

VESTRY MEETING June 10, 2025

Present: Rev. Cn Melinda Artman, Alice Bennett, Bruce Carpenter, Margaret Cole, Mitzi Mohn, Glenn Murrelle, Linda Murrelle, Diane Siebecker

Absent: Doreen Marshall

Treasurer: Bruce Carpenter

Chairperson: Rev. Cn Melinda Artman

Lectio Divina: Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:19-26

Agenda: Motion to accept the agenda made by Alice, seconded by Margaret. Addition - Church Directory in the local newspaper and correction to spelling hardware regarding Sunday School Quilt. Motion carries with these changes.

Minutes: Motion to accept the May 13, 2025 minutes made by Alice, seconded by Bruce. Correction - under new business the Book Sale during the Friday Farmer's Market will be held once a month starting in June. Motion carries with this correction.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the May Treasurer's Report made by Alice, seconded by Glenn. Correction - Receipts & Expenses is for May 2025. Motion carries with this correction.

Highlights:

- Our donation 'from our abundance' was very much appreciated by the Athens United Methodist Church "Feed my Sheep" program.

Senior Warden's Report:

- Parish Park Faire - overall pleased with the entire day. Will have a meeting soon to review what went well etc. It is noted that SJLC does not want a contribution for their assistance with the faire. We assisted them with their Rummage Sale which was profitable. A preliminary Revenue & Expense Summary was provided by Bruce with net proceeds over \$3,000. Discussed the use of PayPal & credit card use with designation for which booth. A question was asked by some visitors 'where do these profits go?' The answer would be proceeds goes towards Capital Projects for our church. Mitzi suggested to change the carpet in the parlor. It is very old & worn.
- Mowing Team – plan on purchasing a battery-operated weed wacker and a leaf blower. Margaret requested help to pick out this equipment. It was suggested to look at Lowe's. Glenn noted he has sprayed the weeds on the property.

Junior Warden's Report:

- We served 104 meals at the May Community Supper. Steve Novak has offered his assistance helping to serve the meals.

- There is soda left over from the Parish Park Faire. We will return some to SJLC as it was provided by them and we would like to sell the remaining soda for profit.
- There is no update on the removal of the dishwasher and trash compacter in the kitchen.

Building & Grounds Report: (written report provided by Jeff Watson)

- I did a walk through with the alarm contractor and noticed that two exterior doors were not on the map of doors to be alarmed. They were the sacristy exterior door and the exterior door for the back stairway from the church. I have asked that these doors be added to the contract at a cost of \$60 per door. The main distribution box for the new system is to be located in the boiler room; we have had a 110-volt, 20-amp outlet added to the wall to power the distribution box. I discussed heat having an effect on the distribution box and was assured that the box would operate normally up to 140 degrees F. During winter months the boiler room temperature is about 70 degrees F.
- In the month of May I changed six fluorescent tubes in the lower parish hall. I have noticed that the light diffusers (covers) are becoming brittle and are difficult to remove and re-install, often cracking in the process. In addition, in the past we have purchased replacement tubes in bulk (24 pieces at a time). We have two tubes left at this point and I don't want to purchase another 24 bulbs; I will purchase them as required. **I would like to ask the vestry to consider a project of converting the lights in the lower parish hall to LED lighting.** A somewhat educated guess as to cost would be 5 to 8 k. Perhaps this project could be considered for next year.
- I repaired the lock on the front door of the church as it was becoming difficult to operate.

Rector's Report:

- I attended the Lutheran Synod Assembly the last weekend of May. A lot of good information was provided. One idea was to provide a table for our small children in the church.
- VBS is scheduled for July 13-July 17. It will be held at SJLC. VBS is being hosted by our two churches, Sayre Christian Church, and the Valley United Presbyterian Church.
- An Inquirer's Class is being held over this summer in preparation for the Bishop's visit on Sunday, August 17th. Those who wish to be received into the Episcopal Church or wish to make a mature affirmation of faith via confirmation are encouraged to attend this class. We will review the Book of Common Prayer, Episcopal Governance, and Episcopal expectations of the laity.
- Capital Projects for next year include changing to LED lighting in the lower parish hall and changing the carpet in the parlor.

Old Business:

- Sentry Alarms - work in progress
- Sunday School Quilt - Margaret to get hardware to hang up

- Parking Lot - no info yet as to when the work will begin
- Joint Worship - begins June 15th
- New copier - ordered
- Book sales during Friday Farmer's Market - will be once a month; begins June 20th
- Church Directory in the local newspaper - this has been corrected

New Business:

- New(er) ways to show hospitality - after joint worship is over, plan to have a pot luck brunch to welcome newcomers. Scheduled for September 7, 2025. Would really like our parishioners to make an effort to get to know our newcomers.
- "Coffee" hour - plan to continue. Will be the first Sunday of the month at SJLC and the third Sunday of the month at Redeemer
- Job description for Pastoral Assistant – presented to vestry. Would be half-time for SJLC and half-time for Redeemer.

Adjourn with saying of The Lord's Prayer – 8:31 PM

There will not be a meeting in July.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Siebecker
Clerk of Vestry