



**ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS**  
E P I S C O P A L C H U R C H

## Vestry Meeting Minutes

Date: February 19, 2026  
Meeting Open: 6:30 p.m.  
Next Meeting: March 19, 2026

Submitted by: Deanna-Marie DiPirro  
Adjourned: 7:24 p.m.

### Present:

Fr. Nick Evancho  
Deacon Jeffrey Tooke - \*Via Zoom  
Melodie McEvoy, Sr. Warden - \*Via Zoom  
Mark Korzelius, Jr. Warden  
Joe Childs - \*ABSENT  
Carol Northrup  
Beth Boron - \*ABSENT

Ellen Valvo  
Jeanne Percival - \*ABSENT  
Rich Craig  
Sue Morey  
Mike Woomer  
Marci Conn  
Anne Dietterich - Guest

1. Fr. Nick Evancho led the Vestry in prayer.
2. Call for Additional Business
  - Reminder to elect the treasurer and clerk after the Annual Meeting
  - Budget finalization
3. Review/Acceptance of January Minutes
  - Fr. Nick asked if there were any corrections or additions to the January minutes, and there were none at this time.
  - Rich Craig made a motion to accept the January minutes as written. Sue Morey seconded the motion. The motion was accepted by a unanimous vote.
4. Review/Acceptance of January Financial Report
  - Fr. Nick stated that attendance is currently down, but a lot of parishioners are currently on vacation.
  - He stated that Stutelage Innovations paid in advance for their summer camp program, in the amount of \$3600. They will be ending their program one week early, as Jack & Jill's lease begins on September 1.
  - Fr. Nick stated that we have a new pest control company, Fox Pest Control, with an initial fee of \$450, and a monthly maintenance fee of \$100. They are also addressing the insect (fly) issue in the sanctuary.
  - Additional costs this month included \$264 for a new garage door opener for the rectory, as well as \$106 for two new mailboxes for the property.
  - Mark Korzelius made a motion to accept the January financial report as written, and Ellen Valvo seconded the motion. The financial report was accepted by a unanimous vote.
5. New Business/Reports
  - a) Changing Diocesan Role
    - Fr. Nick stated that he is also now the Priest-in-Charge of St. Peter's, Niagara Falls, as their

priest was removed due to financial misconduct. In addition, his role as Dean of the Northern Region is now managerial.

b) Annual Meeting

- Fr. Nick stated that the date was changed due to issues with the boiler. The new date is Sunday, March 8 after the 9am service (one combined service that day).

c) Buildings and Grounds Report

- Fr. Nick stated that one of the pipes for the boiler was replaced after he had to find a plumber.
- He also fixed the sound system in the church (equalizer).
- It was stated that the light in the front of the building was flickering. Fr. Nick stated that the transformer was already changed in the other one, so this one probably needs to be replaced as well. Mark Korzelius volunteered to assist.

d) Episcopal Visitation February 22 (1 Lent)

- Fr. Nick stated that the bishop's visit was rescheduled for this Sunday, February 22, which is Lent I. We will have one 9am combined service that day, as requested by Bishop Steve.

e) Ecumenical Thrift Store Project Update

- Anne Dietterich reported that it will be some time before it opens, as there are insurance and budget issues that need to be cleared up. A statement of intent and a name are also needed. Anne described this as an outreach program to fill the gap of government benefits. There will be housewares, clothing, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products, shoes, and baby supplies. It will be open to anyone in need and will have regular business hours. The responsibility will be split between the 3 parishes (St. Martin's, Trinity, and St. Timothy's).

f) Stewardship Planning

- Fr. Nick will follow up with Jeanne Percival, as she volunteered to assist with this campaign.
- He stated the reason that parishes have a Stewardship Campaign is to receive information for planned giving, as well as reconciling the budget.

6. Additional Business

- Fr. Nick stated that the Super Bowl Square Fundraiser brought in \$1000.
- Fr. Nick stated that the delegates for Convention have usually been two members of the Vestry, but that they can be two lay members. Rich Craig and Anne Dietterich volunteered, as well as Melodie McEvoy as an alternate.
- The treasurer and clerk will be elected at the next Vestry meeting, as it is held after the Annual Meeting takes place (March 8).
- The Vestry decided to continue with the first meeting of the new Vestry members as a dinner meeting. Deanna will make a reservation at Ellden's for Thursday, March 19.

7. Adjourn

- Melodie McEvoy made a motion to adjourn, and Rich Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Next Vestry Meeting

- The next Vestry Meeting will be on **Thursday, March 19 at 6:30pm at Elden's** (201 Whitehaven Rd)

Attachments/Documents Distributed During the February Vestry Meeting:

1. Vestry Meeting Agenda – February 19, 2026 – Fr. Nick Evancho
2. Vestry Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2026 – Deanna-Marie DiPirro
3. January Financial Statement – Mike Somer