

## **VESTRY MEETING November 11, 2025**

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

**Absent:** Linda Murrelle

**Treasurer:** Bruce Carpenter

**Chairperson:** Rev. Cn Melinda Artman

### **Opening Prayer**

**Agenda:** Motion to accept the agenda made by Bruce, seconded by Margaret. Add Sacristy electrical issue. Motion approved with this addition.

**Minutes:** Motion to accept the October 14, 2025 minutes made by Bruce, seconded by Alice. Correction to Rector's Report: Regarding the Bixby Trust – in accordance with the terms of the will, that individual's portion is redistributed to the Charitable Trust (not to the other heirs). Motion approved with this correction.

### **Old Business:**

- Our application for a Mission Resources Grant for funding through the diocesan to install new A/V equipment was approved. We received our full ask of \$24,240.00. The new system could potentially be installed by Christmas.
- An Organ/Harp Holiday Concert is scheduled for Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 3:00 PM at Redeemer. Just an FYI, the Valley Chorus Concert is on Sunday, December 7, 2025.

### **New Business:**

- The 2026 Budget was presented by Bruce. Review closely as this is the first draft and if any questions, ask Bruce.
- The Tribute Quartet Concert is scheduled for April 17, 2026 at Redeemer. Although it is not noted on their tour schedule yet, our deposit has cleared the bank.
- We have a potential candidate for an Assistant Priest and is being sent a proposal. Consider adding a line item in the 2026 Budget for a possible hire.
- By-laws of the Church of the Redeemer reviewed and will adopt at the December meeting and present at the Annual Meeting in January.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for October 2025 made by Alice, seconded by Margaret. Motion carries.

### **Highlights:**

- Due to the death of an heir and a recalculation by C&N our Bixby distribution was significantly larger than in past years. At last month's meeting we decided to

use \$16,000 of the distribution as Operating Income and the remaining \$34,085 as savings for future capital projects.

- We have done a great job containing expenses – right on budget. Also, with the exception of pledge income, we are ahead of every income category for the past two years. We may very well end the year with a surplus.

#### **Senior Warden's Report:**

- We had a good turnout for the fall clean-up.
- The Youth Group attended a Corn Maze at Miller's Farm in Columbia Crossroads. It was a delightful excursion and included having smores and a band was present.
- Our time slot for The Bridge's Sleep-out is 4-5:00 pm on Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- We are looking to have a joint youth group with youth from Trula Hollywood's members. Also, a trip to New York City is in the planning stages.

#### **Junior Warden/Building & Grounds Chair Report:**

- Community Supper continues to thrive.
- Request to refinish the exterior doors: This would have to be an "off-site" project - the doors would need to be removed and will need to be a summertime project.
- St. Mary's Guild Fall Fair efforts in progress.
- The under-cabinet light and an outlet in the Sacristy are not working. Will pass on to Jeff Watson to investigate. *The issue is resolved (thank you Jerry). The problem was a tripped breaker - #8 in the Carillion hallway.*

#### **Rector's Report:**

- I have presided over two funerals.
- I held a training session for members of the Altar Guild.
- The Diocesan Convention was attended by Margaret and myself (Pastor Melinda).
- I used \$92.00 from the Discretionary Fund to put somebody up for one night.
- A check was sent to The Bridge for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters totaling \$1,509.88.
- A Christmas and Pledge Letter will be sent to the membership in the near future.
- A Book Study is in progress.
- Due to Pastor Melinda attending a meeting in Lancaster December 8-10<sup>th</sup> the December Vestry meeting is to be rescheduled to Thursday, December 4, 2025.
- A Community Thanksgiving Worship will be held Wednesday, November 26 at St. John Lutheran Church.

#### **Adjourn with saying of The Lord's Prayer - 8:02 PM**

*Motion to adjourn made by Bruce, seconded by Alice. Motion carries.*

Our next meeting is Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Siebecker  
Clerk of Vestry