

**ST JOHN EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
VESTRY MEETING  
OCTOBER 20, 2025 – 6PM**

**DRAFT**

**PRESENT:** Fr. Adam Trambley, Heidi Marshall, Tracy Schliep, Dick Steingrabe, Cynthia O'Connor (Scribe) , Barb Sudzina, Laura Peretic, Mark Perfilio (Treasurer).

**OPENING PRAYER:** Fr. Adam opened with a brief prayer.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:** The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to accept \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ written.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Barb Sudzina and seconded by Laura Peretic. It carried unanimously.

**FINANCIALS:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Was based on sheets distributed.

**PARISH AUDIT:** Heidi Marshall and Laura Peretic helped conduct a recent diocese audit of the church finances and reported same to the Vestry members.

They also reminded anyone who has not completed the "Safeguarding God's Children" on the Presidium/Diocese website, this must be done to be eligible to serve on the Vestry. Motion was made to accept the findings of the church audit.

**MOTION:** Motion made by Tracy Schliep and seconded by Mark Perfilio, that all findings be accepted as reported.

**BUDGET PREPARATION FOR 2026:** Fr. Adam reported that he and the Finance Committee are working on the budget for 2026. This group also includes Nick Barron and Keith Rowlands.

**MINISTRY REVIEW PROPOSAL:** Cannon Dressler will be free to review the ministry review proposal after this weekend, therefore, the review is tabled till then.

## OUTREACH

## DISTRIBUTION:

- **Prince of Peace:** Fr. Adam stated that there is 13K of the Rector's Discretionary Fund. He suggested that \$1000 from the Booth Fund and \$2000 from the Discretionary Fund be awarded to **Prince of Peace**.
- An additional \$3000 for **ECS**,
- \$1500 to the Community Library of the Shenango Valley and
- \$1500 for the City of Sharon (in lieu of taxes) all be awarded from the Discretionary Fund. This leaves a balance of \$5.000 in this fund. There were no strong objections to these disbursements.

## BUILDING UPDATES:

Barb Sudzina shared an update list with the group and took the floor to discuss the Episcopal Church Women and their contributions to St. John's. She pointed out the amount of fundraising this group has provided for the church and reminded everyone of the upcoming Winter Fest bake & jumble sale. The ECW asked that an update of activities at St. John's be included in the weekly bulletin as many of its members have felt uninformed in the past. Discussion surrounding this issue then took place.

Barb went on to share her reservations about the newly launched St. John's Academy. She has noted very few students in attendance and is concerned that perhaps this project is unlikely to succeed. Fr. Adam shared details of the launch of the Academy and assured Barb and the group that what she witnessed is only "growing pains," and outlined the steps taken to increase enrollment.

**BELOVED COMMUNITY:** Tracy reminded the group that on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, Beloved Community's event, **Cooking for a Cause** will be held in Allen Hall. There are 8 teams competing for 8 different charities.

**FOOD BANK BAGS:** Now have brochures regarding St. John's Academy as a way of getting the word out throughout the community.

**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT:** St John's is applying for a \$4,000 collaboration grant with Zion Education Center to come up with transportation options for the Academy.

**KETTLE CORN HELP:** Laura mentioned that volunteers are needed for making kettle corn for 11/21/25, Sharon's **Light Up the Night** event. Helpers are needed on Tuesday and Thursday from 2-4 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to conduct, a motion was made to adjourn.

**MOTION:** Barb Sudzina made the motion, Laura Peteric seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Cynthia O'Connor, Scribe