

**The Church of St. John the Evangelist  
Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis  
Vestry Meeting May 21, 2026**

The vestry of St. John the Evangelist Church, Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis, met on May 21, 2026, at 7 pm. The meeting opened with prayer and a reading from Philippians 4: 4-7. Present were Nancy Stephens, Donna Price, Ben Mersereau, Carol Jones, Stephen Hart, Michael Clark, Heather Storey and Jeannie Donald. Regrets – Jeanne Sayre and Chase McLean.

**Additional Items for the Agenda** – police record checks (business arising); Josh’s Birthday (new business). Moved by Steve, seconded by Heather that the agenda be approved as amended. Carried.

**Approval of Minutes of the April Meeting** – Moved by Michael, seconded by Jeannie that the minutes be approved as read. Carried.

**Correspondence –**

**Business Arising** – *Stone Church Meeting Prep* – We will remind the congregation that the history of everything including discernment is online. Contact was made with Father Penney of the Orthodox Church, and they are very interested in purchasing the stone church, not leasing it, so they could raise money for repairs. It has been confirmed that the decision is the responsibility of the vestry. We would retain full ownership of the cemetery. The Orthodox Church would confer with us if they decided to sell the building. This needs to go through the property committee of the diocese. A survey would likely need to be done for the building and the land under it. We will distribute a questionnaire to the congregation to see if they support vestry pursuing the sale of the stone church to the Orthodox congregation for \$1.00. Also, there will be a questionnaire asking if the congregation supports vestry modifying the parameters of the stone church trust fund and using the funds for necessary repairs.

*Property Committee* – We have appointed Roger Schwartz, Harold Rice and Cliff Humble to this committee.

*Cleaning* – A thorough cleaning of the building is needed. Roger has suggested that painting needs to be done, and the walls need to be washed, the floors cleaned, windows cleaned, etc. Nancy will discuss this with Roger. Cemetery cleanup will be scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 am, along with some inside and outside work on the hall.

*Eavestroughing* – This is required over the entryway. Moved by Steve, seconded by Jeannie that we purchase eavestroughing for a total of \$403.65, as per the quote. Carried.

**Committee Reports**

**Finance and Admin** – no report

**Youth and Seniors** – no report

**Treasurer's Report** – Josh set up a savings account in May, which yields higher interest. We transferred \$100,000 in early May. Moved by Ben, seconded by Michael that the treasurer's report be approved. Carried. See attached report.

**Properties** – Discussion has already taken place about work needed for the hall.

**Willing Wonders** – A meeting will be held Monday. The Rector's Discretionary Fund has a low monetary balance right now, and the committee will discuss a possible donation. The upcoming yard sale on June 6<sup>th</sup> will be discussed.

**Worship** – The shared service here on July 26<sup>th</sup> has no music leader listed. Perhaps the Baptist church would lead the music for the service.

**New Business** – *Storage for Children's Church* – More storage is required because there are piles of supplies cluttering up the desk under the tv. We will look at options for a cupboard to go under the tv.

*Personal Record Checks* – There is one person who still hasn't applied for their check. They will be approached about this, and it is felt that they should not be taking any part in volunteer activities until it is completed.

*Lights for Exit Signs* – We have a quote of \$307.91. The current lights are not bright enough, according to the fire department. Moved by Michael, seconded by Donna, that we purchase new lights for the exit lights to a total of \$307.91 plus tax. Carried.

*Ants* – Darrell sprayed the kitchen again. The outside of the building needs to be sprayed, and supplies will be purchased.

*Josh's Birthday* – We will get a card for him.

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

**Next Meeting** – June 18, 2026, at 7 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Carol Jones*

Carol Jones, Vestry Clerk

Attachment: Treasurer's Report

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

May 21, 2026

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### Financial Statements as of April 30

#### Balance Sheet

- Bank account balance of \$181,818 as of April 30
  - \$1,559 lower than end of March
  - \$36,660 higher than April 2025
- \$575,462 in investments
- \$1530 in HST receivable
- \$3,220 in liabilities
- \$36,050 in flow through payables
- \$65,518 in special purpose funds
- Note: Set up a Savings Account with higher interest. Transferred \$100,000 in early May.

#### Income Statement

##### Revenue

- \$71,526 in unrestricted offerings
  - \$19,409 higher than last month
  - No major change from previous year
- \$91,198 in total revenue
- \$2,186 in accounts payable

##### Expenses

- \$59,467 in operating expenses
- \$19,181 in other expenses
- Total expenses of \$84,671
  - \$25,017 of expenses in April (retroactive clergy stipend came into effect)
  - \$5,019 lower than the previous year

Net Income: \$6,517 as of April 30, 2026

- Was \$9,800 last month (year to date)