ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, STONE HARBOR

VESTRY MEETING

August 16, 2026

MINUTES

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

The meeting opened with prayer at 11:22 am.

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the July meeting. The motion was seconded and report approved.

Rector's Report

a. Bishop visit check in

- The vestry discussed our conversation with the Bishop, and the message she intended to convey.

  -Ideas - support St. Barnabas food pantry with our donation basket in church September through November, possibly supporting other organizations like Shells of Hope. Increase our Facebook/Social Media with videos showing people and their testimony of why they come to St. Mary's. We will look for other organizations we can get involved in as well for outreach

  -The group decided to meet again to discuss where we are in the discernment process. The meeting should be around the time of our next Vestry meeting.

  -September 27th we will host a coffee hour or parish gathering to get the congregation's suggestions on ideas for outreach and ways we can be more involved with those in need and the community. We will start off with the vestry discernment for our future and that revitalization includes ideas like being more visible in social media, outreach etc. Do the parishioners feel like their parish life connections are being met? Visions with Vestry was a suggested name for our coffee hour.

b. End of Summer/Fall
   August 22 Bake Sale - 9am - 12pm
   August 29 Branches Fundraiser 1:00pm (Ferry)
   September 13 (Morning Prayer) w/ Eucharist
   September 25 (En Blanc)
   September 26 Savour September
   October 4 (Morning Prayer)
   October 17 Daughters of the King Retreat (Saturday)
   November 8 (Morning Prayer) (Mother Allison will be directing three day retreat Friday-Sunday)

Other
-Chef MJ wants to sell canolis here at church for Bake Sale and will donate $1.00 for each one sold to the church that day. Mother Allison will ask her to run the idea behind the Chamber of Commerce prior to bake sale day.

-Dina has a possible handyman that is coming Monday to take a look at the shelf and the boards that have fallen off the rectory porch.

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Upcoming Meeting Dates
-September 20

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 12:30am.