

Meeting of the Vestry of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Long Beach, MS
July 19, 2026 **Minutes FINAL**

- I. Opening Prayer – Eucharist
- II. Mission Statement – **A sacramental community inviting and welcoming all to grow in Christ's love through fellowship and service @ 11:33am**
- III. Quorum call – 4 voting members required (over 50%)
 - ☒ The Rev Jane Bearden
 - ☒ Garry Owen, Treasurer (via Zoom)
 - ☒ Laureli Latimer
 - ☒ Dorothy Hope
 - ☒ Kristi Johnson, Clerk (N.V.)
 - ☐ Doug MacCullagh, senior warden
 - ☒ Justin Pope, junior warden
 - ☒ Jason Trumble (via Zoom)
 - ☒ Adam Jablonowski
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- IV. Approval of agenda: Motion to accept Adam/Dorothy 2nd
- V. Approval of June 21st 2026 Minutes: Motion to accept Justin/Adam 2nd
- VI. Reports
 - a. Treasurer: Motion to accept Laureli/Adam 2nd
 - i. Conversation about revisiting Deacon Lynne's Purse Oct 2026
 - b. Interim Rector:
 - i. Need to do Safe Church when Jane returns. Coming up now because we have children in church and it has been over 3 years since we last completed. Canon requires it. Jane will send links out for website courses to all who need to complete it.
 - ii. Sunday school...start thinking about it and we will revisit in October. Maybe before church, maybe after? Probably before. Yoking with St Thomas will mean sharing of resources and functions, although they currently have zero children. Would need several volunteers so could rotate Sundays, Maybe 20-30 mins, screen off a table with cubicle dividers?
 - c. Senior Warden: (not in attendance)
 - d. Junior Warden:
 - i. Mary is UP!! Will paint shelf to match trim as soon as he gets correct color. Will be putting other shelf up (lower) for the aumbry.
 - ii. Outdoor lighting: found 2 floodlights in closet! Will run new conduit and raise it, then shelter it in concrete against mower mishaps.
 - iii. AC filters were changed first week of July, for this quarter. Will acquire more filters. Theresa said she got some a few years back at Colemans by Lowe's.
 - iv. Magnolia in alcove can be cut down.
 - v. Justin will adjust sliding doors separating office from worship space.
 - e. Outreach Chair:
 - i. Blessing box is being used & refilled by community.
 - ii. Food pantry collection went well this month, even with so many travelling.
 - iii. School supply drive will be sorted out today and given to parents this week.
 - iv. Equality Fest is in October. Save the date!
 - v. Jane mentioned she has tennis balls if needed.

- f. Sacristan: (will join from Zoom)
 - i. Nothing new to report. Is rotating prayers, so will change again when he gets back.
 - ii. Thank you to Laureli for doing all the Altar Guild set-up and tear-down while Jason & Garry are away.

VII. Old Business

- a. Columbarium estimate (Jason was handling this) Was decided we would need to cut a 10-ft diameter circle out behind the cross before going as far as estimates. Revisit in fall when cooler. Jane noted that St Thomas (D-head) already has a columbarium (indoors). Appears to be a growing industry.
- b. Bobby Dugan woodworking estimate (Justin) Revisit
- c. Roof issue & Safe church: Jane spoke already to Safe Church. Roofing guy has disappeared.
- d. Church insurance review: Kristi contacted them and put them in touch with Doug (as Senior Warden) but they called while he was out of town. Jane reached out and will handle. Should have conversation 7.20.2026.

VIII. New Business

- a. Microsoft Office: grant for churches to use for free has expired. Will be \$210/year for the 4 computers we need it on. Jason motioned to approve reimbursement to himself for the amount spent to keep it current, along with a note that future auto-renewals will need to be on church account, not his personal. Adam 2nd.
- b. Jane mentioned we had a request for three ramps in Long Beach. She motioned that she will send \$1000 from her discretionary and asked the Vestry to consider \$5000 from the Wolfe Trust. Ramp vote was done via email with 7 Yes & 1 not voting. Will write a check from the Wolfe fund for \$5000 7.20.2026. Ramps are for the following:
 - i. Robert Pena, Long Beach
 - ii. William Taylor
 - iii. Michele Kirsch
- c. Discernment committee letter review:
 - i. Jane explained that the process was done with Laureli & Jason over the course of 2 months, with 8 meetings. Jane mentioned the process has not yet been established by our current Bishop and so she used another. The sequential stages of discernment, formation, and ordination follows a clear path from initial exploration to the fullness of the priesthood. Prospect, Aspirant, Postulant, Candidate, Deacon (Transitional) or Priest in Transition, then Priest. Jason & Laureli have now completed the first step.
 - ii. Adam will speak to the Vestry about the Discernment Committee's findings after the Prospects and Clerk leave, and Jason & Laureli will be notified afterwards of the decision.

IX. Closing Prayer Jane

X. Adjourn – Motion to approve Holy Orders and adjourn Jane/Adam 2nd @ 12:52pm