

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

1. Adoption of Agenda

Formation

2. Order for Evening Prayer

Discussion

3. Approval of Minutes
4. Treasurer's/Finance Report
5. 2025 Budget Update
6. Interim Rector Report
7. Wildlight Mission Update
8. 2025 Meeting Schedule

Action

9. Vestry Freeze Decision
10. Youth Trips: Children of Staff Members

Context per Jacob: "Our standing procedure under Fr. Joe's leadership was that kids of staff members do not pay for youth trips, with the exception of pilgrimage. The question is are we going to continue with that procedure or not going forward? Funds from the trip scholarship account would be used to cover those costs."

Information

11. Senior Warden Report

12. Junior Warden Report

13. Key Upcoming Dates:

- a. Parish Meeting: December 15th
 - i. Vestry Meeting with Mother Becky @ 1 pm in Room 201 (lunch will be provided)
 - ii. Full Parish Meeting @ 4 pm in Burns Hall
- b. January Vestry Meeting: January 27th @ 5:30 pm in Room 201 (plan for two hours)
 - i. Final Budget Approval
 - ii. Search Committee Selection

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
Home of Ken and Lisa Saitow
December 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, Tracy Smythe and Connie McDaniel.

Call to order by Father Doug at 5:34 PM. Father Doug established a quorum.

Adoption of Agenda: Bob 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: Kevin moved to accept the minutes of December 2, 2024, and Ken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Connie reported that the church currently has 133 pledges for \$524,939.00. At the same time last year, there were 147 pledges for \$536,934.00. Connie is tightening up the numbers in the budget. The 2025 budget will be presented at the January vestry meeting.

Father Doug Update: Father Doug stated it is a very busy time of the year. In December there are 3 funerals scheduled. The Diocese intends to open a mission in the Wildlight community. Ken and Fr. Doug met with Keith Daw. The Diocese would like us to form a committee immediately after the first of the new year. It would include a liaison and a committee. There will not be a church "planter" now. The Diocese intends to raise funds.

Please see attached 2025 vestry meeting schedule.

ACTION:

Vestry Freeze Decision: There are 3 options: A vestry freeze, a regular order of the class of 2024 going off the vestry or just freezing the wardens. Ken has another year of service. Bob moved to freeze Jim Carpenter for another year. Rob seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Youth Trips: Children of Staff Members: The standing procedure under Fr. Joe's leadership was that kids of staff members do not pay for youth trips, except for pilgrimage. Funds from the trip scholarship account would be used to cover those costs. Leigh moved and Bob seconded to continue to fund the trips for staff member's children. The motion passed.

INFORMATION:

Senior Warden Report: The nominating committee for the vestry needs to be seated by December 31. The names need to be published 30 days prior to the annual meeting. Some people are dropping off the list of the search committee.

Junior Warden Report: Please see written report. The Wi-Fi network is working great. Jim continues to track and analyze the solar panels. The HVAC replacements for the CE upstairs units are installed and connected to power. They will be turned on shortly.

The Parish meetings with Mother Becky will be December 15th. The vestry meets at 1:00 PM and the full parish meeting is at 4:00 PM in Burns Hall.

The next vestry meeting is January 27 at 5:30PM. Agenda items include the final budget approval and search committee selection.

Diane moved to adjourn the meeting and Bob seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:15PM. The vestry left to attend the Christmas party with family and friends.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Warren, Clerk of the Vestry