

St Peters Episcopal Church

Minutes of the Vestry September 13th, 2021

Attendance: Fr. Furman, Kyle Conger, Beck Sullivan, Malissa Hawkins, Dot Closs, Bobbie Goodman, April Purvis, Bill Hartzell, Jen Cheek, Rhys Kear, Dexter Goodwin (phone)

Absent: Nathan Search, Kyle Davis, Lindsey Johnson, Sara Powell

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

Approval of the August meeting minutes: Dot made a motion, with a 2nd from Malissa to approve. Note to update previous meeting minutes to include '\$26,000 moved from Vestry discretionary fund to columbarium reserve fund.' After a vote, the motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Gospel Reflection: April read the passage from the NRSV, and Bill read the passage from the Message. Discussion followed.

Guest Report: No guest reports this month.

Discussion:

Columbarium Project- Beck gave the group an update on the progress of the project. Irrigation addition was completed and the new sections of fencing are on schedule to install Oct. 1st. First service was held for Donna Jones. At this point, the grounds committee will take over the addition of landscaping. Beck will notify Charlotte McElroy.

Updates on In-person worship

- Most attending Sunday service are wearing masks
- Starting next week, we will have one side receiving bread only and one side which will receive the break and wine via intinction
- Sunday school will have a 3 week delay in starting. Pushed back the start date to Oct. 3rd.
- Recruiting a treasurer – Michael Coward is willing to explore the details of the position further with some accommodations created to ensure he is able to balance responsibilities of treasurer with his full time job and associated frequent travel required during the middle of the month.

Discussion on allocation \$5,000 grant from the St. Peter's Family Endowment: no decision made at this point, discussion on allocating to the youth scholarships reserve fund to use for Ecuador mission trip that is tentatively planned for 2022, estimating that there will be a larger than normal group of youth who will want to participate. Other ideas for allocation of the funds welcomed.

Old business:

- Clerk of the Vestry – Holly Kraus has agreed to serve as clerk of the vestry if so selected.
- Carpet cleaning and Painting in Sunday school rooms has been completed. Thanks to all who volunteered to help paint (Bill Hawkins, Dexter Goodwin, David Rhodes, Beck Sullivan, Kim Buchanan, and Kyle Conger)

New business:

- Water ingress into Sunday school room (Discovery Disciples room) – the mulch around the windows will be reworked to improve the drainage away from the building. Kyle C. talked with James and Brita Hoskinson about making the improvements on Sunday.

Decisions:

- Clerk of the Vestry – Holly Kraus was nominated by Beck with a second from Jen, a vote was held and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bill presented the financials to the group.

Rhys made a motion with a 2nd from April to accept the report. After a vote, the motion passed and the Treasurer's Report was adopted into the minutes.

Rectors Report:

- Bishop Waldo visitation to St. Peter's will be Nov. 14th with several youth confirmation and adult reception candidates. This will be his last visitation to St. Peter's and it is recommended that we find a special gift he can open during the reception.
- The Boy Scout Troop will be disbanding at the end of the year with the Troop's remaining assets going to the sponsoring organization (St. Peters). The remaining funds, camping gear, and trailer will be donated to other local Boy Scout Troops in need.
- CEEP Conference will be in Atlanta Feb. 23-26, 2021. It would be great to see 2 or more members from the church leadership groups attend.
- Organ update: primary vendor is visiting mid to late September, other vendors are also continuing to be worked for further options.
- October Stewardship – would like to include some vestry members and other church members as 1 to 1 asking is the most successful way to gain and increase pledges. Please let Fr. Furman know if you are interested.
- Bishop Search: Fr. Furman participated in Walkabouts completed on 9/13/21, electing convention to be held 9/25 at Trinity Cathedral in Columbia.

There being no further business, the meeting was called to a close at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Conger