

November 17, 2022 - Vestry Minutes
Submitted by the Clerk of the Vestry

Members in Attendance

Fr. Perry Mullins
Molly Mitchell
Tara Alt, Clerk
Jackie White, Treasurer
Julia Shahid
Katrinka Clark
Meg Cotter-Lynch
Karen Friedland
Tucker Thompson
Michelle Hutton
John Lavalette
Chris Mathew

Members Not in Attendance

Paul Newton
Scott Patterson
Guy Giersch, Sr. Warden

Non-Members in Attendance

Mtr. Kathy Heitmann

Call to Order, Prayers, Consent Calendar

Fr. Perry opened the meeting at 7:07pm with prayer requests for specific individuals and the church. Fr. Perry offered a prayer. The vestry read and discussed Acts 13 1-3, 13-23, 38-43, specifically how we identify and charge lay leaders.

The minutes were removed from the consent calendar. The remaining consent calendar was approved.

Minutes

A potential correction to the minutes was discussed and it was clarified that a correction will not be needed. Meg moved to accept the minutes as submitted, with Michelle seconding. The minutes were approved as presented unanimously.

Discussion

The vestry discussed *A Generous Community* (chapters 11-13). The focus was on welcoming visitors, and how we bring newcomers into the church family. Fr. Perry shared that Emily Bradford has agreed to take over the welcome ministry.

Information and Business

2023 Budget – Jackie presented a top-line review of the 2023 budget as submitted by the finance committee. At \$823,772, it is St. Peter's largest ever budget. It includes funding for a part-time youth minister, as prayerfully hoped for. Jackie said the budget includes a request of \$4200 from the St. Peter's Foundation. No request has been made of the foundation for a number of years and, as the endowment is designed to make annual disbursements to church projects, the amount is reasonable. It was noted that per best practices, that funding would not come from the principal of the fund. Expenses were increased slightly to account for inflation, and program budgets were increased churchwide. Tucker asked why we don't have a dedicated account to save for sabbaticals, as required, and Jackie explained that much of that money is in restricted accounts and is earmarked for Fr. Perry's planned 2023 sabbatical. It was recommended to start an account after 2023. This year's audit is also funded from restricted funds. Fr. Perry noted there will be upcoming repairs for the vicarage that are not reflected in the budget but will be funded through the Shaping Our Future remainder – approximately \$37,500. The balance will also go toward any other church property repairs if needed. Prior to a vote, Karen thanked Jackie to her leadership on the finance committee.

Michelle Hutton moved that the Vestry:

1. Approve the 2023 budget as submitted,
2. Reallocate the remainder of the SOF funds to repairs to the vicarage and other buildings as needed,
3. And request a \$4200 distribution from the Foundation.

Julia Shahid seconded. With no additional discussion, the motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Staff Update –It was announced that Georgia will be the new Youth Minister and the church will be looking for a part-time Children’s Minister to lead that group. Mother Kathy said they plan to tell the children, youth and parents on Sunday and will be working together to ease the transition. The vestry expressed their support for this exciting development.

Announcements

Fr. Perry pointed out the number of baptisms that are planned or have recently occurred. He also thanked Craig Fowler for his work to create a pamphlet for tax-advantaged end-of-year giving. Fr. Perry reported that a new angel has been located for the columbarium garden. He also outlined the plan for Difficult Dinners, a dinner series designed to tackle difficult subjects with the goal of being able to discuss differing viewpoints respectfully. There will be training for moderators in the spring. Fr. Perry also announced the Advent and Christmas event and service schedule.

Meg moved to adjourn at 9:07pm, with John seconding. The vote was unanimous and John closed us in prayer.

Prayerfully submitted,
Tara Alt

Approved:

Date: 12/15/22
Signed: Tara Alt
Tara Alt, Clerk