

Trinity Parish Wethersfield

Vestry Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2025

Attendees: Carol Jones, Rob Heath, Cheryl Chadsey, Don Ghostlaw, Bruce Duncan, Melissa Pavick, Aversa Sheldon.

Absent: Melanie Hepburn, Connie Harasymiw, Greg Joseph, Kathy Cole.

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

1. Opening prayer. Carol Jones. Carol passed a sheet for vestry to sign up to do opening prayers throughout the year.
2. Approval of minutes from January meeting. Motion to approve made by Cheryl Chadsey, second by Melissa Pavick. No discussion. Minutes approved unanimously. Motion passes.
3. Financial report. Rob Heath. Rob made some adjustments to the financials: investments moved to December, insurance now being paid quarterly, lawn care inapplicable during winter. Nothing extraordinary for January. No discussion. Vote to accept unanimous.

New Business:

4. Mission and Outreach. Carol Jones. Hawk Helpers may receive a larger refrigerator, want our permission to run the larger fridge (more electricity). They will concurrently stop using their smaller fridges. Warren Blessing has already confirmed that the electrical system can handle the additional amperage draw. Carol Jones proposed a motion: the Trinity Vestry supports the purchase of the new refrigerator and freezer by Hawk Helpers to be installed in the basement area designated for this program, second by Melissa Pavick. Vote to approve unanimous. Motion passes.
5. Inclement weather announcements. Carol Jones. Carol addressed the point that we need to remind parishioners of the process for determining whether a service has been cancelled due to inclement weather. Carol will write an eblast article.
6. Music. Carol Jones. Vestry discussed their thoughts on the music played/sung at Sunday services.
7. Motion for disbursement of M&O funds:
The Mission & Outreach committee submitted a request for a donation of \$800 from account #5246000 for St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Altadena, Ca. to support the immediate needs of the St. Mark's community impacted by the LA wildfires (see additional information in Exhibit). Motion to approve made by Bruce Duncan,

second by Melissa Pavick. No discussion. Motion approved unanimously. Motion passes.

8. Spring Training. Carol Jones. Carol discussed the 2025 ECCT spring training agenda to raise awareness for interested vestry members.
9. Easter egg hunt. Melissa Pavick. Proposed date of Saturday, April 19 beginning at 10:00 or 11:00, Melissa suggests better outside signage, advertising on web page and in Rare Reminder. Vestry discussed other possible social events throughout the year.
10. Possible babysitting services? Melissa Pavick. Vestry discussed possibility of introducing babysitting services. More discussion to follow at a future vestry meeting.

Old Business:

11. Parochial report. Carol Jones. Reminder that report is due soon.
12. 2025 Goals – what’s next, wish list:
 - a. Signage – discuss with Warren new sign at driveway
 - b. May 1 or 5, National Day of Prayer
 - c. Develop a “wish list” to accommodate parishioners who wish to make designated gifts
 - d. Ham and beans supper
 - e. Regular adult formation
 - i. Lenten bible study
 - ii. Messy Church Program
 - iii. End of life seminars
13. PiC update. Brief by Carol Jones. There was an interested candidate in January, wardens met with candidate, candidate determined that parish ministry was not the direction they want to go.
14. Closing prayer. Carol Jones.
15. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

By Don Ghostlaw 2/27/2025

Exhibit

Below is information regarding the Saint Mark's Community:

Help Us Rebuild Our Saint Mark's Community

Saint Mark's in Altadena [lost our beautiful church](#) and entire school campus in the Eaton Fire. Our community is devastated, and our hearts go out to all those suffering unimaginable losses and devastation. We are committed to supporting the immediate needs of everyone in our Saint Mark's community impacted by this tragedy.

We are setting up a short-term home for our services and programs while we work through the long-term process of rebuilding. We have established a dedicated **Emergency Saint Mark's Relief Fund** to support our greatest needs. Unlike donations to third-party platforms, donations directly to Saint Mark's Church are tax deductible and can be used immediately by the community. Saint Mark's will receive more of your contribution given directly to the Church. We are eternally grateful for the outpouring of support from around the world to the Saint Mark's community.

Please send checks to:
Saint Mark's Episcopal Church
P.O. Box 41846
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