

St. Peters Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
May 26, 2026
Approved June 23, 2026

Rev. Myrna Koonce, Rev. Emily Keniston, Anita Chandler, Bob Simmons, Kathleen McCormick, Tom Ainsworth, Lorna Blackmer, Thora Easton, Christopher Hickey, Lenita Richard, Alison Schroth, Anne Whitman

Absent: Wayne Franklin, Steve Koskinen

Opening Prayer

Caring/Sharing

Minutes approved from April 28, 2026

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

1. Treasurer's Operations Reports (Bob Simmons):
2. Fidelity Investments Report (Bob Simmons):
3. Diocesan Report (Bob Simmons):
4. Capital Funds (Bob/Lenita):

MISSION and MINISTRY REPORTS

1. Prayer Ministry (Allison Schroth & Emma Bond): Allison will contact people in June, to check in continuing the list.
2. Creation Care (Janene Gorham): Paul and Galen will help with font placement and gardening. We are still waiting to get stone mason to give estimate on repair. A work day was held today and Paul put in the base for the font. Also, Janene has received 10 pine trees; donated trees to Skillings. Anne purchased materials to fix the font; she would love some help. Janene asked about a dump permit, and there are some things to go.
3. St. Elizabeth's Partnership (Anita Chandler): Sent check. The list in the undercroft for needs is in the undercroft and current. We will connect with Meredith and Dan who are doing some volunteer.
4. Project Feed (Bob Simmons): Sent check for first quarter. It is on Brighton Ave. We were one of the 5 founding parishes.
5. Hope Squad (Janene Gorham): <https://hopesquadmaine.org/> Every Friday they serve at low barrier shelter on Riverside and distribute food, clothing, & personal care with Wayside on Fridays.
6. Sunday Liturgy Review (Rev. Myrna):
 - a. Minister Rota (Wayne Franklin): Actively seeking more volunteers due to some changes.
 - b. Acolytes/Torch bearers/Vergers (Rev. Myrna): On hiatus for the summer but will resume more scheduling in the fall.
 - c. Readers (Anita): That will be a rota that will be published.
 - d. Altar Guild/Flowers (Anne): Thanks to Wayne & Bob for finding a safe for some of our silver. The book for signing up for flowers is in undercroft & on website. Silver lid is being repaired by Windham Jewelers and crucifix will be like the other one.

7. Aging w/Grace and Merry Hearts & Contemplative Knitting/Handwork: (fall maybe)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Creation Care Meditation Garden Project: Throughout next month there will be some planting. 3 people will attend the Creation care workshop at Wolfe's Neck.
2. Haskell and Hall: Wayne finished their cleanup and touchup.
3. Dossal Curtain: Committee met; discussed the design and suggested changes. Some questions remain. Fabric samples & drawings will be sent so final plans can be agreed upon. Trevor Floyd has responded to Bob and sent a list of responses. He will send designs and fabric swatches. Trevor requested some measurements.
4. Celebration of New Ministry: The leaflet is nearly finalized. On track for planning. Rehearsal at 2:45 pm on that Sunday for the service – June 7th at St. Peter's!
5. Maine Marathon: October 4, 2026. Nothing new to report, St. Francis feast day. Impossible to get to church on that Sunday.
6. Yard Sale: Possible date of Sept. 19th. Anita has volunteered to chair. Next step? See if there is consensus or interest at coffee hour this Sunday (31st) and 6/14. Bringing people on to our property is a good thing.
7. Policies and Procedures for Funeral/Wedding Requests: We need to revise the current policy (which is old).
8. Safe Church Renewal: The process has begun and people are completing the required course. Any questions, ask Kathleen.
9. Bathroom Renovation: Has begun, work in earnest begins after June 7th. Recommendation is that turning it into a single stall, wheelchair accessible is the goal. It means there will be 2 unisex bathrooms.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Photocopying leaflets: Bob can help Wednesday/Thursday in summer.
2. Fall dates/updates: Wedding moved to 2027, decide whether to move Harvest Home to 3rd weekend in October (17/18) for 2026, where it has been in past. Convention is Nov. 7th.
3. Holiday Fair: Conversation May 31 at coffee hour, looking for a chair. Rich was going to chair, in lieu of Patty. Patty will help with raffles, and we need a chair and to solidify parish commitment. We will keep in mind honoring Patty's commitment over the past years (maybe Spirit of St Peter's award)
4. Rental Agreement: We agreed to increase last month. Tenants objected to lack of notice per city guidelines. Current tenants saved us \$980 in utilities cost, cleaned basement, installed new w/d. Motion to continue rent at current, seconded. Discussion. 7 yeas, 3 nos, 1 absent. Motion passes. City will be notified so we can bank increase.
5. Delegates to convention: Anita/Lenita. Kathleen will investigate whether we need to certify.
6. New items for next meeting: Coffee hour, breakfast

OFFICER REPORTS

1. Junior Warden (Wayne Franklin): Front stair railings need to be replaced. Rodney removed 3 stumps. Key for sacristy is in a secret (or not) location (possible more discussion). Altar guild has keys. Screens for summer/glass windows were installed by Wayne & Rob Ingraham.
2. Senior Warden (Anita Chandler): We are doing well. Blessed to have a wonderful christening. Coffee hour conversation has been wonderful companionship and nourishment.
3. Deacon (Emily Keniston): Great big thanks. Thank you for letting me use prior deacon's stole and Rev. Myrna who lent another stole.
4. Priest In Charge: (Rev. Myrna Koonce): Thank you to all for the learning and growth. Enjoyed Pentecost and Baptism and the spirit moved among us. Rev. Emily and Rev. Myrna are thinking about families and children and dreaming about other ways of being together. Rev. Myrna is involved in Diocesan committee on Indigenous relations. There will be St. Peter's representation at the financial road show this weekend. Small hiccup with rector's discretionary fund, but it will be resolved soon.

PASTORAL CONCERNS:

CALENDAR DATES:

Sunday, June 7:	Morning Prayer, 9 am
Sunday June 7:	New Ministry Celebration with Bishop, 4 pm
Tuesday, June 9:	St. Elizabeth's
Friday, June 19:	Executive Committee
Tuesday, June 23:	Vestry
Tuesday, July 14:	St. Elizabeth's
Friday, July 24:	Executive Committee
Tuesday, July 28:	Vestry
Friday, Aug 21	Executive Committee
Tuesday Aug 25	Vestry
Sept 11-13	Summer Finale Bishopwood
Oct 17/18	Harvest Home
Nov. 7	Convention

Rev. Myrna Koonce Schedule:

May 31st, Rev. Dan Warren will preach and preside
July 4-11, California. Rev. Dan Warren will preach and preside
August 30th, Rev. Myrna will be off that Sunday (5th Sunday)
Sept 21st-30th Rev. Myrna visit to Spain to celebrate Paul's retirement

WEEKLY:

Sunday 9 am Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 7 pm Compline

MONTHLY:

Fourth Tuesday: Vestry

Closing Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen McCormick