

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
Vestry Organizational Meeting
Sunday, January 25, 2026, following the Annual Meeting

ATTENDANCE: Fr. Joe Hudson, Megarie van Sickel, Paul Altimier, Joe Bentley, Libby Chinman, Carol Gargon, Barbara Davis, Pat McNickle, John Pearson, Rich Trautwein, Lynne Altimier, Judy Jarvis

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. Father Joe welcomed the new Vestry members and began the meeting with a prayer.

ACTION ITEMS/MOTIONS:

1. Megarie van Sickel called for a motion to elect Paul Altimier as Junior Warden. Pat McNickle so moved. Barbara Davis seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. Megarie called for a motion to approve the three non-vestry positions: Judy Jarvis as Clerk of the Vestry, Lynne Altimier as Treasurer, Bob Sawyer as Assistant Treasurer. Paul Altimier so moved. Joe Bentley seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Diocesan Convention:** Fr. Joe brought up the topic of the Diocesan convention to be held Friday & Saturday, October 9 & 10, 2026, at the Punta Gorda Convention Center. Fr. Joe explained that we will be sending three delegates and one alternate, the delegates to be two Vestry members and one non-Vestry member. He mentioned the Convocation that meets in September and what is covered there. The selection of delegates will be made at the Retreat.
2. **Team Liaison:** Fr. Joe said that, as he had explained in the Annual Meeting, we have been moving towards shifting responsibility for parish ministries more from Vestry members to other members of the congregation. Individual Vestry member's responsibility will be more along the lines of liaising between various teams and the Vestry. This will leave Vestry members free to focus on the Bishop's four specific pathways and how our church can fit into those pathways. This will be the focus for the Vestry during the Retreat and throughout the year. This change will also affect how monthly reports will be made. Vestry members will no longer be responsible for providing those except for those few who are still actively in charge of their commissions. The team leaders will make out their reports and send them directly to the Clerk.
3. **Vestry Meeting Schedule:** Fr. Joe presented the reason for making the change of meeting schedules to the 2nd Tuesday of the month for the Executive Meeting and to the 3rd Tuesday for the Vestry Meeting. The change is to allow more time for the Treasurer to complete the Treasurer's Report and to avoid having to frequently reschedule the meeting dates. The Vestry indicated that they were in accord with this change.
4. **Vestry Information:** Judy Jarvis presented information to the Vestry in printed form in folders. These covered pertinent information for the new Vestry members as well as "housekeeping" items such as Vestry contact information, a list of Sunday Church lock-up duties, copies of Good Shepherd's by-laws, and directions to DaySpring with rules there.

Megarie called for a motion to adjourn. Libby Chinman so moved and Rich Trautwein seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:05 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Jarvis, Clerk of the Vestry

