

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2024 6:30pm
St Peter's by the Sea Episcopal Church

Present: Mim McConnell (Sr. Warden), Loyd Platson (Jr. Warden), Chip Camden, Sara Bergendahl, Sara Beaber-Fujioka (Treasurer)

Clergy: Julie Platson

***Opening Prayer/Reflection:** Julie shared from *The Monastic Heart* by Joan Chittister - *What You Pay Attention to in Life*

***Adoption of Agenda** –by consent

***Correspondence:** None

March 20, 2024 Minutes – Chip moved and Loyd seconded to approve the March minutes – passed.

Finance Discussion / Treasurer's report: See Sarah's report/March 2024.

The (-)reflects the work of the stone mason.

The church has a \$33,000 CD coming due, which we can consider using to offset stone mason expenses. Motion made by Sara Bergendahl to apply amount of mature CD plus interest to the capital improvement stone mason fund. Seconded by Chip Camden. Motion passed. We can anticipate moving \$43,000 out of the endowment fund as per protocol that's been set up.

Rector Report: - See Julie's report

Senior Warden report

*Rummage sale dates: May 17 (4pm-8pm) & May 18 (8am-1pm). Donations can be dropped off on Thursday May 16. On Sunday, items can be given away or retrieved.

*The church has been offered a painting by Steve Lawrie with the intention of auctioning off the piece for roof project. Discussion on possible plans if accepting the gift: The timing of this could be in conjunction with the roll-out as part of applying for Rasmuson Foundation Grant. The piece is time sensitive as it has 2024 portrayed over Christ 's head, and the current issues noted on the painting. The opening bid will be \$1,500, and the intended amount is to surpass \$4000.

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Due to the political nature of the piece, it will not be displayed in the church unless it is actively up for auction. Ideas for promoting publicity for the art included: The Episcopal News Service, The Rose Gallery, some form of national auction, a press release on the art piece and auction.

Loyd Platson moved to accept the Steve Lawrie painting as a gift to be auctioned, Sara Bergendahl seconded. Motion passed.

* The vestry decided to give a monetary gift to Virginia Pearson, a long-time St Peter's member, who is graduating from Mt Edgecumbe High School in May. Vestry and clergy donated money for the gift.

*The vestry discussed a service scheduling time change to 9am starting this summer on June 2nd. Passed by consent

Co Jr Warden's Report

See Sara Beaber-Fujioka's report. We have contracts signed. There will be a meeting with Anne Pollnow regarding the National Historic Preservation Grant for the Stonemason work. The administrator for this grant will be in town. We are encouraged to take photos and capture names of those depicted to include in our grant report. We need to provide 20,000 hours of volunteering for the grant.

Loyd called Jerry Deppa for lock smith work on the front door to the See House. He is concerned that the door not be able to slam shut, thereby jeopardizing the stain glass. Loyd started racking the yard, to remove the gravel/rocks from the trenching project, and plans to latch the grass to reduce the moss.

The heater in the See House was repaired. The repairman still needs to come back to rebuild the unit and change the filter. Loyd mentioned heat pumps as a possible improvement for later.

Loyd met with James Poulson on Monday. He took photos. Loyd was interviewed by someone else from the paper. They are planning an in-depth article that should run sometime this week.

We have not heard anything from Sam regarding the roof. His preliminary estimate is \$320-\$330K.

Loyd will list the leftover dirt/rock from the sacristy/trenching project at the end of last year, on FB marketplace as free fill.

We got new lightweight tables: donation from Loyd and Julie Platson. The old tables are in the shed.

Archival building – Discussion held about archives. Julie will talk to Bishop Mark to see if they have any interest in some of the items, or suggestions if we decide to move the items out of the building. Other destinations could be the museum of the north in Fairbanks or the national archives. Loyd mentioned getting a scanner. (***)note – St Peter’s has a working scanner). Linda mentioned having a temporary exhibit at the local Sitka historical museum. She will talk to Hal about that.

Vestry Listening and Thank you’s:

Sara Beaber Fujioka reported that the Parable of the Great Pearl was a big success for the Sunday School families, allowing for meaningful discussion.

April is child abuse prevention month.

Mim travel April 18-May 11

Lisa M travel April 16-28

Sarah Bergendahl travels May 3-22

Chip travels April 19-29, June 29-July 6

Sara Bergendahl gone May 2-22

Loyd travel: April 30-May 2; May 5-May 9

Loyd and Julie travel for General Convention in Kentucky, with a few days extra for family visits: June 20-July 1.

Next vestry meeting: There will be a vestry meeting on May 15th at 6:30 pm

Closing prayer by Julie at 8:00 pm

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