

Holy Nativity Vestry Minutes

January 21, 2025

Attendees:

Father Tommy
Maggie Glennon – Senior Warden
Robert Cooper – Junior Warden
Vic Peirce
Joe Artime
Linda Byrne
M.A. Isele
Sue Miller
John Hartland - Treasurer

The Vestry met in the sanctuary for prayer and Eucharist with Father Tommy before adjourning to Cate Hall for the January meeting. Father Tommy had lit the Pasqual Candle, and stated it would be lit at each meeting to represent the light of Christ coming into the world.

Maggie introduced the Mission Statement of Vestry for the new members, “To know Christ and to make Christ known.”

The December 2024 Vestry minutes were presented for approval. Vic made the motion to approve and Lynda seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved. The minutes are always posted for transparency on the bulletin board in Cate Hall.

Financial

John Hartland, Treasurer, explained for the new members how the financials are set up. QuickBooks and Church Windows are used to track data and pledges, and the two programs do not interact with one another. Subcategories were explained, with the examples of the two Raymond James accounts and the building fund. He explained that Snapshot is a summary of the QuickBooks data. There was a review and explanation of the budget, which is posted for all to view. Vic raised a question about the net income and John said he would talk to Michaels to get clarification.

Vestry Orientation

Maggie gave Vestry the 2025 calendar of Holy Nativity events, and reviewed them.

For the strategic plan, it is critical that the Mission Statement and Vestry Oversight overlap with interaction between them. Vestry members accepted responsibilities for helping attain the Mission Statement and Vestry Oversight:

Spirituality and Worship: M.A.
In-Reach: Lynda
Outreach: Ranglely & Vic
Physical Property: Robert and Joe
Personnel / People: Sue

For Physical Property, overseen by Robert and Joe, there will be a need for new wood chips for the pet memorial when it is completed.

Safe Church Training; each Vestry member must complete the series of modules ASAP. The module certificates should be printed out, and Rebecca will file them.

Communications: The church website needs to be revamped. Lynda will look into it.

New Business

There were three bids for the new HVAC system for the rectory: Boatwright, Halls and AC GUYS. A motion to accept the Halls' bid of \$8230 was made by M.A., and seconded by Lynda. The motion was unanimously approved.

Robert said that Holy Nativity needs two new signs, and received a bid for \$581. M.A. motioned to approve the order, it was seconded by Vic, and unanimously approved.

A suggestion was made to Vestry to have a tour of Holy Nativity grounds so Vestry members know where the water shutoffs are.

A lay ministers' retreat at Honey Creek is coming up in February for anyone interested.

Father Tommy will officially begin his sabbatical April 28, 2025. Father Bill Barton will be the interim priest during Father Tommy's absence.

Saturday, February 1, at 2:00pm, Father Tommy and Magda Ruiz will give a talk about their walk on the Camino de Santiago. The community is welcome to attend.

Father Tommy

Father Tommy's expectations of Vestry include being the "eyes and ears" of the Church so that any problems can be addressed immediately. Vestry should engage congregants and Vestry should be attentive, prayerful, read emails and attend meeting, and keep the senior warden informed.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Father Tommy.

Respectfully,
Sue Miller