

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Vestry Regular Meeting – September 9, 2024
AGENDA

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Formation

2. Order for Evening Prayer

Discussion

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4. Treasurer's/Finance Report
5. Father Doug Update
6. Stewardship Campaign Next Steps
7. Saint Peter's Group Facebook Page

Action

8. Approve Diocesan Pledge
9. Approve Parking Lot Remediation

Information

10. Senior Warden's Report
 - a. Parish Engagement/Listening Session
 - b. Search Committee
 - c. Transparency Update
11. Junior Warden's Report
12. Key Upcoming Dates:
 - a. Parish Engagement/Listening Session Planning: September 16th @ 5 pm
 - b. Vestry Listening Session: September 22nd @ 1 pm (lunch will be provided)
 - c. Next Vestry Meeting: October 21st @ 5:30 pm

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Amended Vestry Minutes
September 9, 2024**

Members Present: Father Doug Hodsdon, Ken Saitow, Senior Warden, Jim Carpenter, Junior Warden, Rhonda Warren, Clerk, Clint Smith, Bob White, Beth Thornton, Leigh Coulter Beal, Annette Bell, Kevin Green, Diane LoCastro, Rob Hicks, and Connie McDaniel via zoom.

Call to order by Father Doug at 5:30 PM. Father Doug established a quorum.

Adoption of Agenda: Leigh moved, and Jim seconded the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried.

FORMATION: Father Doug presented the Order for Evening Prayer.

DISCUSSION:

Approval of minutes: Bob moved to amend the July meeting minutes to correct the name Beal and Diane seconded the motion. Motion carried. There was not a meeting in August.

Treasurer's Report: Connie reported that August was not an eventful month. Collections are down which is not unusual in the summer. Year to date numbers are good. August expenses are not complete. Connie will discuss high level items in October for the upcoming budget. In November and December Connie will present a draft of the budget for 2025. In January we will approve the budget.

Father Doug Update: Father Doug has been here 3 weeks. We will get through the listening sessions before moving forward with reconciliation. He has been meeting with every vestry member.

Stewardship Campaign Next Steps: Ken stated we are behind in the campaign. Beth, Diane and Rachel Davis went to the Cathedral for a stewardship workshop. Ken asked if anyone was interested in chairing the stewardship campaign. We need something done by October so we can set dates.

St. Peter's Group Facebook Page: (Not St. Peter's Facebook page) Over the past 4-5 weeks there have been 2 instances of posts made with feedback that Rachel Davis was uncomfortable with what was posted. Rachel wrote a "thought process" on the page. Rachel is the moderator of that page, however, each post is not currently reviewed and evaluated. There could be some fallout from the listening sessions which could be divisive and problematic. We will address at the October vestry meeting.

Approve the Diocesan Pledge: Clint moved, and Bob seconded approval of the Diocesan pledge. The motion carried.

Approval of Parking Lot Remediation: Please see Sunshine Foundation Repair project summary and Jim’s report. Financing will be out of the Schuyler account. Bob moved to approve \$10,000 for the repairs to the parking lot and Clint seconded the motion. The motion carried.

INFORMATION:

Junior Warden Report: Jim stated the solar panels are up and running. Jim is looking into short- and long-term solutions for an ADA approved parking lot. A parking lot ministry will be placed back on the agenda.

Senior Warden Report: Ken reported that Mother Becky Rowell will be here next Monday for a listening session with the vestry. She will focus on the questions and the process. There are 17 listening sessions scheduled with some of them having childcare. See the attached schedule of dates.

Father Doug, Ken and Kim Page are meeting this week to discuss the search committee. Some parishioners are questioning the possible length of the search at 18 months.

Ken and Rachel Davis have placed an off-line page on Realm for transparency. It will contain the financials and vestry information so it can all be found in one place. This will function as an “information clearing house”.

Bob moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. Clint seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is October 21, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Warren, Clerk of the Vestry