

St. Peters Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes Approved
April 28, 2026

Rev. Myrna Koonce, Anita Chandler, Wayne Franklin, Bob Simmons, Kathleen McCormick, Tom Ainsworth, Thora Easton, Christopher Hickey, Lenita Richard, Anne Whitman

Absent: Steve Koskinen, Alison Schroth

Opening Prayer

Caring/Sharing

Minutes from Mar. 24, 2026 were approved

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

1. Treasurer's Operations Reports (Bob Simmons):
2. Fidelity Investments Report (Bob Simmons):
3. Diocesan Report (Bob Simmons):
4. Capital Funds:
5. Lombe Funds: Marc has been sent check and account is closed. There was some confusion as his last name is different than what we had on record, but it has all been documented.

MISSION and MINISTRY REPORTS

1. Prayer Ministry (Allison Schroth and Emma Bond):
2. Creation Care (Janene Gorham): Janene and Rev. Koonce attended the Diocesan meeting and will be meeting after church on May 3rd.
3. St. Elizabeth's Partnership (Anita Chandler): Jonathan McCormick is now on the board. More help is always welcome. Rev. Myrna was there this month and was able to bless the twin boys of a volunteer. Sara, the coordinator, was very pleased to have a priest there and this happen. Motion to send \$450 to St. Elizabeth's (our parish contribution and donation). Motion passed. Motion seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.
4. Project Feed (Bob Simmons): A check for 815.60 will be send to Project Feed. Motion to send this money to project Feed. Motion seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.
5. Hope Squad (Janene Gorham): We may have a representative speak in the future.
6. Sunday Liturgy Review (Rev. Myrna):
 - a. Minister Rota (Wayne Franklin):
 - b. Acolytes/Torch bearers/Vergers (Rev. Myrna): Will meet with David and Steve Koskinen about this ministry and scheduling. Pentecost and the Celebration of New Ministry are the next two times people will be scheduled.
 - c. Readers (Anita):
 - d. Altar Guild/Flowers (Anne): Windham Jewelers installing new cross on chalice. We will be sure to publicize and thank them when done.

- e. Videographers/Counters: Cameras will be mounted on new mounts to facilitate both altar and homily from the pulpit.
7. Aging w/Grace and Merry Hearts & Contemplative Knitting/Handwork: (fall maybe)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Creation Care Meditation Garden Project: Pavers are available to support the font. The font will be repaired a bit to protect it from weather as its original purpose was an inside font.
2. Chili/Chowder Fundraiser: April 11, was held and raised \$1273 for the church. Thanks to Kathleen for the poster. Acknowledged that we need more help with marketing. A request will be in Key Notes about marketing.
3. Haskell and Hall: There is still some finishing/touch up to be to do, Wayne is speaking to them.
4. Dossal Curtain: [Rev. Myrna, Tom, Bob, Lorna, Anita, Janene]. Fr. Mousin forwarded work on this to Bob/Rev. Myrna and the committee will be reconvened. It is a about a 3-month process to make the curtain. This group will meet and make a recommendation to capital campaign committee and vestry.
5. Celebration of New Ministry : June 7, 4 pm. Rev. Myrna is working on this. Decision was made to have morning prayer and ask Galen if he would lead it, as Rev. Myrna has a full day. The reception will be a potluck dinner, especially considering the time it will finish. The diocese will be helpful in notifying clergy/retired clergy.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Emily's Ordination: May 9 at 10 AM St. Luke's. Emily will be assigned to St. Peter's until her ordination to the priesthood (about 6 months). Great joy was expressed at the news.
2. Diocesan Financial Road Show: Sat. May 30th Diocesan Road Show at St. Mary's Falmouth, 9-3 pm, about Fundraising and Financial Planning. Rev. Myrna, Anita and Bob will attend; others are welcome.
3. Maine Marathon: October 4, 2026. Rev. Koonce has been in conversation with organizers, more information in the future.
4. Yard Sale: Discussion ensued. Possible date of Sept. 19th. It would occur on the lawn, maybe a week of time for donation collection in the garage.
5. Policies and Procedures for Funeral Requests: There are some, and Rev. Myrna continue to look at it. There was a request from someone who maybe attended in the past.
6. Safe Church Renewal: Kathleen will be in touch with Diocese and get access for those who don't already have an account on Presidium.

OFFICER REPORTS

1. Junior Warden (Wayne Franklin): Locked into attack women's bathroom in late May, not available 405 weeks. Yard is in pretty good shape, no real need at this point. Renters want to renew. 3% is Portland's allowable to increase. Motion to sign new lease with tenants at current rate. Motion seconded. Discussion concerning the ability to "bank" with city and benefit of small increases rather than doing a

large increase in a subsequent year. Motion withdrawn. Motion to raise rent by \$50 a month, and bank remainder of Portland allowed rent increase. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

2. Senior Warden (Anita Chandler): Wonderful to see the joy in the church at coffee hour. It is a pure joy between our homilies, our music, our joy and our people. Thank you Holy Spirit.
3. Priest In Charge: (Rev. Myrna Koonce): Thank to all to Kathleen and Bob for computer help. The transfer of information and the way the coadjutor model worked was helpful. Rev. Myrna was able to bless babies at St. Elizabeth's and Sara was grateful to have a priest. We have helped several people in recent days, with food and gas card and some rent help. May 3-5 will be at Schoodic for clergy conference. Rev. Myrna is also participating in New Ground, which is a group of priests in new ministry, which is a full day each month, so that is a question how this works out for part-time priest, but she will let us know how this goes.

PASTORAL CONCERNS:

CALENDAR DATES:

Saturday, May 9:	Emily Keniston, St. Lukes, 10 am
Tuesday, May 12:	St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry
May 16-17:	Lock In - Youth Service Corps
Tuesday, May 26:	Vestry
Sunday, June 7:	New Ministry Celebration with Bishop, 4 pm

Rev. Myrna Koonce Schedule:

May 3-5th at Clergy Conference, Schoodic

May 31st, Rev. Dan Warren will preach and preside

July 4-11, California. Rev. Dan Warren will preach and preside

WEEKLY:

Sunday	9 am	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	7 pm	Compline

MONTHLY:

Fourth Tuesday: Vestry

Closing Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen McCormick