

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2025, 6:30 pm via Zoom

Members Present: Fr. Chris Jubinski, Tom Horan, Marj Kulsea, Norma Jean Okula, John Kern, Diane Feil, Ton Simson, Steve Turner, S DeCaro, Tom Hadlock

Fr. Chris called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm and Marge Kulsea offered the opening prayer.

Check-in Time: Fr. Chris invited Vestry members to share news and prayer concerns.

Minutes: A motion was made by Norma Jean Okula, seconded by Tom Horan, to approve the September 16, 2025 minutes.

Finance Report: Tom Simson

Bright Beginnings:

Bright Beginnings is reserve is \$20K as of September Bright Beginnings has earned \$75K through September '25 mark. This includes \$77K in dividends to St Mark's. The summer season promises to be a very good financially. Probably not a stretch to expect a net income of \$100K "donated to St Mark's.

SMC:

The Church is also doing well – I am cautiously optimistic we can end the end with a close to balanced budget. I did take \$25K from the endowment to get us through the September cash crunch (with the \$27K insurance bill on top of some extraordinary bills for the Rectory. The endowment is overall down \$22K from January.

Food Pantry Fundraiser:

Resolved: That St. Mark's Episcopal Church Westhampton Beach shall pay \$3,700.00 from its Restricted Food Pantry fund to the following entities in the below amounts.

St. Paul's in Patchogue \$1000

St. Francis in North Bellmore \$500 to their Seed Money fund, and \$200 to their Honey and Pollinator Ministry

St. Anselm's in Shoreham \$1000

St. Andrew's in Yaphank \$1000 Neighbors Being Human Ministry.

At a Vestry meeting held on 10/21/2025 the Resolution passed unanimously Yeas: 9 , Nays: 0

Church Stewardship:

The campaign will begin November 1st and end the week before Thanksgiving. The goal is \$160K. Letters as follow up will take place.

Safe Church:

All Vestry members are enrolled. Some have completed the course. Program will continue with Ushers and LEM group being asked to participate. For those not computer literate training is available.

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

- Church attendance is averaging 70 per Saturday/Sunday services
- Busy Fall taking place with Early Voting, Yoga and multiple Church/Parish Hall rentals.
- New ministry at Riverhead Episcopal Church is taking place.
- Possibility of Line Dancing as a social event at the church was introduced by Steve DeCaro.
- New idea of Burning Ministry to build community participation was offered by the national church - more to follow
- Christmas Eve Services will be at 4:30 pm (not 5 pm) and 9 pm. Christmas Day at 9 am
- Sunday before Thanksgiving there will a Dinner at the Church with guests invited.
- Documentary showing The Philadelphia 11 – first ordination of women into national Episcopal. Church- was shown on 10/19. Successful event.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm with the liturgy of Compline offered.

Next Vestry Meeting: Vestry Meetings are normally held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Upcoming meetings are: November 18, December 16 at the Rectory, January 20, February 17, March 17, and April 21. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Hadlock, Temporary Clerk