

St. Bartholomew's Vestry Minutes
March 19, 2025

Present: Scott Monroe, Ed Lovelace, Lucy Hill, Bella Dalzell, Stevi McCain, and Ashley Morrison.

Also in attendance: Joel Goldstein for the beginning of the meeting

Call to Order and Opening Prayer (BCP page 100) 6:05pm

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Approval of Minutes –Bella makes a motion to approve minutes. Ed seconds. Motion passes.

Financial Report

No significant expenses out of the ordinary
Pledge – Plate Monthly Budget of \$23,919K and Feb received over \$30K
Bottom line we are in superb financial placement right now

Senior Warden Report

Scott: Wardens met and discussed how they will handle request for money – the use of discretionary fund.

Lucy: Food Bank – open on Thursday evenings for 1-2 families to help assist. Will need to probably assign 3 people to help on this to take on and possibly rotate a schedule.
Discussion about using interest from CD's maturing to utilize for more funding for the Food Pantry
Joe Gay submitted his resignation from the Vestry.

Junior Warden Report

Ed: \$1,400.00 was spent on fixing the unit in the nursery area of building
AC Unit has been replaced in the Nave for around \$9,500.00
OG&E Lights have been fixed
Lights on the building have been fixed and put on a timer
Parish Hall has been organized.
Iron gate has been fixed by the courtyard
Leak by the stained glass will be looked at and fixed

Business Items: Special Guests

Scott Siers Report from the Search Committee

Final draft has been made and will be submitted to Judy at the Diocese
Scott has met with Will to do a revamp for the St. Bart's website – hoping to be updated by the end of the week.

Donna Goldstein report on the Arise Ensemble

Discussion on inviting Arise Ensemble back to St. Bart's to perform in Fort Smith, and with our congregation in September 2026.

Vestry is very positive towards this and is collective in thought that we should do this.

Grants are available and we will pursue what we can.

Talks about inviting the Bishop for this as well.

1. Review of recent projects
 - Shrove Tuesday – went well
 - Ash Wednesday – went well

2. Confirmation of the next month's plans for supply clergy, LEM, on-call – all scheduled, and Lucy will work on next rounds as well.
3. Holy Week
 - Maundy Thursday
 - Good Friday
 - Easter Vigil
 - Easter
4. Future – Conversion of courtyard between Parish Hall and Youth Room to children's play area
5. Other items

April 10th – Order Lamb

April 13th – Palm Sunday *Palms are all ordered. Kevin

April 17th – Maundy Thursday – lentil soup by Bella, service by Rhonda

April 18th – Good Friday Stations of the Cross + Small Service 12pm Tenebrae 7pm

April 19th – Bella & Ed pick up lamb, tea, and any other items from Sam's. Vestry to help decorations and setup Parish Hall 10am

April 19th – Bella will pick up flowers. Evening altar change for Easter

April 20th – Easter cooking, Vestry will provide the cooking, serving, and cleanup. Congregation will bring desserts.

Calendar

1. April 17 – Maundy Thursday -
2. April 18 – Good Friday
3. April 19 – Easter Vigil
4. April 20 – Easter
5. May 11 – Mother's Day
6. June 8 – Pentecost
7. June 15 – Father's Day

Date of Next Meeting – April 16, 2025

Closing Prayer for the Parish (BCP page 817)

Almighty and ever living 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.

Meeting adjourned – 7:10