

St. Peter's Minutes of the Vestry
June 14, 2021

Attendance: Fr. Furman, Dexter Goodwin, Bill Hartzell, Rhys Kear, Kyle Conger, Malissa Hawkins, Jennifer Cheek, April Purvis, Dot Closs, Beck Sullivan, Nathan Search
Absent: Bobbie Goodman, Kyle Davis, Lindsay Johnson, Shelly Hendershot (Clerk), Sarah Powell (youth)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Fr. Furman, Rector.

Acceptance of the Minutes: Kyle made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2021 meeting as submitted. It was seconded by Beck. The motion passed.

Gospel Reflection: Dexter and Kyle read the passage and a brief discussion followed.

Discussions:

Columbarium Project: The correct pavers have been shipped and should arrive sometime this week. The fence will be installed afterward.

In-person Worship Update: There was discussion about the new guidelines from Bishop Waldo, as well as the removal of sign ups for the 10:30 worship service. Fr. Furman will send out a communication to the congregation on these items.

2021 Audit Items: Updates on the three flagged items.

1. Gil Goodman is currently working on a disaster recovery plan.
2. Beck has contacted the insurance company and confirmed that the premium was adjusted to reflect pandemic price increases. She will follow up with them to obtain specifics surrounding price per square foot.
3. There was a brief discussion regarding the policy for non-cash gifts. Kyle made a motion to adopt the new policy as written July 27, 2020. Rhys seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Funding of a 2022 CPA Audit: Bill has been in contact with a CPA firm in Columbia that has handled many church audits. He estimates the cost of the review would be \$3,000-\$5,000. A decision would also need to be made about how often this should be done.

Recruiting a Treasurer: The search for possible candidates to take over Bill's position as treasurer is ongoing. This position involves a 3 year commitment, which would begin in the fall to allow the new treasurer to work with Bill through the fall.

Sister Parishes Q/A: Due to other items of higher priority, this will be discussed again at a later date.

Decisions:

Old Business: Following a discussion of submitted quotes for pressure washing, the decision was made to move forward with Precision Pro Wash (\$2567). The vestry approved allowing up to an amount of \$3,000 to have the exterior of the church pressure washed, consistent with the work outlined in their proposal, and to allow for potentially blending in the back sidewalk with the new sidewalk. Kyle made a motion to approve this. Malissa seconded. Motion passed.

New Business: Fr. Furman advised the vestry that Laura is in contact with our contracted technical support and is trying to negotiate a better deal on purchasing a new laptop for her use. April made a motion to approve the purchase of a new laptop not to exceed \$1500. Dexter seconded. Motion passed.

Stewardship Reports:

Worship & Formation: Malissa advised that there was a well attended meeting this week that is planning to resume Sunday school/children's formation this fall.

Pastoral Care, Hospitality & Parish Life: Dexter advised that Lemonade on the Patio will be returning this Sunday, as well as the need for volunteers.

Treasurer's Report: Bill presented the financial report to the vestry. Pledge payments for the month were \$31,787, (\$12,713 below budget). Expenses for the month were \$55,359, which was \$6,707 under budget. April made a motion to adopt the treasurer's report and Beck seconded.

Rector's Report and other highlights: Fr. Furman reminded the vestry he will be off for his sabbatical beginning Friday, June 25 through August 4. Activities that were not available during the pandemic are resuming. The nursery was open on Sunday, the first Holy Hike was on Saturday, and there are plans to offer training for acolytes and chalice bearers in the fall. Adult Sunday School will do some planning next month, a date has been set for the next welcome class, EFM will continue, and bible study will resume in September. Fr. Furman also mentioned the need to add some new volunteers to serve as openers/closers. Additionally, he asked the vestry to reach out and help recruit new volunteers to team up and help with pastoral care meals/baskets. The Bishop's visit to St. Peter's will be September 19, with a reception following the 10:30 worship service. Fr. Furman thanked everyone for helping with the Pentecost picnic and shared highlights from St. Peter's Summer Symposium.

With no further business, Rhys made a motion to adjourn and Dot seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Cheek (for Shelley Hendershot, Clerk)