteer signup sheet set up. We're required to have two people. We will sign up one point person each Sunday and if needed a second volunteer can be found.

Elevator

- We will keep this on our minds until the fall.
- We should be sure that the elevator we get is a standard model so we don't find ourselves in this situation again.
- A capital campaign may be necessary to raise the money for the new elevator.

It was requested that people who have passed away be noted in the weekly emails.

Joe motioned to adjourn. Harvey seconded. All approved.

The next meeting will be July 12. We will resume meeting on the third Sunday of the month in August.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Stalvey
Secretary