

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Vestry Regular Meeting – June 22, 2026 AGENDA

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 - a. Coffee with the Vestry – June 28 (during coffee hour)
 - b. Scam Class w/ Potluck Supper – July 22 @ 5:30 p.m. in Burns Hall
 - c. No Vestry Meeting in July
 - d. Campus Work-Day – August 1 @ 8:00 a.m. until Noon
 - e. Back to School Bash – August 9 (two services @ 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.)
 - f. Newcomers Lunch – August 23

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Vestry Regular Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2026

Members present: Mother Sarah Minton (Rector), Laura Lee Skillman (Senior Warden), Kevin Green, Emily Haas, Jayne Jeney, Diane LoCastro, Connie McDaniel (Treasurer), Kathy McLean (Clerk), John Myers, Ted Pappas, Tracy Smythe, Trey Warren (Junior Warden), Diane Woodside

Mtr. Sarah called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. Quorum was met.

Adoption of Agenda: Diane LoCastro moved and Tracy seconded her motion to adopt the agenda presented with the addition of a discussion of Jennifer Lasserre's hours. Motion carried.

Formation: Mtr. Sarah led us in Lectio Divina, a slow, meditative reading/discussion of John 10:11-15. We read the Vestry Covenant.

DISCUSSION

Approval of Minutes: Diane Woodside moved and Emily seconded her motion to approve the April Vestry Meeting minutes. Motion carried. Diane Woodside moved and Diane LoCastro seconded her motion to approve the May Vestry Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer/Finance Report:

Connie prepared and submitted the financial statements, along with an analysis document, in advance of the meeting. We are about \$98,000 behind in monthly giving but closed the gap by \$15,000 in May. Connie explained that St. Peter's has experienced fraudulent credit card charges in the amount of \$2717. Despite considerable efforts, she is not optimistic that we will be reimbursed, as corporate cards are subject to different rules than personal credit cards. Efforts are being made to improve computer security to prevent reoccurrence. We are still awaiting our audit report. ShrimpFest parking raised \$11,267.

Rector Report: After looking back at numerous successful parish events and celebrations including Confirmation and Beach Baptisms, Mtr. Sarah outlined future initiatives. She continues to reach out to build relationships with parishioners. Hearing that some continue to feel hurt by parish discord of the past few years, she is planning a Reconciliation Service for the fall. Rock Solid lunches are progressing well. Safety team composition is almost complete. We will have a Newcomers' Luncheon in August. Vestry members should please plan to attend. Soon, visitors to St. Peter's will be offered a welcome gift of freshly baked bread, a fridge magnet and brochure about St. Peter's. Mtr. Sarah is working to expand our pastoral care ministry, including perhaps offering support for those between generations— guiding young adult children and caring for/supporting their parents. St. Peter's will soon be sending out letters to former parishioners inviting them back to journey with us. Following that initiative, Mtr. Sarah will be enlisting the vestry's help with an "All Call". Mtr. Sarah spoke about the "What We Believe" page of our website, stating that the second paragraph, which was added by Fr. Joe, is a source of division and controversy within our community. Discussion about removing the paragraph ensued. Ultimately, we decided to pray on this matter and act at a later date. Mtr. Sarah also asked us to pray about which ministry we might like to act as liaison for.

ACTION

Annette Bell's vestry seat: Mtr. Sarah explained that the vestry had the option of leaving Annette's seat on the vestry vacant or selecting a replacement to complete Annette's term which expires in February 2027. Discussion ensued. Tracy moved and Diane LoCastro seconded her motion to replace Annette by drawing lots. Motion carried. Of the seven candidates who stood for vestry selection in March 2026, Mike Lewis and Melissa Murphy Bryant were not elected. Choosing between them by drawing lots, Mike Lewis was elected.

Formal election of Junior Warden and Clerk: Kevin moved and Diane Woodside seconded his motion to elect Trey Warren to be Junior Warden. Motion carried. Kevin moved and Tracy seconded his motion to elect Kathy McLean to be Clerk. Motion carried.

Jonathan Phillips' Title: Mtr. Sarah asked the vestry to consider changing Philly's title from Sexton to Facilities Manager in order to better reflect the work he performs at our church. This change in title does not come with additional pay. Diane Woodside moved and John seconded her motion to change Jonathan Phillips' job title to Facilities Manager. Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Staffing: Mtr. Sarah stated that she is planning to increase Jennifer Lasserre's hours in order for her to fulfill her expanded role and broaden Mallory Watkins' title to reflect additional responsibilities.

Liaison Reports: The need for additional volunteers for Children's Chapel was emphasized.

Junior Warden Report: Along with reviewing recently completed and pending items, Trey spoke about the Campus Work Day scheduled from 8:00 until noon on Saturday, August 1. We will focus on pressure washing and junk removal. Other new items include new picnic tables to be made under the direction of Bob White and Ed Grissom and St. Peter's sign repair in main parking lot. Trey continues to work to develop a reliable list of volunteers to help with maintenance projects.

Senior Warden Report: Laura Lee stated that she would update the Vestry Person of the Service checklists and ensure that laminated copies were placed in the sacristy. Changes include introducing oneself to safety officer, checking on absentee volunteers and no longer locking the elevator. She also reviewed the key upcoming dates listed below.

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1. Coffee with the Vestry-June 28
2. Scam class with potluck supper-July 22 @ 5:30 pm
3. No July Vestry meeting
4. Campus Work Day-August 1, 8:00 am-noon
5. Back-to-School Bash-August 9 (7:30 & 10:00 services)
6. Newcomers' Luncheon-August 23 @ 12:30

Diane LoCastro moved and Kevin seconded her motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy McLean
Clerk of the Vestry