

## GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### Minutes of the Vestry Meeting

**Tuesday, January 6, 2026**

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

**In-Person:** Fr. Joe Hudson, Bob Sawyer, Paul Altimier, Libby Chinman, Barbara Davis, Pat McNickle, Ed Silva, Megarie van Sickel, Lynne Altimier, Judy Jarvis

**Absent:** Ruth Bruno, Joe Bentley

The meeting was called to order by Bob Sawyer at 6:32.

Father Joe opened the meeting with a moment of silence and a prayer.

#### **ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. Megarie van Sickel moved to approve the Clerk's Minutes from the December 16, 2025, Vestry meeting. The motion was seconded by Libby Chinman. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Lynne Altimier and Bob Sawyer gave a brief review of the Treasurer's report for December and answered a few questions from the Vestry. Pat McNickle moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for December 2025. The motion was seconded by Paul Altimier. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Bob Sawyer called for a vote to confirm the e-vote of December 23 on a motion by Paul Altimier to approve engaging Turner Pest Control in an amount not to exceed \$500 to address a mouse issue in the kitchen and to approve subsequent by-annual treatment in the current amount of \$140 per treatment. The e-vote was confirmed unanimously.
- d. Bob Sawyer presented the Annual Budget for 2026 which has been reviewed by the Finance Committee and approved by them for presentation to the Vestry for passing. Bob stated that he is very comfortable with the 2026 budget which he feels is very conservative on the revenue side and very honest on the expense side. He pointed out two items particularly that have changed from last year. One is the Diocesan apportionment which is much larger because of the capital campaign. Because of that, the plan is to take that increase from the Capital Campaign fund so that the operational budget will not have to bear the total cost. The second item that Bob pointed out was compensation this year for the assistant priest which is increased because Fr. John will be the priest in charge for three and a half months to cover Fr. Joe's absence while on sabbatical. Bob pointed out that the increase to cover Fr. Joe's sabbatical is fairly modest due to the Vestries in 2024 and 2025 setting aside \$15,000 in a restricted fund to be used

for expenses associated with the sabbatical. Bob finished by stating that he feels that the 2026 budget as presented shows a conservative and accurate increase over last year. Having asked for questions and/or concerns and receiving none, he called for a motion. Paul Altimier moved to approve the Budget. The motion was seconded by Ed Silva. The motion passed unanimously.

- e. Fr. Joe gave an update on the search for candidates for the Vestry. He reported that the Nominating Committee has selected three parishioners. The three are Rich Trautwein, Carol Gargon, and John Pearson. Fr. Joe feels that all three will be good additions to the Vestry. In response to a question, Fr. Joe also brought the Vestry up to date on the community dinners which are planned to begin on January 21. A meeting is scheduled tomorrow for the committee organizing the event followed by a second meeting of those who have signed up to volunteer to give them more information on their roles.

**Around the Table: Shout Outs, Questions, Comments, Reminders**

**Closing: We closed with the Lord's Prayer in a circle.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:23.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Jarvis, Clerk of the Vestry