

Cathedral Church of St. Paul
Vestry Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2026 – 5 p.m.

Present in Commons Room: The Rev. Greta Getlein, Marley Skiff, Senior Warden, Karl Fandrich, Junior Warden, Kenzo An, Miriam Burns, Peter Henne, Jenny Sisk, , Rose Bacon, Clerk

Present via Zoom:, Mac Onuigbo

Absent: Barrie Montross, Shannon Williamson

The meeting began at 5 p.m. Marley began the meeting with an opening reflection taken from a poem attributed to Mother Teresa entitled “*Do It Anyway*”.

The May reflection will be presented by Karl Fandrich.

February and March 2026 Meeting Minutes

The February and March 2026 Vestry meeting minutes were reviewed. In reviewing these minutes, it was noted the listed starting time of 5:30 pm. for the March meeting was incorrect; the meeting started at 5 p.m. After discussion a motion to accept the February 2026 meeting minutes as written and the March 2026 meeting minutes as amended was made by Miriam Burns. Karl Fandrich seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

February 2026 and March 2026 Financial Reports

The February and March Treasurer’s Reports and monthly summary were emailed to Vestry members by Jennifer Sumner under separate cover on March 6 and April 10 respectively. Greta noted:

1. Income will be received from the Thompson Bequest this year. When it is received it will be shown on the income and expense report.
2. Repayment from the Irish Trust was received.
3. In the first quarter 2026, the investment had a tiny decrease. This is not unexpected due to the volatility of market due to ever changing world events.

After discussion, Kenzo An made a motion to accept the February and March 2026 Treasurer’s Reports as submitted by Jennifer Sumner; Marley Skiff seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Sound System – Source of Funding

Greta reported the diocese grant application for funding for the new sound system has been submitted. The total cost for the speaker upgrade is \$16,802. Donations of \$2,500 have been given by various donors for this purpose. The amount of the grant request is \$13,500. Based on past grant applications, Greta projects receiving a grant of approximately 50% of what was requested – roughly \$6,750. This would leave a balance of approximately \$6,750. Monies to cover this balance could be taken from either the projects and improvements investments (current balance \$224,037) or capital

expenditure (current balance \$11,939) line items. Greta queried the Vestry regarding fundraising for the remaining balance or whether the remaining balance could be taken out of projects and improvements. Mac reminded the Vestry that the expenditure had previously been approved by the Vestry at the February meeting. After discussion, the Vestry suggested the following approach: once the amount of the diocesan grant is known, the parish could be notified of the remaining balance. While there is money in the projects and improvements line item to cover the cost, donations to offset the amount to be withdrawn from this category would be gratefully accepted. Miriam Burns made a motion in support of this approach; the motion was seconded by Jenny Siske. The motion carried unanimously.

Last Sunday Lunch Support

Greta noted the first Last Sunday Lunch will be held on Sunday April 26th. For the first lunch, the menu will be pasta, salad, bread, Greta stated she is looking for volunteers to help with the lunch. Karl and Rose stated they would help with shopping for the food items. Miriam volunteered to help with the cooking. Greta will make the congregation aware that these lunches will be a group effort with people helping set up, cook, serve the meal, and clean up at the end.

While food is being prepared, The Rev. Kim Hardy and The Rev. Dr. Fred Moser will do a presentation on Celtic Spirituality during time typically set aside for Adult Forum. For the children, Sunday School will be in session as well as time for the youngest choir members.

The May Last Sunday Lunch will be held on May 31st. This Sunday is also the final Sunday of the program year. It is thought the menu might be something more along the lines of either a picnic or barbeque. More discussion will occur on this at the May Vestry meeting.

Thorpe Distribution

Discussion occurred regarding funding for the Last Sunday Lunches. Language in the Marion Thorpe Fund distribution stated these monies are to be used toward efforts which promote "parish life and enjoyment". A 4% regular distribution would render approximately \$2,800 a year. These monies could be used to cover the costs of the Last Sunday Lunches. After discussion, Karl Fandrich made a motion authorizing a 4% regular distribution from the Marion Thorpe Fund to fund the costs of the Last Sunday Lunches. Jenny Siske seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Sunday School

Greta informed the Vestry that Katie Gonyaw is retiring from the position of Children's Formation Coordinator at the end of the program year (May 31st). Ashley Bolger and Nickie Morris will continue to work with the older children. A replacement for Katie will be needed to serve as overall coordinator of the Sunday School program with particular attention to the younger children. The position has a weekly stipend of approximately \$100. If you know of someone who would be interested in this position, contact either Greta or Jennifer.

Vestry Special Gathering

Marley inquired as to whether Vestry members would be interested in gathering for a meal and social time at her home. Those gathered expressed interest in such an event. Dates under consideration are Friday, May 29 or Friday, June 26. Greta will send a meeting poll to Vestry members to determine the best date. After discussion, it was decided that this gathering would be solely for Vestry members.

Other Business:

1. Hospitality Committee Concerns

Concerns related to Coffee Hour food freshness were discussed. Marley reported the refrigerator and cupboard in the Parish Hall kitchen have been cleaned and all food has been reviewed for freshness. From this point forward, all food items are to be labeled with expiration dates. Deacon Susan McMillan has volunteered to review items in the Parish Hall refrigerator on a bi-weekly basis and will remove any expired food items.

2. Task Force for Redevelopment Project

Greta reported the Redevelopment Task Force had its first meeting last night. She noted everyone who was discussed as a potential member at the March Vestry meeting accepted the invitation to be part of the task force. Updates from the task force will occur on an as needed basis.

3. Vestry Reflection Schedule

Open slots on the Vestry Reflection Roster have been filled as follows:
September – Miriam
October – Peter
November – Kenzo
December – still open
January – Greta

Greta led a closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Next Vestry Meeting – Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 5 p.m. – in person.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose J. Bacon
Clerk of the Vestry