

Vestry Meeting

August 16, 2026

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

Members Absent: Bill Kennan

The meeting opened with prayer.

The July minutes were reviewed. Kathy motioned to approve the July minutes. Marie seconded. All approved.

Financial Update

- From the balance sheet, income is at 57% and expenses are at 50%. We are ahead and this is great for summer.
- Harvey motioned to receive the financial reports. Joe seconded. All approved.

Columbarium

- Updating the contract-Fr. Mark emailed the diocese and got two suggestions for updating the contract:
 - 1) List responsibilities – paragraph 5 – add something about how the family has a right to access to the columbarium
 - 2) Do we want to put a limit on the niche space, like 50 years, so we are not stuck with unused niches.
- Fr. Mark will forward the email with the suggestions to Harvey.
- We are still working on interring Laddie Koland and Mary Schwindt.

Upcoming Events

- Today – Sunday supper at the Bland's at 5pm.
- Sept. 19 – Wilderness Trail Festival – Volunteers to man the booth. Kathy will do the same thing as last year – set up, hand out flyers, and take down the booth at the end.
- St. Francis Day - Oct. 4 – Blessing of the animals. We may have a guest speaker St. Francis of Assisi in church that day.
- Oct. 11 – We will have a guest homilist. Nick Moga who is the ERD coordinator for the diocese.
- The Parish Retreat will be on Oct. 25
- Amy plans to do a service of Lessons and Carols for Advent early in December.

Karen reminded everyone about the signs and banner for the Blessing of the Animals. We should remind everyone to put theirs out or pick one of the extras up from the church.

Fr. Mark and Bill will put together at least one adult forum each month.

Buildings & Grounds

- The flooring for the nursery area is here. Harvey will install it this week.

- Harvey will fix the sign so that the letters stay on the board.
- Pipe extensions will be put on the drains to prevent mold and freezing in the wall.
- He was asked to ask the landscapers to blow the grass off the sign after weed whacking.

Karen brought up how we pray for Haiti each week and how Bishop Karin mentioned two churches in our diocese who send funds to Haiti. It was suggested we get someone to talk to us about the needs in Haiti. Fr. Mark said it is important ministry to reach out beyond our borders. He will reach out to the two churches and see if someone from the groups could come and talk to us. He'll plan for November.

The timing of the Nest thermostats needs to be adjusted for the sanctuary.

Our next RATT meal preparation is this week. We have two members who get the meals, Mary Stuart Cosby and Irma Pillsbury. They think it is a great service.

Joel suggested that Backpack Program updates for granola bars should be by the number of bars and not the boxes. We should find out if we are the only church donating granola bars and if there are any other needs of the program. He mentioned that the packing party is a fun thing to do.

Joel motion to adjourn. All approved.

The next meeting is Sunday, September 20.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Stalvey

Secretary