

Meeting of the Vestry of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Long Beach, MS
September 20, 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 @11:50am**
- 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.)
 - ☒ Doug MacCullagh, senior warden
 - ☒ Justin Pope, junior warden
 - ☒ Jason Trumble
 - ☒ Adam Jablonowski
 - ☒ Beth Powell (N.V.)
 - ☒ Joan McNamara (N.V.)
- IV. Approval of agenda: Jason/Justin
- V. Approval of August 16th 2026 Minutes: Adam/Jason
- VI. Reports
 - a. Treasurer: motion to accept Jason/Justin. **Financials are filed with these minutes.**
 - i. Adam inquired as to the balance of our loan with Trustmark, with an eye toward maybe using proceeds from sale of property to pay it off? **Garry will look that up.** Garry did so, and gave us a projected balance on 5/15/2029 of \$40087.07
 - ii. Asst Treasurer shared a letter about filling some of the gaps generated by Dorothy's move to NC, as well as Garry's upcoming procedures. She will continue to work together with Garry & Joan to make sure deposits get made and bills get paid, the mail gets checked, etc. Joan has offered to make deposits, wash linens, and check the mail.
 - b. Interim Rector: Absent
 - c. Senior Warden:
 - i. Beach property has sold. Sold for \$850,000, net proceeds are \$764,966, which leaves us with 2 issues:
 - 1. Where to put the funds, and how to designate them?
 - 2. Is the Diocese going to try and take it from us?
 - ii. **Jason motioned "To have the Executive Committee move proceeds of sale into separate financial instrument(s) with liquidity at Hancock-Whitney Bank. Adam 2nd. Passed.**
 - iii. Joint memorandum between St Patrick's & St Thomas has been approved by Jane. Next step is to send it to the Vestry and Canon Gary Meade for approval.
 - iv. Financial Audit requested by Church Insurance has been completed **and is filed with these minutes.**
 - d. Junior Warden:
 - i. Shelves are painted, one is lowered per request.
 - ii. EMERGE says toilet on their side is leaking (again).
 - iii. EMERGE says sink in the old nursery is leaking. Was noted that if this is one of the ones they had retrofitted, they will need to contact someone for repairs. Justin will handle.
 - iv. Getting estimate to have the narthex (coffee table) window tinted (to cut down on heat).
 - v. Janitorial closet is leaking at hose Will order one online as none local.
 - vi. Looking into removing water fountains. Will relocate cork bulletin board to narthex.
 - vii. Will be replacing locking toilet paper holders with standard ones soon.

- viii. Will work on lights on sign by road when it gets a bit cooler.
 - ix. ZOOM Cameras have been reset. Seems the power outage reset the IP address on the modem so the cameras could not reconnect. Garry asked if he might want an uninterruptable power supply? YES!
 - x. Asked for any questions: Yes, Laureli asks if we can get the trees in the parking area trimmed. Justin will look into that when he looks for someone to trim trees in the proposed Columbarium area. And maybe the Magnolia in the narthex window as well.
 - xi. Doug motioned that Justin has the discretion to do as he sees fit for repairs needed. He cannot, however, injure himself in the process. Dorothy 2nd. Passed.
- e. Outreach Chair:
- i. Clothes collection for the unhoused is going well
 - ii. Today is the collection day for Long Beach Food Pantry. That and the Blessing Box have both been successful.
 - iii. Equality Fest is October 17th at Harrah's Lawn. Need volunteers for set-up, personing the booth, and take down.
- f. Sacristan:
- i. We have been using the expansive liturgy language text, shifting our theology towards a more gender-neutral approach. Still okay? Yes!
 - ii. St Francis Eucharist C on Sunday Oct 4th for the Pet Blessing, which he will be doing the sermon for.
 - iii. Calendars for 2027 are in. Let him know if you want one (free of charge-he covered cost)
 - iv. Jason will be taking over the cleaning of the linens as Dorothy is moving to NC.
 - v. Because Dorothy is moving to NC, there are 2 boxes of choir robes that need to go to storage...he will get that done soon.
 - vi. Jason needs some backup people to learn how to do any or all of: Sacristan, Liturgist, and/or Newsletter.
 - vii. Advent is coming sooner than you think! May also be some baptisms.
 - viii. In reading over the Canons (for something else) he noted that we are to designate one Sunday each month for the Rector's Discretionary Fund... we used to but seem to have let it drop? Jason motioned to make the 1st Sunday monthly for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Doug 2nd. Passed. He will make sure the newsletter says such.
- g. Formation:
- i. Ready to start! Will gather the kids outside next week, and continue to do so as long as weather is suitable. The class will be intergenerational foundational formation.
 - ii. Adam mentioned maybe bringing it to the attention of Coast Episcopal School to attract more families, maybe? Beth asserted that the program was not a "drop and run" type.

