

Church of Our Saviour
Vestry Meeting Minutes

Approved Draft

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Present: Rev. Julia McCray-Goldsmith, Interim Rector; Mike Peters, Senior Warden; Cliff Waldeck, Junior Warden; Jennifer Dodge, Clerk; Dallas Forshew; Caroline Gibbs; Frances Whitnall. *Via phone call:* Kathryn Monier.

Also Present: Kathleen Piraino to present the Search Committee Report.

Absent: Amy Paulenich; John MacLeod.

Opening

Rev. Julia called the meeting to order and led the Vestry in a prayer, followed by a brief discussion.

Administrative Business

The May Minutes were accepted as presented.

Rector's Report

Rev. Julia opened her report with a brief review of the June "Summer Sundays" BBQ on the Patio. Gerry did a great job preparing, however, it was thinly attended—likely due to the Dipsea race being the same day. Planners will know for next year to choose a different Sunday.

The Saved series, led by Rev. Julia and David, has started off very well. The spaghetti potluck dinner/discussions will be every Monday night, led by Rev. Julia during the summer, and then David in the fall. Rev. Julia also reported that the Wednesday worship group is studying the saints this summer and that it is going well.

Preparing for Fall events: Rev. Julia is working with Frances on hosting an art exhibit that will feature portraits of Guatemalan immigrants. The exhibit will coincide with the Bishop's Visitation, on September 13th. The Visitation will be followed a week later by the Parish Anniversary and the Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival. The art exhibit will continue through these events and we hope to bring Art Festival attendees in to see the exhibit. Rev. Julia is planning to do some external communication. If the art exhibit goes well, we will look to host more in the future.

Concluding her report, Rev. Julia stated that the gift basket for the Helmer family was finalized and will be going out this coming week.

Committee Reports

Search Committee: Kathleen Piraino (Chair) reported. The feedback from the Vestry has been incorporated into the Parish profile and Canon Obando is giving it a final review. Early next week, the profile will be published on the Diocese's website and linked to the COS website. As previously noted, responses will be due six weeks after publication, on August 3rd. The responses will go to Canons

Obando and Reyes who will vet the applicants for eligibility. They will notify the COS Search Committee of the eligible applicants. The Search Committee will review the applicants, and rank them according to a scoring rubric. The top two - three candidates will be presented to the Vestry for church visits and interviews. Kathleen still expects these visits to take place in October. Per Canon Obando's recommendation, the candidates will be asked to celebrate a eucharist at the church, attended by the Vestry. The other aspects of the visits are still under consideration.

Kathleen reported that the process is on target, both Canon Obando and Canon Reyes feel we have a strong profile.

The Vestry thanked Kathleen for the committee's work.

Finance Committee Amy presented. The Vestry reviewed the report and Amy stated that expenses and income are tracking as expected. The bookkeeper, Sophia, has left the position and Gay will fill in for the foreseeable future.

Newcomer Committee Caroline presented. The Ushers are working on coalescing the process for welcoming newcomers. Nametag use is going well, with stickers available to kids to decorate their nametags. A lot of work has been done on the church exterior; the bulletin board outside the Fireside Room entrance has been painted—much thanks to Alan Gibbs, who has also made other improvements. A new banner is being prepared as well to draw the attention of the families attending the local schools.

The Vestry thanked the committee and Alan Gibbs for their work.

Building & Grounds Committee Cliff presented. The church had a break-in at the end of May. Burglars entered through the downstairs door and came upstairs, going through the Leppo Room, and then broke and entered into the office and into the Rector's office. Three doors were damaged but nothing of consequence has been found to be missing. The doors were repaired by Alan Gibbs. John Dedo is advising on installing an affordable surveillance camera.

Josh, our sexton, is leaving the position at the end of June. Cliff and Mike have started the search to replace him. The Vestry signed a card thanking him for his years of work.

Brother Richard has returned the Rectory keys to Cliff and Mike, who will evaluate what repair work needs to be done there or if any improvements are warranted.

The church's heating system has a corroded valve which will need to be repaired or replaced. In response to a question, Cliff stated that the Navien boiler is working well, is under warranty for a while longer, and needs only occasional maintenance. The Vestry approved up to \$2,500 for repairing the corroded valve.

The chairs in the Leppo Room are of good quality but the upholstery is worn out. The Vestry approved a motion to obtain a bid for reupholstery of the Leppo Room chairs from Calico Corners.

The sewer pump's warning light has turned on. It is Bright Horizon's responsibility to contact RotoRooter and have them inspect it.

Mike has reached out to Bright Horizons for an update on the contract negotiations and has not yet heard back from them.

Senior Warden Report

Mike had a brief report. Gerry and Bishop Brian did a great job filling in for Rev. Julia during her absence. He reminded the Vestry that the Bishop's Visitation is a great opportunity to be confirmed by the Bishop or to reaffirm baptismal vows. He reminded the Vestry that there is no July meeting. The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for August 20th.

Closing

Rev. Julia closed the meeting with a prayer.