

March 15, 2026, minutes of the St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry

Present: The Rev. Nancy Emmel Gunn, Senior Warden Ronya McCool, Junior Warden Mary Anne Pikrone, Paul Freeman, Darryl Swearngin, Jonathan Cureton;

Absent: Dawn Indelicato-Faw, Correne Murphy

Guest: Coral Christopher, system marketing manager for SSM Health.

Actions:

---Paul moved and Jonathan seconded that we approve the January and February minutes.
Passed unanimously.

--Ronya moved and Jonathan seconded that we switch to Wix website development.
Passed unanimously.

Coral Christopher discussed our desire for a new website: We currently use Weebly, with Square, which costs about \$26 a month in addition to the domain fee. Weebly is easy, but if you want more sophistication, the quality has gone down, she said.

She looked at two other systems:

Word Press, which has the highest learning curve.

Wix Pro Core, which she called a happy medium between Word Press and Weebly. Mentioning the risk we have of people trying to hack into our website, she recommended Wix.

Coral will be meeting with Ronya, Reuben Kendall, Jeff McIntire-Strasburg and second Sunday of the month to start working on the website. Coral said we can attach the Zeffy donation platform, which a lot of nonprofits use, to the Wix website.

Wix is also cheaper. We spent \$312 per year for Weebly; Wix will be \$96 per year, plus a one-time \$35 admin for an initial outlay of \$131 the first year. This is in addition to our yearly \$112 domain fee.

Discussion followed.

Ronya moved and Jonathan seconded that we switch to Wix. Unanimously approved.

Darryl Swearngin then discussed financials and Rev. Nancy said she will look into whether we need an audit, possibly in the 2027 budget.

Discussion followed on meeting our diocesan quarterly pledge. Last year we were only able to make two of four payments.

Rev. Nancy reported that she recently performed a funeral and memorial service for \$400.

Ronya announced this will be her last month as senior warden, but she will remain on the Vestry. We also need someone to fill Correne's spot on the Vestry and there will be a special election for Vestry in May. Paul and Dawn have agreed to run again for Vestry.

Mary Anne said she wants to include the congregation's spiritual life in the monthly Vestry agenda. Discussion followed.

Jonathan and Paul announced they will lead the Worship Committee.

The Executive Committee will meet April 9.

Vestry announcements will be made at the beginning of worship by: Darryl in May; Paul in June, Mary Anne in July.

Notes taken by Mary Anne Pikrone