

Meeting of the Vestry of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Long Beach, MS
October 18, 2026 **Minutes DRAFT**

- I. Opening Prayer – Eucharist
- II. Mission Statement – **A sacramental community inviting and welcoming all to grow in Christ's love through fellowship and service @12:31 AM**
- III. Quorum call – 4 voting members required (over 50%)

☒ The Rev Jane Bearden	☒ Doug MacCullagh, senior warden
☒ Garry Owen, Treasurer	☒ Justin Pope, junior warden
☐ Laureli Latimer	☒ Jason Trumble
☐ Kristi Johnson, Clerk (N.V.)	☐ Adam Jablonowski
☒ Brian Albert (N.V.)	☒ Beth Powell (N.V.)
☒ Lisa Albert (N.V.)	☒ Joan McNamara (N.V.)
	☒ Loriamber Ziegler (N.V.)
- IV. Approval of agenda: add item c. VIII New Business: 2027 VPG Discussion
Jason moved, Doug seconded acceptance of the Agenda as amended, motion passed
- V. Approval of September 20, 2026 Minutes: **Mtr Jane moved to accept minutes as previously (via email) amended), Jason seconded; motion passed**
- VI. Reports
 - a. Treasurer: **Acceptance of Report and Check Register moved by Mtr Jane, seconded by Jason; motion to accept passed**
 - i. If members of the vestry have any questions, please let Garry know
 - ii. Garry is behind on adjusting/amending the 2026 budget; we have overspent in some areas (e.g., Technology, Rector's Travel Allowance, Building Maintenance, Fire Alarm) and **Garry is in process of resolving these areas**. We had some unanticipated items crop up in these areas that weren't accounted for in the budget (e.g., One License in Technology, Sabbatical in Rector's Travel Allowance, A/C repairs, the "gecko incident" with the fire alarm control panel, etc.).
 - iii. Current health is slowing him down now. Kristi is a HUGE help.
 - iv. **Everyone that purchases using the budget should get their proposed expenditures for 2027 into Garry ASAP** so he can begin to formulate the new budget.
 - v. Included in his report is a report of the **money market account and filed with these minutes**, that has garnered \$464.01 in interest in just the last 5 days of September.
 - b. Interim Rector:
 - i. She is BUSY, what with taking on St. Thomas in addition to her duties with St. Patrick's.
 - ii. Mtr Jane questions if we are losing people attending church due to the time change. This will require more watching and analysis in November or December. This may impact the Search Committee's decisions when looking for a new Rector and the relationship with St. Thomas. Requires careful consideration.
 - iii. Dr. Bill Warren's "History of the Bible" lecture series is a hit, with great turnout from multiple churches (at least 2 Episcopal churches and 1 Baptist church represented). St. Patrick's is footing the bill for Dr. Warren's honorarium this time; Mtr Jane will request that, to balance this out with the fact that St. Thomas is also involved with this lecture

series, that the next time we have a guest speaker/lecturer/teacher as part of Christian Formation, St. Thomas foot the honorarium bill.

- iv. Mtr Jane has a worship committee meeting with St. Thomas later this week and will need to have such a meeting with St. Patrick's very soon thereafter.
- v. John Paul approached Mtr Jane about doing an Advent or Christmas Lessons and Carols.
- vi. Possible joint service on Christmas Eve with St. Thomas, but St. Thomas traditionally does their service at 4:00 PM, while St. Patrick's does theirs at 6:00 PM; may end up with two services, one at 4:00 PM and another at 6:30 PM or 7:00 PM, or a single service at 4:00 PM.
- vii. St. Patrick's will have a Christmas Day service, time to be determined.
- viii. Mtr Jane is attending Clergy Conference in Jackson Monday and Tuesday.
- c. Senior Warden:
 - i. Doug apologized for not having pre-written notes on what to bring to the vestry.
 - ii. Loriamber, parish administrator of St. Thomas, has been invited to be a part-time parish administrator for St. Patrick's as well, soon, when budgeting permits
 - iii. Still waiting to hear back from the Diocese about the property loan that we suspect will/should be forgiven, since St. Mark's and Redeemer's portion of the loan was forgiven, and the chancellor cannot find any documentation (so far) that states St. Patrick's is responsible for the loan. This affects if the Diocese will attempt to recoup monies from the proceeds of the sale of the beach property at 452 W Beach Blvd.
 - iv. Joan and Doug cannot find any documentation regarding the sale of the piece of property on Cleveland/Klondyke to Keesler Federal Credit Union. It is highly probable that the Diocese received the proceeds from that sale. (This ties into justification for the Diocese not seeking monies from the proceeds of the beach property.)
 - v. Doug is very wary of spending any principle of the proceeds of the sale of the beach property until and unless the Diocese makes a claim for any of those monies.
 - vi. Stewardship season is here! **Need to be more deliberate about encouraging people to pledge/commit to giving to St. Patrick's**, to help build the budget. Reminder that time and talent are also ways of giving to St. Patrick's, but they don't really impact the budget income.
 - vii. In January, at Annual Meeting, we are going to need to elect 3 new Vestry members: 1 for 1 year (Dorothy's unexpired term remnant) and 2 for 3 years as two Vestry members rotate off the Vestry. **We need to consider candidates.**
 - viii. Kristi is willing to continue double hat as Clerk and Assistant Treasurer.
 - ix. We need backups for many of our positions, as we are stretched thin with too many duties being only one deep: sacristan, records manager, liturgist, etc.
 - x. **ADDITION AFTER MEETING:** On October 27, at 1:00 PM, Jillian Echang, from First Command Financial Services, will be at St. Patrick's to meet with representatives of the Vestry regarding our property sale proceeds. The intention is to interview several fiduciaries before deciding who to work with, and this is the first interview. Anyone on the Vestry who can be there is welcome. And if we need to change the appointment date, there is time to do that. Jillian is Doug's financial advisor.
- d. Junior Warden: including estimates on roof repairs
 - i. Roof: 2 companies contacted to get quotes from for the leak over the kitchen. 1 quote has come in, from Gulf South Roofing: \$2,997.12 to remove deteriorated panel, install new

