St. John | San Juan Episcopal Church, Olympia

VESTRY MINUTES

October 15, 2026
Meeting in-person in SJSJ Guild Room

Vestry Members Present: Joby Winans, *Senior Warden*, Sue Andersen, *Junior Warden*, Fawn Hacker, Anne Hall, Jenny Louden, Flor Rivas, Cullen Stephenson, *Clerk* (Quorum)

Absent: Socorro Dominguez, Radigan Lander, Lou MacMillan, Kathryn Ness

Also Present: The Rev. Dr. Janet Waggoner, Tom Loranger, Treasurer

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The meeting opened at 6:35, with Janet offering a prayer to start us.

Consent Agenda: The September 17, 2026, minutes were approved. With no changes. The Rector, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Treasurer reports were briefly discussed and unanimously approved.

Discussion Items:

- First United Methodist Church of Olympia (FUMCO) continues to be a helpful partner. We are working together on space needs; what items go over; Sanctuary needs; office space; meeting space; etc. (Note that we are cognizant of the many needs here, including worship times, stained glass, organ, sound systems, wifi and

zoom, adult and children care, library, music, choir, musical instruments, kitchen, and more. While the list seems daunting, the Vestry recognizes the many needs.)

- There will be two social events to get SJSJ more familiar with the FUMCO space. Saturday 10/24 is a Chili cook-off 1-3pm followed by a tour. Wednesday 11/4 is Affinity Night 6pm followed by a tour. SJSJ parishioners are encouraged to attend. Janet will announce these on Sunday and in the Messenger.
- Annual Giving Theme will be based on Jeremiah.
- There will be a "pulpit swap" Sunday 11/8 where Janet and Heather (FUMCO) will travel across town to preach in the other's Sanctuary.
- Our Ministry Leads/Vestry Liaison effort has been helpful and can use some refinement. Janet will convene a group of leads/liaisons on November 1 in the Sanctuary to help tweak the process. It is especially helpful to have close connections and communication as we move.

Discussion Items (Cont.):

- Fund Raising is complex now, with the need to fill our 2026 budget, the need for move costs, a capital campaign to continue to fund our space needs, costs of selling our current space, and costs of maintaining our current space before sale all adding to the usual budget process.
- We are looking for "Move Ambassadors" to be points of contact for information on the move. Communication! Ambassadors could share information, answer standard Q&A, and act as liaisons. Vestry members share this duty.
- The Messenger will continue to be a key tool in communicating move information.
- We will need joint SJSJ Vestry / FUMCO Council (Operations) and Board of Trustees (Property) meetings to keep the process moving along.

The Vestry Meeting was adjourned at 8:20, with Janet offering a prayer and blessing.

The next regular SJSJ Vestry meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2026, in the SJSJ Guild Room at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cullen Stephenson, Clerk.