St. Michael's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2026
6:00 pm, Parish House

Vestry Members Attending: Canon Ginny Wilder (Rector), Deb Rude (Sr. Warden), Maryanne Ziegler (Jr. Warden), Geoff Hopper (Treasurer), Shiloh Fallon (Clerk), Barbara Allen, , Chris Condon, Emerson Colwell, Elizabeth Miller, Cathy Winston, Keith Maloney
Non-Vestry Attending: Linda Arruda

Canon Ginny Wilder called us to order at 6 pm and led us in prayer for our parish:
Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Consent Agenda
The Vestry unanimously approved:
- August Draft Minutes
- IWC Committee Report
- Outreach Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Other Financial Docs

Rector's Report - Canon Ginny Wilder
- The Vestry discussed the Welcome Back Sunday service
- Music Director/Organist Update - Susan Barrows has accepted the call to be our new Music Director and Organist. Oct 18th will be her first Sunday, in the meantime she is going to be getting to know the Choir and the Organ.
- Sound System Update - The Vestry approved expenses up to $20,000 for sound system improvements.
- Vestry retreat is this Saturday at St Martin's Episcopal Church Providence from 10 am - 3pm
- Reminder about Rev Rich Simpson's visit on November 8th

Senior Warden's Report - Senior Warden Deb Rude
- Vestry members reported on their Church Directory contact calls
- Deb reminded the Vestry to send in their photo preferences and Safe Church forms
- Syntactical changes to Mission Statement were unanimously approved. New Mission statement is:
  - *St. Michael's strives to be a joyful community grounded in the love of Christ, welcoming and including all through meaningful worship, service to the community, and a commitment to growing as faithful Christians.*

Junior Warden Report - Maryanne Ziegler
- This month's Property Committee will discuss the proposals for the Bell Tower

- Next month Frank Munro will come to the Vestry meeting to discuss the proposal for the Bell Tower in the Memorial Garden

Finance and Investment Committee - Geoff Hopper

- Ropes Wealth Management will present on the Endowment investment on October 29th

Closing Prayer and Adjournment at 7:00 pm

Lord, it is night.
The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God. It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be. The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and our own lives rest in you. The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace unfold in us, and all dear to us, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. In your name we pray, Amen.

Respectfully submitted,
Shiloh Fallon, Clerk of the Vestry