

St. Peters Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
June 23, 2026
Approved July 28, 2026

Rev. Myrna Koonce, Rev. Emily Keniston, Anita Chandler, Wayne Franklin, Kathleen McCormick, Tom Ainsworth, Thora Easton, Christopher Hickey, Alison Schroth, Lenita Richard, Anne Whitman

Absent: Bob Simmons, Steve Koskinen, Lorna Blackmer

Opening Prayer

Caring/Sharing

Approve Minutes from May 26, 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):
2. Creation Care (Janene Gorham):
3. St. Elizabeth's Partnership (Anita Chandler): People really appreciated Anika and her ability to speak in French to those who were there. Jonathan and Bruno are always there.
4. Project Feed (Bob Simmons):
5. Hope Squad (Janene Gorham): Folder of information in the undercroft.
6. Sunday Liturgy Review (Rev. Myrna): There will be a baptism on July 12th.
 - a. Minister Rota (Wayne Franklin):
 - b. Acolytes/Torch bearers/Vergers (Rev. Myrna):
 - c. Readers (Anita):
 - d. Altar Guild/Flowers (Anne): Would like a reminder to folks about flowers/candle. Thanks to Bruno and his friend who did a nice job cleaning the dust from the open windows.
 - e. Video (Wayne): Glitch with you tube, we hope to resolve soon. It is published on our channel.
7. Aging w/Grace and Merry Hearts & Contemplative Knitting/Handwork: (fall maybe)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Creation Care Meditation Garden Project: Janene is spearheading repair of the font. A spruce will be planted, and then some flowers around font. Thanks to Paul who has been helping. Someone dumped something in the yard, which was on some morning glories planted by Louise.
2. Dossal Curtain: Decision on fabric was made, and we are in conversation with Trevor Flloyd. It is expected to take a few months.
3. Maine Marathon: October 4, 2026. No service Sunday. Plans will be made in the future.

4. Yard Sale: Possible date of Sept. 19th. Anita willing to co-chair. Motion to have yard and bake sale on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Seconded. Discussion. 6 yes, 3 nos. We will discuss Sunday to see who is interested and will be helping/donating.
5. Policies and Procedures for Funeral/Wedding Requests: In Process.
6. Safe Church Renewal: Progress continues.
7. Bathroom Renovation: Going smoothly. Probably need open sink rather than vanity...due to wheelchair access. Great appreciation for Wayne, Chris, Paul and most especially Fred.
8. Holiday Fair: Lenita, Collette and Louise have volunteered to co-chair. Date possibilities are Nov. 14th & 21st. Patty has a binder that will be passed on.
9. Rental Agreement: Signed for another year, tenants will be notified in January after budget approved of any increase. Question about a dog, suggestions of deposit, monthly fee and checking insurance policy.
10. Delegates to convention were certified after the last meeting. We will explore deadlines and try to have an alternate in time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New items for next meeting: Coffee hour, breakfast. Our first breakfast is after Labor Day. May increase a \$1 or 2. Maybe a QR code should be available.
2. Undercroft: Air conditioner was donated to help with the heat. Door in undercroft needs repair, Wayne working on it. Treat keys with care as we can no longer get more. Pat Fowler looking to find someone who might take the safe. Came in through the bulkhead, need to be sure there is a way to get it out.
3. Organist: August 2nd will be Herb's last Sunday. Rev. Myrna has reached out to subs, and we have Ray Cornils for last 2 Sundays in October, and Sheldon Gaard will do Sundays in September and first 2 weeks in October. We will probably try some new things, on weeks there is no organist – acapella, spoken service, etc. Allison suggested Tom Ayling, a former organist. Rev. Koonce has talked to a number of folks to spread the word and get more information on organist/music/worship best practices. Anita and Allison are interested in the committee. What do you like about music at St. Peter's? Are there things you would like to see St. Peter's incorporate with music in liturgy? Any other comments? Reminder that there are handbells and extensive music.
4. Request from Province 1: Province 1 Episcopal Council on Indian Affairs who would like a church where they can give a sermon and do a program on September 13.
5. Sunday School Request: Several step process. Emily Hickey, Anita Chandler and Rev. Emily Keniston will meet to flesh this out.

OFFICER REPORTS

1. Junior Warden (Wayne Franklin):
2. Senior Warden (Anita Chandler):
3. Deacon (Rev. Emily Keniston): This Sunday is Deacon Sunday in Diocese of Maine. When we don't have a deacon, we can request one come to the parish. Food Packing at Trinity on Sunday – it is a great experience. Trinity is on a regular rotation with this. Hope to have more join on another Sunday.

4. Priest In Charge: (Rev. Myrna Koonce): We have a number of departures: Rich Price and Paul Loven (last Sunday TBD) with a blessing, Galen's last Sunday is 7/26 before he leaves for seminary for Sewanee. Herb's last Sunday is the first Sunday in August. Tom Ainsworth mentioned Herb's proposal to bring Earl Shuttleworth to speak at St. Peter's. Bob and Rev. Myrna attended Faithful Giving seminar put on by the Diocese.

PASTORAL CONCERNS:

CALENDAR DATES:

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 Bishopswood
Oct 17/18	Harvest Home
Nov. 7	Convention

Rev. Myrna Koonce Schedule:

July 4-11, California. Rev. Dan Warren will preach and preside on July 5th.
August 30th Rev. Myrna will be off that Sunday (5th Sunday)
Sept 20-30th Rev. Myrna visit to Spain to celebrate Paul's retirement

WEEKLY:

Sunday 9 am Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 7 pm Compline

MONTHLY:

Second Tuesday: St. Elizabeth's Essential Pantry
Fourth Tuesday: Vestry

Closing Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen McCormick