

**The Church of St. John the Evangelist
Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis
Vestry Meeting – August 21, 2025**

The Vestry of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis, met on August 21, 2025, at 7 pm. Present were Bill MacKenzie, Nancy Stephens, Ben Mersereau, Carol Jones, Donna Price, Steve Hart, Heather Storey and Chase McLean. Regrets – Jeanne Sayre and Michael Clark.

Additional Items for the Agenda – Handheld Mic – Business Arising. Moved by Ben, seconded by Steve, that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

Approval of Minutes from the June Meeting – Moved by Heather, seconded by Donna, that the minutes be approved as read. Carried.

Correspondence - none

Business Arising

Covers for Couches – Donna and Heather are looking into something on Temu. Moved by Steve, seconded by Nancy, that we have a budget of \$600.00 for covers. Carried.

Handheld Mic – Steve will purchase one at Tony's Music Box.

Committee Reports

Finance and Admin – no report

Youth and Seniors – no report

Treasurer's Report – Bank balance is good. Offerings are lower than last year. See Treasurer's Report – attached. Moved by Ben, seconded by Chase, that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Carried.

Church Properties – There is a hornet's nest that needs to be removed. A call had been made to Terminix, but Ben is willing to do the removal, so Terminix will be cancelled.

Willing Wonders – Heather has been approached to obtain permission to hold a rummage sale in the fall in support of Kids' Church. It was agreed that this would be okay, and Josh will be asked to find a Friday and Saturday that are available for setup and the sale.

Worship – There is still concern about safety during Sunday services. The main concern is Kids' Church and the safety of the children. We will continue to investigate this. We want to be open to everyone, including the homeless.

Barb Hughes has asked about having a prayer vigil at the church as it has been a while since we last had one. Nancy will follow up with Barb about details.

Choir practice will resume after Labour Day.

Cemetery – no report

New Business

Wardens and Vestry - Bill mentioned that it is not easy to find people willing to be wardens. He is going to speak to a couple of people about the possibility of offering as warden next year.

Bishop's Video Series – This is a 10-part series of videos that Archbishop David has made. Nancy suggested using these for a study to be finished before Advent. She will speak to our honorary assistants to see if they would be interested in leading groups. It would need to be started soon to be finished by Advent.

Daily Bread Display – There is a Discovery Series self-display that is available at no charge. It was agreed that it should be ordered, and we will locate an area where it can be displayed.

Women's Bible Study – This will be resuming soon. Barb and Minna are going to lead a book study on women of the Old Testament.

Heather thanked Bill for applying for the grant for Martha's Pantry. It has made a big difference in what items can be offered for those requiring help with food needs.

For Prayer – Our Parish – Darrell and Josh

Our Honorary Assistants – Bruce, Keith and David

Next Regular Vestry Meeting – September 18, 2025, at 7 pm.

The meeting closed with prayer and the grace at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Jones, Vestry Clerk

Attachment: Treasurer's Report

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

August 21, 2025

Financial Statements as of July 31, 2025; June 30, 2025

Balance Sheet

- Bank balance of \$149,491 as of July 31, 2025
 - Decrease of \$4,541 in July
 - \$36,593 higher than July 2024
 - \$66,534 in special purpose funds
- Bank balance of \$154,032 as of June 30, 2025
 - Increase of \$12,057 in June
- \$35,975 in flow through payables (mostly refugees)
- \$515,345 in Synod Investments
 - \$25,420 higher than last year
- Accounts payable of \$1,425

Income Statement

- Revenue
 - \$114,537 in unrestricted offerings (July 31)
 - Increase of \$9,254 in July
 - \$15,030 lower than July 2024
 - \$105,283 in unrestricted offerings (June 30)
 - Increase of \$18,193 in June
 - \$11,353 lower than June 2024
 - \$18,063 in designated offerings
 - \$25,397 in other revenue
 - \$12,069 higher than July 2024 (interest, rental income)
 - **Total Revenue**
 - **\$162,997 (July 31)**
 - **\$146,692 (June 30)**
- Expenses
 - \$145,035 in YTD expenses (July 31)
 - \$15,255 of expenses in July
 - \$129,780 in YTD Expenses (June 30)
 - \$17,763 in expenses in June
- **Net income**
 - **July 31: \$17,961**
 - **June 30: \$16,914**
 - **Savings from Rector's salary are offsetting declining offerings**