

**The Church of St. John the Evangelist
Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis
Vestry Meeting – November 20, 2025**

The vestry of St. John the Evangelist Church, Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis, met on November 20, 2025, at 7 pm. Present were Bill MacKenzie, Nancy Stephens, Ben Mersereau, Carol Jones, Donna Price, Jeanne Sayre, Steve Hart, Heather Storey and Chase McLean. Regrets – Michael Clark.

Additional Items for the Agenda – Stipends for clergy; Christmas bonuses; cleaning the floors (business arising); update on World Day of Prayer in March.

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

Approval of Minutes from the October Meeting – Bill “plans” to apply for a future grant for Martha’s Pantry, but he has not done so yet. Moved by Jeanne, seconded by Ben, that the minutes be approved as revised. Carried. Moved by Heather, seconded by Ben, that the minutes of the Special Vestry Meeting October 26, 2025, be approved. Carried.

Correspondence – email from Ben Bourque regarding stipends.

Business Arising – *Cleaning floors* – Josh phoned Servicemaster to see what kind of soap is recommended for cleaning the floors; we do have the proper soap on hand. This could be done between Christmas and New Year. Nancy will contact John Galbraith to see if he could show us how to do this.

World Day of Prayer March 2026 – Instead of Friday, the organizers would like to have it on the first Sunday afternoon of the month. Willing Wonders will hold a planning meeting to discuss a reception after the service.

Committee Reports

Finance and Admin – no report

Youth and Seniors – no report

Treasurer’s Report – Moved by Ben, seconded by Donna, that the Treasurer’s Report be approved. Carried. Report is attached.

Church Properties – Ants have been sighted in the building again. We will put some ant traps on the floor in the sink and dishwasher area and arrange to spray when the floors are cleaned.

Willing Wonders – We cleared approximately \$3,000 on our Christmas Bazaar.

Worship – Lay readers renewal will be held at the 10:30 service on November 30th. Kids' Church will be holding a Superhero Christmas pageant December 21st. The Blue Christmas service will be held on December 21st. The Advent Sower is now available.

Cemetery – There was an internment today. Donna mentioned that one of the graves has sunk quite a lot, so we will need to have it filled in.

New Business – *Stipends* – inflation is about 2% this year. Ben will follow up with the diocese to see what is recommended. Moved by Chase, seconded by that we give salary increases to Darrell and Josh as recommended by the diocese. Carried.

Christmas Gifts – We decided to give \$200 each to our five musicians – Joan, Pat, Alexa, Rick and Judy. Nancy will talk to Josh about this.

- We will give Darrell and Josh \$100 restaurant cards, which Nancy will purchase at the Superstore.
- We will give our honorary assistants a box of chocolates each.
- We will also give chocolates to the musicians, Darrell and Josh.
- Jeanne will buy 10 boxes of chocolates and leave them at the church by December 21st.
- Moved by Bill, seconded by Jeanne that we approve the above. Carried.

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

Next Regular Vestry Meeting – December 18, 2025

The meeting closed at 8:00 pm with prayer and the grace.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Jones, Vestry Clerk

Attachment: Treasurer's Report.

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

October 16, 2025

Financial Statements as of September 30, 2025

Balance Sheet

- \$152,127 bank balance
 - Increase of \$2,485 from end of August
 - \$76,277 higher than September 2024
 - \$67,945 in Special Purpose Funds
 - \$35,960 in Flow Through Payables (refugees)
- \$515,344 in Synod Investments
- Accounts payable of \$1,230
- Scotia credit card balance of \$145
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Income Statement

- Revenue
 - \$152,860 in unrestricted offerings
 - Increase of \$16,664 in September
 - \$16,520 lower than last year
 - \$20,090 in designated offerings
 - \$26,808 in Other Revenue
 - \$12,422 higher than last year
 - Budgeted only \$23,100 for the whole year
 - Higher interest and rental income
 - **\$199,759 in total revenue**
- Expenses
 - \$177,765 in YTD expenses
 - \$16,013 of expenses in August
 - Down \$33,390 from last year (mainly salaries)
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 - \$161,752 in YTD expenses
 - \$16,717 of expenses in August
 - Expenses down \$24,982 from last year (mainly salaries)
- Net income
 - **\$21,994 in YTD Net Income (up \$2,812 from last month)**

Other: 2026 Parish Assessment

- \$39,523 for 2026
- Slight decrease from 2025 (\$39,761)

