

Saint Ann's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting  
February 9, 2026

Present:

Fr. Benjamin J. Brenkert  
Deacon Susan Ellinghaus  
Sue Nappo  
Don Hester  
Randy Schultz  
Roma Busch  
Joan Siedlecki  
Kaitlyn Crevoiserat  
Joe Castelli

Virtual:

Deacon Robert Russo  
Laura Sanchez  
Richard Maddox  
Linda Maddox  
Ray Busch

Excused:

Carol Ann St. Lawrence

The meeting commenced with an Opening Prayer at 6:07pm offered by Kaitlyn Crevoiserat.

Fr. Ben asked for a moment to pray for Deacon Bob and for Carol Ann's husband.

Discussion of Program Year

- Vestry Retreat on March 21st will take the place of the Vestry Meeting which was scheduled for March 9th

Agenda:

- January Minutes: discussion, motion to accept by Randy Schultz, second by Kaitlyn Crevoiserat, accepted, all in favor
- Appointment of Vestry Clerk: Linda Maddox, no discussion, motion to accept by Randy Schultz, second by Kaitlyn Crevoiserat, approved, all in favor
- Appointment of Treasurer: Sue Nappo, no discussion, motion to accept by Roma Busch, second by Don Hester, approved, all in favor
- Appointment of Convention Delegates: no discussion, Wardens and 3 Alternates- Laura Sanchez, Don Hester, Richard Maddox; motion to accept by Randy Schultz, second by Kaitlyn Crevoiserat, approved, all in favor
- Parochial Report : no discussion, motion to accept by Kaitlyn Crevoiserat, second by Richard Maddox, approved, all in favor

- Diocesan Tithe : \$51,459.00 - based on average of previous 3 years, no discussion, motion to accept by Don Hester, second by Joe Castelli, approved, all in favor
- Investment Committee : presentation of recommended merger of accounts upon installation of new Bishop;
  - Morrison-Nash Christmas Flower Fund and Morrison-Nash Plot Fund
  - Committee recommends that withdrawals from the Saint Ann's Endowment be limited to 4% ( \$20,000.00 per quarter)
  - Committee recommends that three records in the Diocesan Investment Fund be transferred to Wells Fargo as follows:
    - Record 611 "St. Ann's" to the St. Ann's Endowment Fund
    - Record 333 "Sunday School" to Fechter-Cass Fund
    - Record 667 "St. Ann's Cemetery" to the Cemetery Endowment Fund

discussion, motion made to table decision, discussion, and discernment until May 2026; motion by Randy Schultz, second by Don Hester, approved, all in favor

- Buildings and Grounds: replacement of electrical wires from above ground to under ground for a cost of \$9500.00, motion by Don Hester, second by Randy Schultz, approved, all in favor
- Financial Depository : signatories to continue as they are, motion by Don Hester, second by Kaitlyn Crevoiserat, approved, all in favor

#### Business:

- Developed questions to be presented for consideration to Bishop Candidates: What is your vision for the diocese in five years? How can we engage more diocesan programming in Suffolk County? (This question originally focused on youth, only.) all in favor; Randy Schultz will submit
- Motion was read by Randy Schutz, "We, the Vestry of St. Ann's Episcopal Church hereby call The Reverend Benjamin James Brenkert to be the Eleventh Rector of St. Ann's Church." Discussion, motion made by Don Hester and second by Joe Castelli to delay the vote to a future meeting, motion did not pass. Motion was again presented by Randy Schultz, seconded by Richard Maddox to call The Reverend Benjamin James Brenkert as Eleventh Rector of Saint Ann's, private voting ensued, motion passed by a majority of 8 to 3

#### Committees:

- Capital Campaign: mailing is out, awaiting results from the counters
- Stewardship: \$24,415.00 received for January, Bell Tower \$7,700.00, \$10,880 in Special Gifts
- Finance: pleased with new accounting firm; accounts are more easily accessed
- Building and Grounds: water pipe burst in second floor bathroom of the office/rectory building causing partial collapse of the kitchen ceiling and resulting in much water damage including 3 - 4 inches of water in the basement, insurance company, restoration

company, and adjuster are all notified and working on it; discussion of renovations to Burgess Building

- Cemetery: Deacon Bob and Tim Laffin have a meeting scheduled
- Christian Education: First Intentional Communion will be held on Sunday, February 15th and Sunday April 19th; Young Adult Program will begin- date TBA
- Sacramental planning: discussion of adding a 6:00 pm Mass to the Sunday Schedule
- Ordination of Deacon Robert Russo to the Priesthood on June 13th
- Discerning a scholarship for a deserving senior for college or trade school from the Saint Ann's Parish

Business for April Vestry Meeting: We will take up the Investment committee's recommendation pertaining to the St. Ann's Endowment Fund: "The committee recommends that the withdrawals be limited to 4% (\$20,000 per quarter)".

Closing prayer was offered by Don Hester at 8:07pm  
Respectfully Submitted Dcn. Susan Ellinghaus  
(rev. 3/2/26)