

St. Bartholomew's Vestry Minutes
July 16, 2025

Attendance: Lucy Hill, Scott Monroe, Ed Lovelace, Stevi McCain, Bella Dalzell, Ashley Morrison, Joel Goldstein

Call to Order and Opening Prayer: 6:08 PM

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve by Ed, seconded by Stevi — motion passes.

Financial Report – Joel Goldstein

- New CDs were opened with two local Fort Smith banks: Cadence Bank and FNB.
- An existing CD at Cadence Bank will roll over at the end of July.
- Treasurer's report: Year-to-date budget is ahead; financial outlook for 2025 remains strong.

Guest Speaker: Donna Goldstein – Arise Ensemble Planning

- Hotel confirmed for Arise group.
- Transportation costs covered by donation.
- Program plans:
 - 3 speakers scheduled (Jo Carson, President of the Choir, and one more TBD).
 - Seeking a host facility with a large lobby to accommodate "Intermission Connections":
 - Episcopal groups to host tables/booths
 - Light refreshments to be served
- Fundraising/grants in progress; exploring support from the Bishop's Fund.
- Involving St. John's and Trinity Episcopal in potential collaboration.
- **Fundraiser ideas:** Talent Show, Garage Sale

Senior Warden Report

- **Scott** - Will be away July 18–26.
- **Lucy** - shares that Fr. Kathy is recovering well post-surgery.

Junior Warden Report – Ed

- Need for a plumber to address sink issues in hallway utility closet.
- Getting a bid to address pipe/grease trap on kitchen's exterior wall.
- Proposing relocation of thermostat in food pantry hallway for more accurate readings.
- Parish Hall needs 3 more 8-ft rectangular tables — Ed will price and order.

Business Items

1. **Clergy & Worship Planning:**
 - Supply clergy, LEMs, and on-call coverage confirmed for all of August.

- Lucy to coordinate for September and October.
- 2. **Search Committee:**
 - First candidate visit scheduled for July 28–29.
- 3. **Summer School Update:**
 - 3 weeks remaining — all going well.
- 4. **Bishop's Visit:**
 - Scheduled for Tuesday, December 16.
- 5. **Inquirer's Class:**
 - Fr. Kevin will lead sessions during Formation Hour (Sundays at 9:15 AM) throughout September, October, and November.
- 6. **Baby Bottle Ministry Proposal:**
 - Idea brought forward: Collect baby bottles, fill with \$10–\$20 cash donations, and give to organizations such as the Crisis Center or Hanna House.
 - Discussion noted this may start as individual participation, with potential to grow into something larger, possibly involving support for new mothers.
- 7. **Parish Hall – Kitchen Items:**
 - Bella proposes purchase of:
 - 6 pitchers (~\$70)
 - Replacement serving trays and bowls
 - Estimated cost around \$300
 - Lucy motions to provide Bella with up to \$500 from the Kitchen Supply budget for event hosting supplies.
 - Ed seconds; motion passes.
- 8. **Parish Hall Linens:**
 - Stevi volunteers to organize and inventory table linens and identify any gaps.

Calendar Notes

- **October 24:** Trunk or Treat
- **December 16:** Bishop's Visit

Next Meeting: August 20, 2025

Closing Prayer

Adjourned: 7:12 PM