

**The Church of St. John the Evangelist
Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis
Vestry Meeting – January 15, 2026**

The vestry of St. John the Evangelist Church, Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis, met on January 15, 2026, at 7 pm. Present were Bill MacKenzie, Nancy Stephens, Ben Mersereau, Carol Jones, Donna Price, Jeanne Sayre, Heather Storey and Chase McLean. Regrets – Michael Clark, Steve Hart.

Additional Items for the Agenda – Motion needed from vestry for Martha’s Pantry application. Business Arising – Saturday use of gym; Vestry members

Approval of Agenda – Moved by Jeanne, seconded by Donna that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

Approval of Minutes from the December 2025 Meeting – the amounts for the two choices for heating in the rector’s office need to be reversed. We will reach out to Hazel to the parish church regarding the floors, not the ants. Moved by Ben, seconded by Jeanne that the minutes be approved as amended. Carried.

Correspondence – Annual renewal of insurance \$632/month (yearly \$7,359), an increase of 3% over last year.

Business Arising – *Annual Meeting* – we need to give three weeks’ notice in our bulletin and on the door regarding the meeting February 22nd. This will be done starting January 25th.

Vestry Members - Nancy received a phone call from Jeannie Donald that she is interested in joining vestry. This will be voted on at the annual meeting. Donna is willing to let her name stand for warden as Bill’s term has come to an end.

Clergy Stipends – Ben suggested putting the honorary assistants on salary while waiting for a new rector. This would make things easier as far as record keeping, and it would benefit them as well. Ben will write a letter of explanation to the three. He will come up with a figure for our next meeting.

Lenten Book Study – Nancy spoke with Keith about this. We will be reading the book that is recommended by the parish. Keith is very happy to do a Wednesday afternoon group. Nancy will lead the Wednesday evening group. “The Seven Last Words from the Cross” is the book, and it might be difficult to get copies of the book.

Rector’s Office Heater – has been installed.

Floors – Nancy spoke with Hazel at the parish church. She said the buffers are hard to handle and don’t really do a good job. She was given a tip to put a cup of vinegar in the water each time the floor is mopped. We will explore whether someone could come in and show how to use the buffer.

Hall Rentals on Saturdays – Darrell is okay with this. It does affect the times he would come in to set up for the Sunday services.

Finance and Admin – no report

Youth and Seniors – no report

Treasurer's Report – The bank balance is good, with a surplus of \$103,425. See Ben's report, attached. Moved by Ben, seconded by Heather, that the treasurer's report be approved. Carried.

Church Properties – no report

Willing Wonders – The group will be meeting soon to plan for this year.

Worship – Services led by Lay Readers – Bill and Eva will be doing some services during the next four months. It was suggested that we ask some of the other lay readers if they would be interested in leading a service.

Cemetery – nothing to report

New Business – *Headset Microphones* – they haven't been working well. One has a lot of static. Josh has looked into replacing the headsets, and the prices on Amazon are about \$70 each. Also, a lapel mic would be helpful, and it would be about \$30. Moved by Nancy that we order a headset microphone and a lapel microphone through Amazon to the amount up to \$150, seconded by Jeanne. Carried.

Reaching Out to Seniors – The surveys have been done, and we now have permissions signed allowing telephone calls to seniors. Jeanne will reach out to Lynda Wood to see if she is still interested in doing this.

Martha's Pantry – Moved by Bill that we submit an application for a grant for Martha's Pantry to a total of \$3,370, based on the previous year's activities and expenses, seconded by Ben. Carried.

Free Bus Tickets – We bought 80 tickets and gave out 70 in 2025. Because some of the tickets were used for Under the Tent, ours have been cut back to 50. Under the Tent has been given 300 free tickets.

For Prayer – Our Honorary Assistants – David, Bruce and Keith
Our Parish – Darrell and Josh

Next Regular Vestry Meeting – February 5, 2026

Annual Meeting – February 22, 2026, after the service

The meeting closed at 8:30 with prayer and the grace.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Jones

Carol Jones, Vestry Clerk

Attachment: Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report: St. John's Anglican Church

January 15, 2026

Financial Statements as of December 31, 2025

Balance Sheet

- \$224,340 bank balance
 - Increase of \$14,891 from last month
 - \$85,421 higher than December 2024
 - \$61,373 in special purpose funds
 - \$35,678 in flow through payables
- Synod investments of \$571,267 (\$55,922 higher than last month mainly due to increase to the 75 Main Street Improvement Fund – Smart bequest)
- \$4,020 of HST receivables
- Accounts payable of \$56,027
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- Flow through payables of \$35,678 (\$35,000 – Refugees held in Trust)

Income Statement

- Revenue
 - \$217,667 in unrestricted offerings
 - \$24,618 received in December, including Xmas offering of \$3,795
 - \$15,649 lower than 2024 offerings
 - \$84,865 in designated offerings (almost \$58,000 – 75 Main Street Fund); only budgeted \$10,000
 - Total offerings of \$302,530
 - Other Revenue of \$38,885 (budgeted \$23,100)
 - Rental income \$5,200 higher than 2024 and \$4,700 more than budget
 - \$21,637 in interest revenue (budgeted \$13,000)
 - Total Revenue: \$341,416
 - \$75,316 higher than budget; \$39,557 lower than 2024
- Expenses
 - Operating Expenses of \$156,815
 - \$27,035 lower than budget (salaries)
 - Designated Expenses of \$26,871 (budgeted \$10,000)
 - Other Expenses of \$54,991 (\$1,693 higher than budget)
 - Total Expenses of \$237,991
 - Down \$28,357 from 2024
 - \$8,470 below budget
- Surplus of \$103,425
 - Budgeted surplus of \$19,639