

# St. Peter's Minutes of the Vestry

## November 8, 2021

**Attendance:** Fr Furman, Kyle Conger, Dexter Goodwin, Malissa Hawkins, Kyle Davis, Dot Closs, Bobbie Goodman, Jennifer Cheek, Beck Sullivan, Rhys Kear, Bill Hartzell, April Purvis, Nathan Search.

Absent: Lindsey Johnson.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Fr. Furman.

**Approval of Minutes:** Malissa Hawkins made a motion to approve the minutes of October 11, 2021. The motion was seconded by Dexter Goodwin. After a vote, the minutes were approved.

**Gospel Reflection:** Dexter read the passage from NRSV. Nathan read the message. Discussion followed within the group.

### **Information/Guest Reports**

No guests or reports

### **Discussion: Old Business**

#### **Columbarium Project:**

We have had great feedback on the dedication ceremony. Fr. Furman acknowledged what a beautiful job Beck did with the columbarium dedication ceremony.

#### **Updates on In-person Worship and Sunday School**

Fr. Furman reported that in-person worship is up for both services. At 10:30 there were 159 people. Adult formation is also up, and Fr. Furman was very encouraged that we are getting back to a normal schedule. Facebook attendance is averaging between 17 and 23 people. YouTube attendance has 20 viewers.

#### **Updates on Vaccines and Masks**

Kyle Conger reported that when children get Covid school classes are often cancelled and there is risk of bringing the virus home to families. Kyle Davis cautioned that children can be vectors for the flu and Covid and now that we have colder weather, the numbers may go back up.

Kyle Davis made a motion for St. Peter's to review and revise its guidelines for wearing masks based on low transmissions in our county and based on the CDC and DHEC's guidelines for Greenville County, while also allowing adequate time for children to get vaccinated. Bobbie Goodman seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

## Stewardship Campaign

Fr. Furman gave an update on the status of our pledge drive. So far, we have 85 pledges. We are one half of the way there on pledging units. We are 69 percent of the way compared to last year. As of 11/8/21, 35 people have increased their pledges.

SPFE Grant for 2022 is \$6000.00. We discuss this allocation at our next meeting.

## **Decisions**

### Old Business:

We have purchased the security camera for the columbarium. The cost is approximately \$1000.00.

We can lease the AED for \$100.00 a month for 36 months. Rhys moved to proceed with the lease as recommended by Gil Goodman. Dot seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion was carried.

Bill Hartzell will investigate selling the portable and report back next month.

### New Business:

A recommendation was made about donating a check to the endowment fund for each birthday year of life or year of wedding anniversary as people receive their blessing at the altar. Gifting in this way would be voluntary. Beck made a motion that SPFE make an announcement that if you have a Birthday or Anniversary, it is possible to donate reflecting the number of years celebrated. Rhys seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried. This effort would begin in January 2022.

SPFE would like to offer ways for people in the parish to give to the Endowment fund. Kyle motioned for approval to let the SPFE committee show the congregation various ways of legacy giving. April seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried. This will begin in January 2022.

## **Stewardship Reports**

- **Service and Outreach:** Rhys reported that Service and Outreach has some left over money. Rhys alerted the Vestry that because of the way the year has gone, some of the money is going to some other areas in the church. He would like to gather some other ideas about opportunities for Outreach in our community. He suggested looking at what other churches are doing, and make sure Outreach is doing what the parish wants.
- **Stewardship of Financial Resources:** The Treasurer's report was given by Bill Hartzell.

Total revenues for the month of \$60,572 are \$6,857 over the budget of \$53,715 driven principally by the higher pledge payments. Pledge payments for the current month of \$51,536 are \$6,536 above the budget of \$45,000 for the month.

Total expenses for the month of \$51,067 are \$859 under the budget of \$51,926 for the month.

Year to date expenses were \$484.7K versus a budget of \$520K; an improvement of \$35.8K.

For the month, we had a net income of \$9,505 versus a budgeted income of \$1,789. This is a net change of \$7,716 driven by higher income of \$6,857 and lower expense of \$859.

Bill will be sending out a preliminary budget request to see what the Vestry will need for the coming year.

Kyle made a motion to accept the budget. Beck seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

- Stewardship of Human Resources and other highlights from the clergy or wardens: Fr. Furman announced that the Vestry retreat will be January 21 and 22, 2022. The Vestry meeting will be held at the end of the retreat. The nominating committee is proceeding to work on members for next year's Vestry.

With no further business, Kyle C made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Kyle D. The motion was carried, and the meeting was adjourned.

Our next meeting will be December 13, 2021, at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Kraus, Clerk