

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, STONE HARBOR
VESTRY MEETING
January 22, 2026
MINUTES

Present: The Rev. Mo. Allison Burns-LaGreca; Dina Ziemba, Cathy Johnson, Lillian Armstrong, Lawrence Schmidt, Susan Destefano, Pat Saunders, Jack Othius

The meeting opened with prayer at 11:20 am.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting with amendments. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

A motion was made to approve the financial reports from January. The motion was seconded and report approved.

A motion was made to receive and approve the Parochial report. The motion was seconded and report approved.

A motion was made to approve the budget from 2026. The motion was seconded and report approved.

Rector's report

-By Laws- need to be revised and approved prior to our next Annual Meeting. It is agreed that we need to make it our goal to focus on them this year.

-The Clergy Compensation Report was sent this week.

-Official welcome to our new vestry members.

-Mother is doing a number of retreats this year.

-Mother has been in contact with the Bishop. The Bishop would like to come visit this summer. Mother Allison asked for dates from the Vestry for suggestions.

The end of July was suggested, beginning of August. A comment was made that we possibly do something social to invite people while the Bishop was here- possibly as "Faith and Friendship Tea".

-A new priest at Holy Innocence church- Erin Morey. We now have some consistency in our congregation with full time priests.

-Lent/Holy Week/Easter - No Lenten study this year. Holy Week - no tenebrae this year, thinking on Holy Thursday whether we should do the Agape dinner or a traditional service. The Vestry was asked what speaks to them most. The consensus was to do a regular service. The Good Friday service will be at noon.

Budget/Building and Grounds

- Snow removal will be a significant cost with the pending storm.
- It was suggested we put in new Ecobee thermostats that allow you to check and change the thermostat from your phone. This way it can remotely be lowered and changed after the groups that use the church leave each day. The suggestion was to go to Celtic Air who does our system and ask them for remote thermostats. It may cost us some money up front but in the long run it will save us money.
- A motion was made to empower the Treasurer and Junior Warden to investigate the cost estimate of installing new thermostats. The vestry will then be informed of details and cost in order to decide if we should move forward. The motion was accepted and approved.
- The door frame in the Parish Hall (door leading in from the parking lot) has been fixed.

Warden's Report

- Looking ahead at our calendar. We should set a date for the Strawberry Festival. Saturday, May 24th - the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.
- During the summer months possibly having some sort of Open House to invite people in to see the church. It may be the message that brings people in the door. Maybe someone who wants to find the history of the church and do a tour.
- It was suggested we get flyers out to campgrounds and marinas. We need to find a way to have the church be more of the center of things with social media to engage and lift. Susan had a wonderful statement we can incorporate. A banner for summer in front of the church was discussed.
- Thursdays on the Lawn - Jack has stepped back from doing it. There was a lack of attendance from parishioners. It was agreed that it has 'run its course.'

A motion to end the meeting was made at 12:25 PM and the meeting closed by a group reading of the Discernment of Christian Practice.

