

Minutes of the Vestry of St. John's Church, Larchmont, NY

September 16, 2025

The Vestry held its regular meeting by zoom. The membership constituted a quorum, as follows:

Rector: The Rev. Lisa Mason

Wardens: Pete Bennitt (Senior Warden), Chris Plunkett (Junior Warden)

Vestry Members: Erin Constabile, Melany Gray, Christine Healey de Casanova, Gus Harwood, Lexi Massey, Trish Patterson, Brooks Powlen, Adrienne Skinner, and Sonny Wooten

Absent: Dacey Hall, Ollie Maggard and Matt Wrzesniewsky

Guest: Kurt Weisenfluh (Treasurer), Wyatt Lonegro (youth member), Shoji Mizumoto (seminarian)

The Rev. Lisa Mason called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Ministry Moments were shared, and Erin Constabile shared a meditation.

New vestry member:

Prior to the meeting, the vestry was asked by email to consider electing Alexandra ("Lexi") Massey to fill a vacancy on the vestry. The vacancy occurred because of Kurt Weisenfluh's resignation in June (to serve as Treasurer).

Upon unanimous e-mail vote of all members, Alexandra ("Lexi") Massey was elected to fill the unexpired term vestry term, which term will conclude at the annual meeting in January 2026

Minutes: *Upon motion duly made and seconded, the vestry approved the minutes from the June 7, 2025 vestry meeting, which had been distributed in advance.*

Rector's Report:

The Rev. Lisa Mason welcomed Shoji Mizumoto, a divinity student who will serve as a seminarian for the 2025-2026 academic year and invited Shoji to tell the vestry a bit about himself and his call to ordained ministry.

Lisa also welcomed new vestry member Lexi Massey, as well Wyatt Lonegro, who had attended a portion of the June retreat. Wyatt will attend vestry meetings as a youth voice.

Financial Report: Financial reports were circulated in advance of the meeting. Treasurer Kurt Weisenfluh reported that pledges were up and expenses, in aggregate, were down relative to the budgeted figures. The Diocese's change in the apportionment formula also will have a positive impact on the budget.

At the next meeting, Kurt anticipates updating the vestry about the status of the capital campaign contributions, as well as beginning to discuss the 2026 budget.

The church's portfolio is up 10.66% year-to-date.

Senior Warden's Report: Pete Bennitt reviewed the fall calendar and encouraged vestry members to sign up for ushering and providing snacks at coffee hour.

Junior Warden/Building and Grounds Report: Chris Plunkett circulated a report in advance of the meeting noting that landscaping, lighting and fencing had been installed at the Rectory. In addition, the repairs to the Church roof had been completed, on budget. The nursery school first floor bathrooms, including a new handicapped accessible bathroom, were functioning and nearly completed.

Bids for the school roof, which will need to be totally replaced, will be solicited this fall, with the work to be done next summer (2026).

The lease with the tenant has been renewed at the Alden Road apartment. Issues with the gas in the building have nearly been resolved.

There being no further business to bring before the vestry, Lisa closed the meeting with prayer and adjourned the meeting at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Melany Gray, Clerk

Approved by the vestry, October 21, 2025

Future Meetings:

October 21, 2025

November 18, 2025

December 16, 2025

January 20, 2026

January 25, 2026 (Annual Meeting)

Annual Retreat: February 6-8, 2026