

St. Peters Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes (Approved 2/24/26)
December 16, 2025

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

Absent: Lorna Blackmer, Steve Koskinen, Patty Lamb,

Opening Prayer

Caring/Sharing

Minutes Approved November 25, 2025

REPORTS:

1. Treasurer's Operations Reports (Bob Simmons): Budget for 2026 needs work, meeting 1/13 with vestry to review.
2. Fidelity Investments Report (Bob Simmons):
3. Diocesan Report (Bob Simmons):
4. Capital Funds: Motion to accept Tom Ainsworth's letter recommending Giffard funds held by Diocesan Trustees be allocated for capital improvements in 2026 (wall pointing by Haskell and Hall). Passed Unanimously.

MISSION and MINISTRY REPORTS

1. Prayer Ministry (Allison Schroth and Emma Bond):
2. Creation Care (Janene Gorham): Requested \$400 for next year, Bob asking for itemization.
3. St. Elizabeth's Partnership (Anita Chandler): Distributed over 300 pairs shoes/boots.
4. Project Feed (Bob Simmons): Money will be sent.
5. Hope Squad (Janene Gorham): No report.
6. Sunday Liturgy Review (Fr Tom): All is working well. Flowers for Christmas ordered and delivery is Mon/Tues before Christmas.
 - a. Minister Rota (Wayne Franklin):
 - b. Acolytes/Torch bearers (Fr. Tom):
 - c. Readers (Anita):
 - d. Altar Guild/Flowers (Anne):
 - e. Videographers/Counters:
7. Aging w/Grace and Merry Hearts: on pause
8. Search Committee: The 12 questions & job description will be prepared to submit to Rev. Roberts.
9. Contemplative Knitting/Handwork: Meets one more time in December, next steps to be determined in new year.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Capital Campaign: (Tom A. & Lenita). \$256,604 pledged, 32 pledge units, \$40,321 collected.
2. Planning and Implementing Parish Safe Church Policy: Blurb submit. Motion to accept the policy. Approved unanimously. Kathleen will post on website.
3. Scholarship Fund: To be put on the website.
4. Stewardship Report: 41 pledging units, at \$78,000 for 2026.
5. Support for Youth Service Corps in 2026. We received Amber's response about the \$900 request, and it will be in budget for 2026. The amount was reduced to \$500 for each supporting parish.

6. Creation Care plan for yard: Looking at revisiting this in January, and presenting this to the congregation in February, with some action in April, around Arbor Day.
7. Flower Font from diocesan storage: TBD Spring
8. Nominating Committee: Anita and Lorna Volunteered, requests for new members to be published in Key Notes.

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. May serve. [can come as Sr. Advisor, Wardens Inc]
 Linda Foster 1/2026. Will not serve.
 Thora Easton 1/2026. Will continue to serve.
 Allison Schroth 1/2026. Will continue to serve

9. Building Use Proposal: Korean Language School: Wayne was able to speak to coordinator. A few more details to be worked out.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Rector's housing allowance resolution. Passed unanimously.

Whereas, Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code permits a minister of the gospel to exclude from gross income a church-designated allowance paid to him as part of his compensation to the extent used by him for actual expenses in owning or renting a home; and

Whereas, Fr. Thomas Mousin is compensated by St. Peter's exclusively for services as a minister of the gospel; and

Whereas, St. Peter's does not provide Fr. Mousin with a rectory, therefore, it is hereby

Resolved, that the total compensation paid to Fr. Mousin for calendar year 2026 shall be determined at the January 2026 vestry budget meeting, and that \$5,800 is hereby designated to be a housing allowance.

2. January 25th annual meeting, snow date Feb 1
3. Chili Chowder...date to be determined

REPORTS

1. Junior Warden (Wayne Franklin): Needs to get back to the Women's room. Some shelving will be purchased and installed in Robe Room.
2. Senior Warden (Anita Chandler): Anita was pleased with Sunday Dec. 7th and Bs. Hirschfeld feeling so welcomed and a part of us. We continue to grow, and that is great. So pleased at attendance, welcoming new attendees and presence and involvement of the young children.
3. Postulant's Report (Emily Keniston): Emily feels blest to be with us and continue her journey with us. She will take her general ordination exam first week in January and requests prayers. In February there will be a postulants retreat for all the diocesan postulants in Maine (about 5). Two of the 5 are from St. Peter's; prayers also welcome for that endeavor.
4. Rector's Report (Fr. Tom Mousin): Echoing Anita's comments and how both bishops were so pleased there visit and with what is going on at St. Peter's. Polly Ingraham, Bs. Rob's wife, who is not a Christian (Unconverted is her book), was so pleased to be with us and the energy and hospitality that she felt. The Diocesan Staff that was present also expressed similar sentiments. No longer should it be a surprised when people come to St. Peter's. Christmas Eve is 7 pm with Michele Kennedy as soloist, Mary Sullivan & Amethyst is here for a concert on Dec. 27 and Lessons and Carols on Dec. 28th. Even with Fr. Tom's announcement, he feels the spirit and growth and energy in the parish.

PASTORAL CONCERNS:

CALENDAR DATES:

12/20	5 pm	Caroling
12/24	7pm	Christmas Eve
12/27	4 pm	Ceremony of Carols/Mary Sullivan and Amethyst Choirs
12/28	9 am	Lessons & Carols
12/30	6:30 pm	Search Committee
1/13	8:30	St. Elizabeth's Food Pantry
1/13	6:30 pm	Vestry/Budget

WEEKLY:

Sunday	9 am	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	7 pm	Compline

MONTHLY:

Fourth Tuesday: ~~Vestry January 27th~~ due to budget meeting in January resume February with new members

Closing Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen McCormick