

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, McKinney, Texas
January 16, 2022, Vestry Meeting
Approved Minutes

Members In Attendance

Tara Alt (Clerk)
Meg Cotter-Lynch
Karen Friedland (Junior Warden)
Guy Giersch (Senior Warden)
Michelle Hutton
Victor Kriechbaum
John Lavalette
Molly Mitchell
Fr. Perry Mullins
Paul Newton
Sandra Taylor
Tucker Thompson
Jackie White (Treasurer)

Members Not In Attendance

Forrest Chase
Julia Shahid

Non-Members In Attendance

Mtr. Kathy Heitmann

Call to Order, Prayers and Minutes

Fr. Perry called the meeting to order at 12:30, opening with a scripture reading from Proverbs 3:5-6:

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

followed by prayer that included individual requests from the Vestry.

The minutes from the Dec. 19, 2021, regular meeting and the Jan. 9, 2022, executive committee meeting were presented. No corrections were noted. Guy moved to accept the minutes with Victor seconding. Fr. Perry briefed the vestry on the executive committee meeting. The motion to accept both minutes passed unanimously.

Information

Finance Report

Jackie presented the monthly finance report. She noted that cash on hand increased due to some stock sales, prepaid pledges and the like. She also discussed depreciable assets, noting that the organ came in at or under budget and the mold remediation at the Terrill House was \$33,683. The remaining Shaping Our Future funds are committed to the columbarium project, and SOF accounts will remain on the books until that work is completed.

A motion to accept the financial report was made by Victor with a second from Michelle. It was approved unanimously.

Jackie also presented a proposed spending plan for the approximately \$35,000 surplus from 2021:

- Staff bonuses totaling \$9,000
- Adding \$10,000 to capital improvements to replace funds that were cut in the 2022 budget.
- Allocate \$5,000 for the organ dedication concert.
- Creating a \$4,000 vestry-restricted Congregational Life fund to available to assist ministries that saw budget reductions in 2022.

- The remainder (~\$7,000) will go to unrestricted cash.

Victor moved to accept the spending plan as submitted, with a second from Sandra. The motion was unanimously approved.

All reports are attached for more detailed information.

Addendum

Jackie emailed the vestry an updated report that included additional repair work completed in November 2021. The new report was approved by email vote on January 28. The updated report is attached in lieu of the report submitted in the meeting.

Grounds Report

Karen updated the vestry on repair work to church buildings, noting that the AC has been repaired in the choir loft and the vent cleaning completed in the Terrill House, although it needs to be professionally cleaned and perhaps painted and other minor repairs prior to being fully used again. However, it is safe to enter at this point and Little Free Pantry has been notified they can use their ministry space again. The vestry discussed the idea of a campus work day or perhaps a Scout project. Karen said a work day will be planned when the weather is warmer, and Fr. Perry said the new Scout troop meeting at St. Peter's is planning some campus cleanup projects.

Business

Nominating Committee

Victor presented a slate of 6 parishioners who have agreed to be considered for vestry and convention delegate positions at the Jan. 30 parish annual meeting. The candidates for vestry are: Dan Carroll, Kathy Chambers, Katrina Clark, Michelle Hutton, Chris Mathew and Scott Patterson.

Convention delegate candidates are: Gene Autrey, Lou Baylog, Lynn Christensen, Sally Fowler, Rosalie Hull, John Kalb, Jeff Kowaleski, Monika Kriechbaum, Mike McCleskey, Celia Kaye Sloan, Tye Stewart, Al Stuessy, Sara Thomas, and Jan Wilson.

Covid Precautions

Discussion centered around precautions for the annual meeting. Votes must be taken in person. Fr. Perry said he will work to make it as safe as possible and live stream it for those who wish to follow along but cannot attend.

Boy Scout Troop Contract

The contract for Troop 531 to meet at St. Peter's was reviewed by counsel and submitted for vestry approval. The church is not the sponsor of the troop, merely the meeting space. Victor moved to accept the contract, seconded by Karen. It was unanimously approved.

Announcements

- The vestry will meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. beginning in February.
- The organ dedication concert will be Jan. 21, followed by a small reception at Rick's Chophouse.
- "The Gathered Church" sermon series will be delayed to Lent.
- Important upcoming dates: Ash Wednesday, March 2; Easter, April 17; Parish Picnic, May 1; Senior Sunday and 2x2 Celebration, May 15; Bishop's visit, May 22

Prayer and Adjournment

Victor moved to adjourn the meeting, with a second from John.
The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 2 p.m.

Prayerfully submitted,
Tara Alt