

St. Peters Episcopal Church
Approved Vestry Minutes
November 25, 2025

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

Absent: Linda Foster, Steve Koskinen

Opening Prayer

Caring/Sharing

Minutes Approved October 28, 2025

REPORTS:

1. Treasurer's Operations Reports (Bob Simmons):
2. Fidelity Investments Report (Bob Simmons):
3. Diocesan Report (Bob Simmons): Tom Ainsworth will be in touch with Diocesan Trustees to ask if we can use Gifford Funds for supporting the building and its repairs.
4. Capital Funds: Discussion ensued about whether to move the cd and other funds to Fidelity, one recommending a more conservative approach and one recommending moving to Fidelity. Motion for renew CD for another 90 days. Motion carries. We will revisit in February.

MISSION and MINISTRY REPORTS

1. Prayer Ministry (Allison Schroth and Emma Bond):
2. Creation Care (Janene Gorham):
3. St. Elizabeth's Partnership (Anita Chandler): Winter coat/boot drive going on.
4. Project Feed (Bob Simmons): We owe them money in December.
5. Hope Squad (Janene Gorham):
6. Sunday Liturgy Review (Fr Tom): Advent wreath in church and undercroft this weekend. Sunday the 21st advent colors remain. After church on Sunday, December 21 Christmas decorations can be placed.
 - a. Minister Rota (Wayne Franklin):
 - b. Acolytes/Torch bearers (Fr. Tom):
 - c. Readers (Anita):
 - d. Altar Guild/Flowers (Anne):
 - e. Videographers/Counters: Facebook temporary login did not work.
7. Aging w/Grace and Merry Hearts: on pause

OLD BUSINESS

1. Capital Campaign: (Tom A. & Lenita). Total pledge \$255,784 pledged, 30 units. \$39,001 collected. Some funds need to reimburse office costs.
2. Planning and Implementing Parish Safe Church Policy: There will be a blurb on the December agenda to be publicized.
3. Outside Cameras: 1 camera is operating, and Bob monitors. Others will be installed.
4. Scholarship Fund: See attached documents from 1983. Vestry will determine the amount of money budgeted to fund the William F. Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund. The scholarship funds are for grade 12 and under for church sponsored youth conferences; private religious schools; pre-schools; summer camps, such as sports camps, scout camps, church camps; or similar youth activities as approved by the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry. First to children of the parish, then to those outside the parish from the neighborhood and greater Portland area. We will put on website.

5. Fair: \$3852.63 was raised in 2025, in \$4607.40 in 2024. Basket is 1/3 of the money raised. Patty Lamb is retiring as chairperson. Rich Price will become chairperson, and Patty will continue to help with raffle.
6. Stewardship Campaign Dates for 2025: 32 Pledge Units: \$64,852.00 [39 pledged, \$72,484 last year, 12 pledges not yet made from last year]. Sign of a healthy parish is increasing pledges.
7. Support for Youth Service Corps in 2026. We are awaiting Amber's response about the \$900 request.
8. Creation Care plan for yard: Looking at revisiting this January, and presenting this to the congregation in February, with some action in April, around Arbor Day.
9. Flower Font from diocesan storage: TBD Spring
10. Nominating Committee: Anita and Lorna Volunteered.

Officer Positions are for one year

Senior Warden: Anita Chandler

Junior Warden: Wayne Franklin

Treasurer: Robert Simmons

Clerk: Kathleen McCormick

Term Ends in 2026:

Tom Ainsworth 1/2026

Linda Foster 1/2026

Thora Easton 1/2026

Allison Schroth 1/2026

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Building Use Proposal**: Korean Language School: currently meets at Korean United Methodist Church on Washington Ave. Looking for new space. Meets Sunday afternoons, 1-4 PM. Up to 30 people at a time, from children to adults. Contact person: Susan Burns-Chong 207-415-0996. We have a contract we can use, \$125 for 4 hours – Wayne will discuss with Ms. Burns-Chong.
2. **Contemplative Knitting/Handwork**: Meredith Tipton and Elizabeth Stoddard have done this elsewhere. Devotional time with opening prayer; then rest of time is contemplative. Begin with St. Peter's and St. Alban's folks. Would start in Bethany House as cozy space/may move to church if needed for handicap access. 11am - 12:30pm on Wednesdays 3, 10, & 17 December
3. **Search Committee**: The meeting after coffee hour, was helpful. We will meet Dec. 2, 2:30 pm. Also a request for a videographer to make a video ...
4. Vestry in December: Move to 12/16 at 6:30pm

REPORTS

1. Junior Warden (Wayne Franklin): Sprinkler inspection this morning. Leaves are raked, Fred did the whole yard himself. Bob contacted someone to get the leaves. Women's bathroom will demo/renov begin in December. We do have a snow plow contract.
2. Senior Warden (Anita Chandler):
3. Postulant's Report (Emily Keniston):
4. Rector's Report (Fr. Tom Mousin): Fr. Tom feels worship has been significant and important, including Fr. Dan Warren, Emily Kenniston in the services and Chris, Judy and Bob on Stewardship. This Sunday is that the first Sunday of Advent. Bishop's official visitation is Sunday, Dec. 16th. Bs. Rob Hirschfeld has had been Fr. Tom's supervisor since he is married to the Bishop. Collette Desjardins and Steve Koskinen will be received into the church as well as the Theresa Pinney, Cannon to the Ordinary. Search Committee will be asked to reaffirm their baptismal vows. The loose offering for that day goes to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. The Cannon to the Ordinary is a kind of chief of staff to the diocesan staff.

PASTORAL CONCERNS:

Linda Foster is at Seaside Rehab Center.

CALENDAR DATES:

WEEKLY:

Sunday 9 am Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 7 pm Compline

MONTHLY:

Fourth Tuesday: Vestry

IMPORTANT DATES:

December 7: Bishops Visitation (Brown & Hirschfeld)

December 24: Christmas Eve Service 7 pm

Fr. Tom's Schedule:

Closing Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen McCormick