VII. Old Business

- a. Columbarium estimate (Revisit October 2026)
- b. Bobby Dugan woodworking estimate (Justin) Waiting on more monies for this project
- c. Safe church (Revisit October 2026)
- d. Church insurance review (Revisit October 2026 as Jane is handling)
- e. Dishwasher Purchase (Justin reviewing options) Waiting on more monies for this project

VIII. New Business

- a. Getting someone Admin privilege at Hancock Whitney (to replace Dorothy)
 - i. See the included form to remove/replace signatories **filed with these minutes.**
- b. Discuss completing Dorothy's Vestry term & Council seat
 - i. **Doug made motion to allow vacancy of Dorothy's 2026 term to stand, and fill it at the Jan 2027 Annual Meeting. Dorothy 2nd. Passed.** That means we will need 3 seats filled: Dorothy's and Garry (rotates off) and Adam (rotates off).
 - ii. Kristi volunteered to take Dorothy's place as Alternate at the 2027 Annual Council. Change form will need to be filled out. Done. Emailed. **Copy filed with these minutes.**
 - iii. Adam has volunteered to take over coordination of Hotshots gatherings. Monies are locked in file cabinet.
- c. Grant Opportunity for Small Churches
 - i. Beth, Carlene, & Laureli have been working with some area churches to be considered for a grant opportunity for intergenerational churches. Information was brought (**Copy filed with these minutes**) and topic was discussed. Grant amount is \$3000.
- d. A Special Toast to the Coast Invitation request for sponsorship by Coast Episcopal
 - i. Coast Episcopal School sent us an email (**Copy filed with these minutes**) requesting a \$1000 sponsorship for this October 14th event. Some discussion was had about why we would want to do this and what amount to send.
 - ii. **Adam motioned that the executive committee decide if we were going to send money, and if so, the amount. Laureli 2nd. Passed.**
- e. Supply closet (and vacuum) issue with EMERGE
 - i. We have been hiding supplies, and now a vacuum, in the closet where all the office paperwork is. Items are in the way of the filing cabinets. Why are we doing this?
 - ii. EMERGE has been using our supplies. We tried addressing this, as well as their inability to clean up after themselves (restrooms) and their continued reliance on our supplies (toilet paper), in spite of the lease stating they were to supply their own janitorial service and supplies. Last week Beth's vacuum cleaner was missing. Justin found it in the EMERGE building, as he has a key.
 - iii. Jason commented that someone has also tried getting into the Sacristy.
 - iv. **Jason moved that we install an external lock on the janitorial closet and retain the key. Justin 2nd. Discussion ensued. Motion tabled.**
- f. Restructure Snack Duties for new schedule & activities Tabled until Oct.
 - i. Need to see when choir practice is before we can do 5th Sunday breakfast.
 - ii. Beth will provide children with snacks during formation time.
 - iii. Carlene mentioned maybe just going back to cookies/doughnuts and coffee? Issue there is sugar... which is why we started offering fruit and healthier options.
 - iv. Those that are volunteering for the Second Sunday Craft Day will keep managing snacks

IX. Closing Prayer done by Laureli

X. Adjourn – 2:07pm

Motion Made

Item filed with Minutes

Action Item