

VESTRY MEETING February 11, 2026

Members Present: Rev. Cn. Melinda Artman, Linda Murrelle, Jeff Watson, Margaret Cole, Doreen Marshall, Alice Bennett, Mitzi Mohn

Bruce Carpenter-zoom

Absent: Diane Siebecker

Chairperson- Rev. Cn. Melinda Artman

Opening Prayer

Election of Officers

Nominations- Rev. Cn. Melinda Artman nominated the following:

Senior Warden- Margaret Cole-

Junior Warden-Jef Watson

Treasurer- Bruce Carpenter

Clerk-Diane Siebecker

Motion to except- Margaret Cole-2nd by Jeff Watson-Motion carries

Delegates for Convention-First week will be online to complete business, then Oct. 17/18 will be in person.

Linda Murrelle as delegate. Margaret Cole as Alternate.

Agenda: Motion to accept the draft agenda made by Linda Murrelle. Second by Jeff Watson. Motion Carries.

Discussion-Request to treasurer's report first.

Minutes: Motion to accept the January, 2026 minutes. Motion made by Alice Bennett. Second by Jeff Watson. Motion Carries

Discussion: None

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Linda Murrelle and second by Jeff Watson. Motion carries

Bruce Carpenter highlighted the following-

- January- Attendance was down due to snowstorms
- Property insurance figures had to be fixed. It was put into Relm as \$4,715 and should have been \$4,175. This affected the year-end report and annual meeting. All were updated to the correct amounts.

Parochial Report

The vestry reviewed the report as presented by Rev. Cn. Melinda Artman.

- Attendance was up for the year, with a good following on-line
- Approval as amended- motion by Alice Bennett, 2nd Jeff Watson

Senior Warden's Report: Margaret Cole

- Souper Bowl Pot was \$122.00
- Youth group is going to Owego in 2 weeks to meet with the Youth.

Junior Warden's Report: Jeff Watson

- Electric box -small breaker box had a fire. This was found by an electrician doing work. Jeff suggests getting all wire check and all breaker boxes checked.
- All light projects that were started are finished.

Rector Report:

- 4th Quarter discretionary fund distribution of \$1,095 made to the bridge
- \$1540 for rent/security deposit for Athens area resident
- \$400 gift card for a distressed parishioner
- Lent
 - Shrove Tuesday-St. Johns 5-7 -pancake supper
 - Ash Wednesday- 12:00- Redeemer; 7:00- St. Johns
 - Bible Study starting February 23, 10:00 AM, or 6:00-Soup and Salad-6:30-Start

Old Business-

- Doors- At the annual meeting it was decided that more quotes were needed for this project. Margaret and Jeff reached out to Door Restore. Quote was \$7,790. This includes taking the doors to strip and refinish, fixing the threshold, recoating hinges, deliver and install front doors.
 - Motion to accept this bid made by Linda Murrelle and seconded by Jeff Watson.
- Profit from concerts-Question was to hold to end of the year or concert to concert. Discussion was to do concert to concert. You can advertise who the net proceeds would go to for the concert. The thought is that it may bring in people if they know where the money is going. \$75.00 is going to Feed My Sheep/ Valley Food Pantry.
- Church Credit card "cash Back"-2 years ago it was decided that the money from the cash back would go to charity. This year it was \$149.00. Motion to donate to Feed My Sheep/ Valley Food Pantry made by Alice Bennett, seconded by Margaret Cole. Motion carries.

New Business-

- Appointment of "conversation partners"- a vestry member and a parish member would be on this team. The team would go and meet with other churches in the area to start and build partnerships-6 churches, 2 priest, 6 trained worship leaders and 1 deacon. These would form a

6-2-6-1 partnership. Rev. Can. Artman is looking to get us in a good place for the future. Possible partners are Trinity Lutheran -Towanda, Redeemer, Christ Church Trinity Athens, St. Johns.

- Parking Lot usage- Guthrie has approached us about using our parking lot during the day. For this we would have to change the usage of our lot with the borough, and an ordinance change would be needed. RPH asked to buy part of the lot and that was not acceptable with the vestry. Rev. Can. Melinda Artman is going to speak with Chris Jones, attorney, to see how this could be worked out.

Adjourn- Motion made by Linda Murrelle and second by Jeff Watson- 8:00

Closing Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,
Doreen Marshall