

Meeting of the Vestry of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Long Beach, MS
August 16th, 2026 **Minutes**

- I. Opening Prayer – Eucharist
- II. Mission Statement – **A sacramental community inviting and welcoming all to grow in Christ's love through fellowship and service @ 11:25am**
- III. Quorum call – 4 voting members required (over 50%)
 - ☐ The Rev Jane Bearden
 - ☒ Garry Owen, Treasurer
 - ☒ Laureli Latimer
 - ☒ Dorothy Hope
 - ☒ Kristi Johnson, Clerk (N.V.)
 - ☒ Beth (N.V.)
 - ☒ Doug MacCullagh, senior warden
 - ☒ Justin Pope, junior warden
 - ☒ Jason Trumble
 - ☒ Adam Jablonowski
 - ☒ Carllene MacMillan (N.V.)
 - ☒ Ron Merrill (N.V.)
- IV. Approval of agenda: Justin / Laureli
- V. Approval of July 19th, 2026 Minutes: Jason / Adam
- VI. Reports
 - a. Treasurer: Jason / Justin
 - i. Half dozen or so expense accounts were over 100% so he is adjusting totals
 - ii. Pledges are less than 50% but 2 have not yet posted, some annual. We'll be okay.
 - b. Interim Rector: absent
 - c. Senior Warden:
 - i. Joint meeting with St Thomas went well. We'll need a "memorandum of agreement" between St P, St T, Mother Jane, and Canon Gary Meade. Working on that now.
 - ii. We will need a joint study for search process...there is a committee, just acknowledging). Base cost for a single person, no family (covers stipend & housing, group life insurance, continuing education, sabbatical expense, account expense reimbursement, pension premium of 18% base salary, and high deductible health insurance premium) starts at \$90,000-\$100,000. Our half of that would be \$45,000. We are currently paying out \$31,952, so about 1/3 shy of what we will need. Between the 2 churches we can cover about \$60,000. There is work to do here.
 - iii. We will need to change our service time to 11am. St Thomas has combined their 8am & 10am services into a single 9am service. Choir can practice, we can do Formation classes, etc beforehand.
 - iv. Jason motioned, Garry 2nd to change our start time to 11am beginning September 27th. Motion passed. Jason will get into bulletins and we will start announcing change now.
 - v. City of Long Beach stated no portable buildings allowed inside city limits.
 - vi. In the original Beach property deed, there is a clause that reverted ownership to trustees in 2007, a year after worship services on property ceased. We have been told that the property loan that secured the property was forgiven. Sale price of the property: \$850,000. Until sale goes through, we are holding pattern as to what we will actually see of the money and then we will need to determine what our VPG percentage on amount is.
 - vii. Lenny Sawyer has graciously offered to donate his 5% commission to St Patrick's.

- d. Junior Warden:
 - i. Both shelves up but will need to be painted, which comes with a 48 hour cure time. Was asked to lower the aumbry another 6-8”.
 - ii. Got posts for sign lights up front. Will create lawn mower barrier.
 - iii. Cameras for Zoom are not moving or zooming in/out. Will contact PTZ Optics for troubleshooting.
 - iv. Any items he needs to know about ? yes: sugar ants in kitchen (will contact Redd Pest), water leaking out from under tub area in janitor’s closet (will take a look), and broken toilet paper holder in women’s room (will replace with standard).
- e. Outreach Chair:
 - i. Encountered gentleman at Blessing Box the other day while working on sign... he came up empty handed. When she inquired, he mentioned he is unhoused and that he cannot open cans, and that he was looking for single-serve items he could just add water to. Doug will get some P51 openers. Laureli will donate some of the many canned items and replenish with some single serve and pop-top type canned goods.
- f. Sacristan:
 - i. We will have Father Paul for all but Sept 6th. That is also the BBQ in Breezeway date. We will be doing morning prayer with Doug officiating and Jason preaching as Laureli will be getting set up for BBQ.
 - ii. RiteSong is where we get the music in bulletins and it has expired. Will get debit card next week. Microsoft Office and our domain have been taken care of for the year.
 - iii. Several baptisms & confirmations before 2027. Need a case of BCPs. Jason made a motion to purchase a case of 10 for \$295, 2nd by Doug.

VII. Old Business

- a. Columbarium estimate (Revisit October 2026)
- b. Bobby Dugan woodworking estimate (Justin)
- c. Safe church (Revisit October 2026) Kristi done. Laureli done.
- d. Church insurance review (Jane is handling)
- e. Window tinting by Tint Shop in Gulfport. Price is \$888 for middle and bottom. If top also, which Jane expects includes a lift, cost is \$696. \$1600 for the whole thing. Jane moved for \$1600, 2nd by Jason. They will need confirmation from Justin or Doug to begin job. Please verify if that includes the narthex (snack table) window. Justin will contact them.
- f. Beach Property Sale: At 3:49pm (after the Vestry meeting had adjourned) Mother Jane got a call from Bishop Wells. Lenny had sent her a contract to buy the beach property for \$850,000. She asked to hear the vote from SP Vestry before she contacts the Standing Committee. A vote was conducted by email and the vote was unanimous, with 8 votes, to sell.
 - i. The buyer wants to close in 45 days.
 - ii. The buyer (a doctor) has been pre-approved by the bank.
 - iii. Buyer wants to close quickly, in 45 days.
 - iv. Lenny intends to donate his 5% commission back to the church.
 - v. This offer of \$850,000 is \$150,000 more than Lenny expected, and Lenny doesn’t recommend a counter offer.

VIII. New Business

- a. Purchase of a dishwasher brought up by Jason as part of the “Green initiative”. Justin will investigate options.
- b. Adjustment of budget to include line items for kitchen supplies (water/coffee/creamers/etc) from Beth. These are actually covered in the “Hospitality” line item, which has \$100. Will need to look at increasing in next budget as we cannot keep relying on parishioners to provide.
- c. Replacement of water fountain with bottle filling station was mentioned. Jane would rather see inline filtration. Others have mentioned wanting them removed for additional storage space. Justin will look into what it will require to remove them (has freon in it to cool water).
- d. Portable Classroom for Sunday School space (not allowed, see Senior Warden report.
- e. Pilot program for Sunday school: Beth has volunteered to serve as coordinator for foundational formation for young people. Could do so outside (weather permitting) or on porch area (again, weather permitting). Presented a handout with some basic ideas and asked for discussion at next vestry meeting. Copy is here with minutes.
- f. Motion to to authorize Senior Warden to sign documents required as part of the sale of the former church property was made by Jane, 2nd by Laureli. Signed and notarized copy of motion and resolution was sent to L. Sawyer to continue moving forward. Copy is here with minutes.

IX. Closing Prayer

X. Adjourn – @ 12:51pm