

St. Peters Episcopal Church  
Vestry Minutes  
April 29, 2025

Fr. Tom Mousin, Anita Chandler, Wayne Franklin, Bob Simmons, Kathleen McCormick, Tom Ainsworth, Lorna Blackmer, Christopher Hickey, Patty Lamb, Steve Koskinen, Lenita Richard, Allison Schroth, Anne Whitman

Absent: Thora Easton, Linda Foster, Emily Keniston

**Opening Prayer**

**Caring/Sharing**

**Minutes were approved** March 25, 2025

**REPORTS:**

1. Treasurer's Operations Reports (Bob Simmons):
2. Fidelity Investments Report (Bob Simmons):
3. Diocesan Report (Bob Simmons):

**MISSION and MINISTRY REPORTS**

1. Prayer Ministry (Allison Schroth and Emma Bond):
2. Creation Care (Janene Gorham): Our liturgy on 4/27 contained hymns and prayers that remind us of the goodness of the creation and our responsibility to be good stewards of all that God has made. We plan to plant pansies and the lilies from our Easter celebration in the church gardens, prepare the raised beds, plant seeds for our care one Sunday, install rain barrel and a spring hike!
3. St. Elizabeth's Partnership (Anita Chandler): Anita made a request from Portland Female Charitable Society donated \$3000. Also, Anita and she has been bringing coffee and donuts for volunteer month.
4. Aging With Grace (Fr. Tom): Group met last month and will continue to meet.
5. Project Feed (Bob Simmons): We need to send a check to them.
6. Merry Hearts (Anita Chandler): Every one that attends, Anita and Lenita would love to see more folks. Might be good to invite someone. It was an active group many years ago, and it was reinstituted recently.
7. Hope Squad (Janene Gorham):
8. Lombe Family Fund (Bob Simmons):
9. Bruno Funds: We also collected funds for Bruno, as a pass through to Rev. George Stevens at St. Luke's for his legal fees for immigration.
10. Sunday Liturgy Review (Fr Tom):
  - a. Minister Rota (crucifer/Eucharistic minister/ushers) (Wayne Franklin):
  - b. Acolytes/Torch bearers (Fr. Tom): We had adults on Easter, it is always an option.
  - c. Readers (Anita):
  - d. Altar Guild/Flowers (Anne):

- e. Livestream: Service was broadcasted live this past Sunday. Thanks to Chris, Clayton, Wayne and Bob who have worked hard on this. Fr. Tom hears from the lively online congregation about the improvements and problems. Chris will add another network point to the see if that corrects the pauses.
- f. Being-With (Fr. Tom): It has been good to have this group meeting, and to have it be a lay led program.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Capital Campaign: Lenita Richard will be a co-chair with Tom Ainsworth. Materials will be sent the week of May 12, official launch on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. Signage: Work is continuing on the signs.
- 3. Safe Church Training for Vestry Members: 7 vestry members attended. 4 have completed Maine certification. A few others (at least 3 are in process).
- 4. Planning and Implementing Parish Safe Church Policy: The work continues on this.
- 5. Outside Cameras: Cameras will be facing the church and Bethany house, outside. None will be installed in the church.
- 6. Elevator Buzzer & Phone: Phone is fixed, thanks to Chris. Wayne will install an electronic doorbell, which will ring at the back of the church.
- 7. Scholarship Fund: Committee still needs to meet: Anita, Bob, Thora and Kathleen.
- 8. The Little Library: Was removed, and Tom was going to refurbish. It might come back on Alton St.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Fiscal Responsibility (Kathleen and Bob): Motion: As a vestry, we commit to use gains from our Investment funds (prior year for current year) as additional operating funds. The treasurer will come up with a proposed schedule of withdrawals for the year. Vestry will be notified when the routine withdrawals will occur. Motion passes. Allison commented that a former member would be very pleased about this.

## **REPORTS**

- 1. Junior Warden (Wayne Franklin): Sacristy: new light, shelves and some other renovations have been done. The Robe Room: look at putting a light in there, rug was moved. Undercroft holes in pavement have been patched. Lawnmowers: Paul Loven is willing to help, still looking for a few more. Tenants move out tomorrow, walk through tomorrow night. New tenants identified, confirmed to \$2400. Anne Whitman, Kathleen & Jonathan McCormick, and Wayne Franklin will work on getting things ready. June 14<sup>th</sup> for a garden cleanup & maybe a dump run.
- 2. Senior Warden (Anita Chandler): Things are going so well; we continue to grow. We had excellent representation from St. Peter's at Myrna's ordination. Thanks to Lorna for bringing MaryAnn Hoy to the ordination.
- 3. Rector's Report (Fr. Tom Mousin) Fr. Tom was so pleased with the turn out for Myrna. We are so blessed: Easter day, a sermon from Emily, or the people supporting Myrna, the livestream church and the ministers serving. Thank you for what each are doing to make it a place of hospitality and growth.

**PASTORAL CONCERNS:****CALENDAR DATES:****WEEKLY:**

Sunday            9 am   Holy Eucharist  
Wednesday    7 pm   Compline  
Being-With    11-12:30 Sundays

**MONTHLY:**

Third Thursday:      Merry Hearts  
Fourth Tuesday:     Vestry

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

May 12-19            Launch of Capital Campaign  
May 13                St Elizabeth's Pantry  
May 15                Merry Hearts  
May 18                Youth Service Corps @ 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran  
May 18                Capital Campaign Sunday  
TBD                    Aging With Grace  
May 20                Vestry

**Closing Prayer**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Kathleen McCormick**