



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

February Vestry Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 6:00pm
Via Zoom

Saint Mark's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of all the Coast Salish tribes.

Vestry Members Present

Martha Craig, Junior Warden for Facilities
Amanda Davis, Junior Warden for Finance
John Gulhaugen
Phil Haas
Hannah Hochkeppel
Julia Logan, Senior Warden
Mark Lundquist
Michael Monnikendam, Diocesan Member
Deborah Person, Junior Warden for Stewardship
The Very Rev. Steve Thomason, Dean
Canon Charles Thorne, Bishop's Representative
Cynthia Tidwell, Diocesan Member
James Wilcox

Vestry Members Absent

Christopher Breunig
Sam Herring
Sarah McCord
The Rev. Gail Wheatley, Diocesan Member

Officers Present

Mary Dickinson, Treasurer
Barbara Erickson, Clerk
Re Knack, Chancellor

Staff Members Present

Marc Aubertin, Cathedral Subdean
Erik Donner, Cathedral Administrator
The Rev. Canon Emily Griffin, Canon Vicar

Dean Thomason called the meeting to order with the Land Acknowledgement and the Lord's Prayer at 6:00 p.m.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Parochial Report 2025

The annual parochial report must be approved by March 1.

A motion was made to approve the 2025 Parochial Report as submitted, and adopt the accompanying Vestry Resolution #26-GO-02. The motion was seconded and passed.

Resolution for Authorized Signatures on Fidelity Account

At the January 31 retreat, signatures for the bank accounts were updated, but signature updates are also required for the Fidelity stock account. Proposed Vestry Resolution #26-FI-02 replaces former Treasurer Lynne Cobb with Treasurer Mary Dickinson, and Dean Thomason will remain an authorized individual on the account.

A motion was made to adopt Vestry Resolution #26-FI-02. The motion was seconded and passed.

Greenbelt Tree Issues

Re Knack provided status on the current greenbelt tree issues. The property west of the cathedral comprises sections owned by St. Mark's Cathedral Parish, St. Mark's Properties LLC, and the City of Seattle Parks and Recreation Department. The Egan House on Lakeview Boulevard sits on that land, and the homeowners are concerned about the health of the trees and have engaged an attorney. Saint Mark's and the city have also engaged attorneys.

Saint Mark's has engaged an arborist who recommends the removal of some trees and/or branches. The arborist's report was sent to the City of Seattle, their attorney, the Parks Department, and the permitting department to obtain a permit to remove the trees. The city is also reviewing parcel boundary lines to determine the number of trees affected on each parcel. The permitting department has requested a correction to the permit application to include a geotechnical survey that addresses the slope and its stability after any tree removal. It is unclear who is responsible for this survey.

Dean Thomason stated that Marc Aubertin is addressing the detailed work for Saint Mark's and the vendors. All involved are working to minimize any liability for Saint Mark's and the city.

Deanery Shower Project

Dean Thomason excused himself from the meeting, and Julia Logan led the discussion. Estimates for the work were received from Broadview Plumbing for \$43,000, and Model Remodel for \$38,000. After learning Broadview Plumbing would not begin work until the completion of the Interstate 5 project, the Executive Committee recommends moving forward with Model Remodel, with the understanding that the \$38,000 estimate provided is dependent on further findings.

A motion was made to contract with Model Remodel for the deanery shower project. The motion was seconded and passed.

CHECK OUT & CLOSING PRAYER

Checkouts were given, the closing prayer was offered by Julia, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Erickson
Clerk

Erik Donner
Cathedral Administrator