

St. Stephen's Vestry Minutes
February 15, 2025

Present: Beth Bailey, Leah Bailey, Craig Brent, Carol King, Alan Liby, Courtney Manrod, Ben Shassere, Tyler Walker, Julie Webber

Absent: Cleon Hartman, Ashley Hillis, Betsy Ellis

Call to Order: Fr. Bailey called the Vestry business meeting to order at 2:15 pm

New Business: Canon to the Ordinary, Joe Woodfin, led the Vestry in an annual retreat prior to the February Vestry business meeting. The retreat focused on administration of Vestry's three principal areas of ministry. The Vestry as Pray-ers, Evangelists and Stewards. Separate retreat notes have been published.

Approval of the Agenda: Fr. Bailey

The business agenda was unanimously approved with a change to make the action approval of the January 2025 financial report (in lieu of the December 2024 financial report). Walker/ B. Bailey

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Rector's Report: Fr. Bailey

Fr. Bailey reported that the sexton is on leave to convalesce from shoulder surgery. A motion was made (Manrod/ Liby) to pay the sexton until short term disability payments commence in about 10 days. Motion passed with one dissenting vote.

One new member has resigned from Vestry. Vestry will fill the open position.

Senior Warden: Leah Bailey

No consent agenda item as prior month's meeting minutes were previously approved online. Mrs. Bailey encouraged Vestry members to review their St. Stephens.org e-mail daily as the goal is to transact more business through that route now and in the future.

Junior Warden: Ben Shassere

Mr. Shassere has compiled an unfunded needs list has been compiled using information provided to him and will soon issue the list to Vestry. He expects priorities will be set and funding sources be identified in the March Vestry meeting. Mr. Shassere emphasized the importance of committee work and the need to enhance communication between committees. He will be reaching out to Committee Chairs and Vestry representatives to establish a joint meeting.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Approval of January 2025 financial statement: Courtney Manrod
Approved.

Approval of 2024 Parochial Report: Fr. Norman
Conditionally approved pending revision of amounts for endowed and non-endowed investments.

The meeting closed at 3:10 pm.

Next Vestry meeting is March 18, 2025

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Manrod, Substitute Secretary