- panel and new screws, and new pipe boot, but this repair will not receive any type of warranty. **Should have the second quote by the end of this week.**
 - ii. Working on the **lighting on the sign out front will commence very soon**, as the outside temperatures have dropped, enabling Justin to be able to work outside on this.
 - iii. Jason alerted Justin to the small sink in the kitchen tilting forward ever so slightly, resulting in not complete drainage of the basin.
- e. Outreach Chair:
 - i. On vacation
- f. Sacristan:
 - i. **Jason needs to call a worship committee meeting ASAP, but after Mtr Jane's meeting with St. Thomas' worship committee.**
 - ii. Green chasuble and stole donated by Jason that was ordered back in June has been lost by FedEx; PSG Vestments will remake the chasuble and stole and send it out. **Jason needs to send them an email asking for an update.**
 - iii. Jason believes that he has ordered enough candles (tea light) and candle oil to last the remainder of the year.
 - iv. **Jason needs to purchase at least 5 presentation-quality BCPs before Baptism of Our Lord on 10 January 2027.**
- g. Formation:
 - i. Will be conducting Intergenerational Formation (Christian Foundations) on 1st and 4th Sundays (possibly 5th, as well), from 9:45 AM to 10:30 AM.
 - ii. Choir practice, for the time being, will likely be nixed, meaning there will be no overlap between choir practice and Sunday morning Christian Formation; **Mtr Jane will converse with John Paul about this.**
 - iii. **Beth will need to order, when the budget allows, some type of room divider or screen to section off the teaching from the larger parish hall/sanctuary. In the meantime, she will need to provide an estimate of how much this will cost to Garry as part of the 2027 budget creation.**

VII. Old Business

- a. Columbarium estimate (Revisit October 2026)
 - i. Currently in a waiting status due to budget, but it was recommended that we start (when we start) with something small and dignified that we can build on later as the need arises. Look at St. Thomas as an example, perhaps.
- b. Bobby Dugan woodworking estimate (Justin)
 - i. **Justin will get with Bobby to get an estimate** (not a quote) before next vestry meeting. But funds are currently not available for this.
- c. Safe church (Revisit October 2026)
 - i. Jason stated he believes that everyone on the Vestry plus Beth has completed their required training, except for **Adam, who is working on them at the church since he doesn't have a computer at home.**
- d. Church insurance review (Revisit October 2026 as Jane is handling)
 - i. On hold.
- e. Dishwasher Purchase (Justin reviewing options)
 - i. **Justin is still reviewing options.**
- f. Grant Opportunity for Small Churches (Beth, Laureli, and Carllene have info)

- i. First installment of \$1,000.00 should be issued from the Grantor in January. Looking at putting this potentially towards room dividers for the Intergenerational Formation program.
- g. Vestry Vacancies (Doug)
 - i. Discussed during Senior Warden's Report

VIII. New Business

- a. Parish Administrator (Doug approached Loriamber Ziegeler from St. Thomas about splitting time to work at St. Patrick's. She's willing. Need to discuss vestry approval, pay, and schedule.
 - i. Loriamber currently is contractually obligated to working no more than 19 hours at St. Thomas, though she frequently donates her time above and beyond this when needed. She is offering to St. Patrick's 15–20 hours at St. Patrick's during the week, flexible hours, and is willing to volunteer her time at St. Patrick's until the 2027 budget is created with her paid worked in. She will negotiate with Mtr Jane and Garry on pay and any other fine details regarding the position. She will understudy Jason and Joan on their jobs, primarily.
- b. Changes to the Treasurer's position with Garry starting chemo & radiation (Doug)
 - i. Garry's chemo and radiation will take its toll, so he needs to be flexible with the Treasurer position, and for us as the Vestry to be patient with him. Again, Kristi is a BIG help in this.
- c. 2027 VPG (Voluntary Proportionate Giving) discussion
 - i. The diocese changed the way that income is reported by individual churches, resulting in the EMERGE lease NOT being included as income in the 2025 report. So 2024 shows we had an income of ~\$134,000, when the lease WAS considered for income purposes, but 2025 shows an income of ~\$87,000 (specific numbers are included in this report as a separate facsimile). VPG is based on the income the Diocese determines; in order to better match what we had been giving (5% based off the \$134,000), we need to actually give 8%–10% of the 2025 income level, as determined by the Diocese (\$87,000). Mtr Jane moved that we donate 10% of that number for our 2027 VPG pledge, upping our contribution slightly while keeping it in the ballpark of what we had been giving. Doug seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

IX. Closing Prayer

- a. Jason offered the closing prayer

X. Adjourn – @1:58 PM

Motion Made

Item Filed with Minutes

Action Item