

# ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, STONE HARBOR

## VESTRY MEETING

July 17, 2025

MINUTES – Approved by Vestry on August 17, 2025

Present: The Very Rev. Mo. Allison Burns-LaGreca, Dina Ziemba, Allyn Penkenthman, Lillian Armstrong, Cheryl Oleferuk, Kate Rodriguez

The meeting opened at 11:30am

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June meeting. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

The financial reports were tabled until updated financial reports from June are received.

### Rector's Report

Update from around town and pastoral care

- Baptisms

\*Rory Carr- Jones completed on June 29

\*Harper Jo Baumen completed on the beach on July 13

\*Tate Matthew Wycoff - upcoming on 8/24

- A memorial service was held this week in the chapel.

- Other events around town

\*7 Mile Players: Shrek Jr.- July 31- August 3rd

\*Yacht Club Festival of Lights - August 9

\*Merchant's Side Walk Sale – August 23,2025

\*Savour September 9/20/2025

\*Mo Allison's vacation is at the end of October/beginning of November-

Fr. Mattis will be here for the two Sundays she is gone.

\*The Clergy Conference beginning of October in Tom's River

\*Convocation will be in November and Convention is the weekend before Thanksgiving

### Warden's Report

- Welcome Home Summer brunch is next week. Lillian will ask Jack to speak for a few minutes about the finances of the church and Mo. Allison will speak as well.

The kitchen sign has been installed.

Mo Allison contacted Jamie Diller about attending the brunch next week but hasn't heard from him

- Sidewalk Sale is August 23rd. We will hold the Bake Sale from 9AM - noon. People will be asked to drop off donated baked goods a few days before the sale. We will need bakers and people to work the table. Suggested items are whole cakes, whole pies, things people can take home to serve for dessert. We will have plates available for people to take home that they can use to put their baked goods on.

- We will begin collection for the Animal Shelter in advance for St. Francis day and Blessing of the Animals. Plainfield Animal Shelter was wiped out recently. Mo Allison will look into what they need.

- Continue to remind people for now to donate for the food pantry in August and September.

- Toys for Tots (Toys for Teens) as a possible outreach project for October-December.

- The Cookie Stroll will be the same day as this year's Stone Harbor Christmas parade

- We need to think about something to do in the winter time to bring people together. The idea of a BINGO is still being considered. The Church of the Holy Spirit in Tuckerton has BINGO on Thursday nights. Mo Allison suggested we go and check it out. Dina offered to look into it and let everyone know if there is an event we can attend.

- Thursdays on the Lawn - It has been well attended but not by our parishioners. It may have run its course and we may have to look into other ideas for next summer.

-The next vestry meeting is scheduled for September 21st

-A motion to end the meeting was made at 12:20 pm and the meeting closed in prayer.

Minutes prepared by Dina Ziemba, Secretary