

## February 22, 2022 - Vestry Meeting Minutes

Submitted by the Clerk of the Vestry

### Members In Attendance

Tara Alt (Clerk)  
Katrinka Clark  
Meg Cotter-Lynch  
Guy Giersch (Senior Warden)  
John Lavalette  
Chris Mathew  
Molly Mitchell  
Fr. Perry Mullins  
Paul Newton  
Julia Shahid  
Tucker Thompson  
Jackie White (Treasurer)

### Members Not In Attendance

Karen Friedland (Junior Warden)  
Michelle Hutton  
Scott Patterson

### Non-Members In Attendance

Mtr. Kathy Heitmann  
Jack Riley (Foundation)  
Bob Matlock (Chancellor)

### Call to Order, Prayers and Consent Calendar

Fr. Perry called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., opening with a scripture reading of Acts 1:6-14, followed by prayer that included individual requests from the Vestry.

This was the first meeting at the new day and time – the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. – and using the consent calendar process to handle routine business. It was noted that meetings will move to Thursdays in the fall to better accommodate members' schedules. Also new members Katrinka Clark and Chris Mathew were present.

The consent calendar was accepted without comment.

### Business

#### Annual Meeting of the Members of the St. Peter's Foundation

Meg moved to recess as the vestry and reconvene as the Members of the St. Peter's Foundation. Paul seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Jack Riley, outgoing president of the Foundation Board, gave the report. Total assets are \$305,192. In 2020, he noted, the Foundation voted to place its assets under the management of the Episcopal Foundation of Dallas. Despite the fees, Jack recommended staying with them as the funds are professionally managed. He noted the 11.06% growth rate (compared to 9.98% the year prior). It's Jack's last year on the board and he said they have had a difficult time recruiting local members with the necessary fundraising or financial backgrounds, making the professional management more attractive.

Fr. Perry noted that the dividends and interest on the fund (\$6,293 last year) haven't been used in a number of years, and they should be as they are gifted with the idea that those funds will be used. Jackie said they are usually put in the capital improvements account. It was the mind of the vestry that the Finance Committee should determine the potential placement of those funds and the Foundation Board should distribute those funds conservatively, according to their judgment.

John moved that the group adjourn as the Members of the St. Peter's Foundation and reconvene as the vestry. Katrinka seconded and the vote was unanimous.

### **Finance Report**

Jackie presented the monthly finance report. She noted that going forward, a robust finance report will be prepared by the finance committee.

Jackie provided an overview of reporting for the new vestry members. Generally, she noted, we're ahead on pledge collection and there weren't a lot of expenses in January. Some expenses, like the duct cleaning in the Terrill House and electrical work for the organ loft, were drawn from the Shaping Our Future fund.

She said an email vote for the parochial report to the diocese will be needed once it is complete.

Tucker moved to accept the financial report, with Guy seconding. It was approved unanimously. The finance report is attached.

### **Addendum**

On Feb. 23, 2022, Fr. Perry emailed the vestry a copy of the parochial report to review and vote on. It was approved by email vote.

### **Clergy Sabbaticals**

Guy Giersch, citing the critical need for clergy refreshment and renewal, particularly post-pandemic, brought forth two proposals for clergy sabbaticals. Providing for such, he said, will allow Fr. Perry and Mtr. Kathy to continue to help St. Peter's grow as a parish. Mtr. Kathy's sabbatical will be paid leave of up to two months in late summer 2022, after youth trips. The allotted cost is up to \$1,000. Fr. Perry's sabbatical will be approximately four months of paid leave, likely in the summer of 2023. Fr. Perry said they both have projects in mind, and that he is seeking a grant to fund his work and help defray expenses. Fr. Perry's letter of agreement with the Bishop has a sabbatical stipulation in it.

Fr. Perry and Mtr. Kathy stepped out while the vestry discussed the proposals.

After discussion, the vestry resolved to approve sabbatical leave and funding for Mtr. Kathy this year and make a plan for a future sabbatical for Fr. Perry. Paul made the motion and Katrinka seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

The vestry also suggested that Fr. Perry pursue the grant from the Lilly Foundation and that he look for assistance with it from within the congregation.

### **Contact List**

Fr. Perry has sent the vestry a contact list to be working on in an effort to reach out and make sure people feel connected to the church and to see if they have any needs. Chris coached the group on working on the contact list and building relationships.

### **Prayer and Adjournment**

Fr. Perry asked the group to read two articles on online church and chapters 1-2 on the Post-Quarantine Church for the March meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 8:58 p.m.

Prayerfully submitted,  
Tara Alt

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**Approved:**

Date: 3.22.2022  
Signed: MPI/HTV ACTING CLERK