

St. Peters Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
May 27, 2025
Approved June 22, 2025

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

Absent: Kathleen McCormick, Thora Easton, Christopher Hickey, Emily Keniston

Opening Prayer

Caring/Sharing

Minutes Approved from April 29, 2025

New Business: Galen Weibley Autobiography and Discernment Committee Report

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): Allison will be updating the list.
2. Creation Care (Janene Gorham): We have grown with 2 new members. Seeds were planted after church for 2 Sundays and we hope to see the pollinators planted back in our garden soon. Meredith Tipton urged Vestry to get St. Peters signed up for solar energy to lower electricity costs. A rain barrel has ordered for water conservation and watering plants.
3. St. Elizabeth's Partnership (Anita Chandler): All is going well and pleased with the volunteers.
4. Aging With Grace (Fr. Tom): We will schedule a meeting soon.
5. Project Feed (Bob Simmons):
6. Merry Hearts (Anita Chandler): Largest crowd yet, last month. It was lovely to have a few more people! Will meet in June, will discuss meeting in the summer.
7. Hope Squad (Janene Gorham):
8. Lombe Family Fund (Bob Simmons): Holding in trust the funds. His court session will happen, but will be delayed for a year.
9. Bruno Fund: Fr. Tom may open this to the parish, checks will be sent directly to the Dean's discretionary fund.
10. Sunday Liturgy Review (Fr Tom): Things are going so well. Grateful for the volunteers and that people are helping to get substitutes when necessary.
 - a. Minister Rota (crucifer/Eucharistic minister/ushers) (Wayne Franklin):
 - b. Acolytes/Torch bearers (Fr. Tom):
 - c. Readers (Anita):
 - d. Altar Guild/Flowers (Anne):

- e. Livestream: Wayne and Lenita struggled a bit getting things started.
11. Being-With (Fr. Tom): One more session to go, and they are working on scheduling it.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Capital Campaign: (Fr. Tom & Lenita). Bob and Lenita will meet after breakfast to work on the process for reporting. We are in communication with Breeze to track donations. We are also waiting for some paper commitments. Knowledge of donation amounts will be held in confidence with Bob and Lenita.
2. Signage: \$250 for the cost of wooden sign. Bob confirmed order for sign on front to be update. Fr. Tom began process of ordering sign for Bethany House, waiting for proof from them. Total cost will be about \$400.
3. Safe Church Training for Vestry Members: Lorna, Wayne, Linda, Tom and Steve still need to complete safe church training.
4. Planning and Implementing Parish Safe Church Policy: Emily has some updated information.
5. Outside Cameras: One installed, other 3 to be installed. Question about whether a sign as an additional deterrent.
6. Elevator Buzzer & Phone: Doorbell is installed is in the basement and outside. We are experimenting to see if we install one in the church.
7. Scholarship Fund: Bob Simmons found the original documents, they will be summarized; Anita Chandler, Kathleen McCormick and Lorna Blackmer will work on setting up guidelines. In the past, we have always put \$200 in budget, some years it is used and some not. Hilton fund was established to used interest (\$4000) for scholarship. Stipulation was the order of distribution: St. Peter's children, community children, St. Peter's adult and then community adults. We did distribute \$200 to child related to the church; a check was sent and a thank you note received.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Galen Weibley Discernment: Unanimously approved and documents will be forwarded to the Diocese.

REPORTS

1. Junior Warden (Wayne Franklin): June 14th is a scheduled clean up. Shout out to Fred Fowler who did a lot of work with lighting. Bethany House – apartment was left in decent shape. Suffered from work not done in last 7 years of tenancy. 80-90 hours of work – Lenita, Jonathan, Anne, Kathleen, Mary and Wayne put in so many hours. Floor had to be torn up due to cat. Lease began June 1. A yard mowing service was purchased by a parishioner for the summer; it is much appreciated.
2. Senior Warden (Anita Chandler): We welcomed some new people this week. They attended St. Luke's, but are now living in the neighborhood. We enjoyed Fr. Dan Warren.
3. Rector's Report (Fr. Tom Mousin): Thanks to everyone who helped in Fr. Tom's absence. Many thanks to the capital campaign committee for stepping up in Lincoln's absence. It is exciting to see the response from the community and that there are plans to build a firm foundation for the future. There are extra forms/envelopes if you have some folks you would like to ask. Fr. Tom will be away June 29th. August will be the bulk of the vacation time. Some of the occasional Sundays involve work, and Fr. Tom will let us know when he is "really away" and will protect that time. Fr. Tom is so pleased with the energy in the congregation and where we are headed and new gifts people are bringing to the community.
4. Postulant's Report (Emily Keniston): Unable to join us this week.

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

Sunday 9 am Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 7 pm Compline

MONTHLY:

Third Thursday: Merry Hearts

Fourth Tuesday: Vestry

IMPORTANT DATES:

Sunday June 1: Parish Breakfast

Tuesday June 10: St. Elizabeth's

Saturday, June 14: Parish Clean up

Thursday, June 19: Merry Hearts

Saturday, June 21: Memorial for Lincoln Clark

Tuesday, June 24: Vestry

Aging with Grace TBD

Being With TBD

Fr. Tom's Vacation Schedule:**Sundays:**

June 29th

Aug. 3rd

Aug. 10th

Oct. 12th

Away but available:

Mon. Jun. 23 – Mon. Jun. 30

Vacation Time:

Mon. Jul. 28 - Mon. Aug. 11

Mon. Aug. 25 – Fri. Aug. 29

The above dates includes Vacation Sundays:

Closing Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen McCormick