

St. Peter's Mission Statement 2024

We share God's unconditional love and amazing grace with all, through engaging worship, inspiring music, enriching education, and service in the name of Jesus Christ.

Vestry Minutes

January 28, 2024

Minute Taker: Lisa Werner

Attendees: Nerissa Boccino, Alice Cutler, Joedian Dawkins, Jennifer Dyer, Frank Failla, Vanessa Giordano, Bruce Hazen, Dee Klikier, Helene Magno, David Miceli, Roberta Moseley, Marie Patterson, Anne Siotka, Mike Taormina, Rev. Anne Thatcher, Lisa Werner

Meeting Start: 12:36 PM

Opening Prayer: Rev. Anne opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: *The minutes of the November 19, 2023 meeting were approved.*

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Frank Failla, presented his report.

- Frank gave an overview of the SPC Financial Dashboard.
- He noted the good news that YTD revenues are over budget(\$32,938) and YTD expenses are under budget (\$102,837).
- The 2024 Endowment draw will be discussed at the upcoming Vestry Budget Retreat.
- Frank presented the SPC Investment Committee Meeting Minutes from November 29,2023.
- The Vestry complimented Frank and the Investment Committee for his stewardship of our healthy endowment.
- The Finance Committee is working to identify future financial leadership in our congregation.
- *The Vestry approved the Treasurer's report.*

Rector's Report:

- Rev. Anne reported attendance of 693 persons across the four Christmas services.
- The \$4900 Christmas plate offering was distributed equally between Roots and Wings, which supports youth as they age out of the foster care system, and the SPC Organ Console Campaign.
- There will continue to be deep dives into SPC Ministries at future Vestry meetings. Upcoming meetings will include visits from Pastoral Care and Faith in Action.

- The SPC Bylaw Drafts are almost complete and will be presented at the February 18th Vestry Meeting.
- The new chair of the Adult Ed Committee is Frank Pessalano.
- The St. Peter's Men's Ministry is new, with more information to follow.
- Stewardship is asking Vestry members to send thank you notes to those who have completed their pledges.
- The Philadelphia 11 Program will be moved to May after Rev. Anne's surgery and recovery.
- The Rector's surgery is on February 21st. The Vestry Meeting has been moved up to February 18th and there will not be an in-person March Vestry meeting; documents only.
- Our February 3rd Vestry retreat at St. Paul's Morris Plains (9AM-4:30PM) will be a budget meeting working on consolidating goals discussed at the November retreat.

Wardens' Report:

- Nerissa presented cards for SPC homebound parishioners, to be signed by Vestry.
- Dee noted that pre-Lent and post- Easter flowers will be delivered to homebound/pastoral care parishioners.

Ministry Reports:

- Encore is in need of prom dresses.
- *The Vestry approved the Ministry Reports as submitted.*

New Business:

- The availability of communion to the homebound-eucharistic lay ministry at St. Peters was discussed as well as how to reactivate those who have been previously trained.
- The Bishop is visiting next week: 10:30 service, Q/A, Lunch with the Vestry

The public session of the meeting adjourned at 2:15PM. The Vestry then met in executive session.

At the February 3, 2024 Vestry Retreat, the following resolutions were made and approved by the Vestry.

The Vestry approved the discontinuation of the Vacation Bible School Program for the summer of 2024.

The Vestry voted to use the endowment to pay off the \$170,000 incurred by Rectory maintenance work, funded by the line of credit.

The Vestry voted to review the payment strategy for the balance of rectory repairs billed to the line of credit, within thirty days of billing.

The Vestry resolved that all 2023 Diocesan Pledges were complete and would not include a \$12,000 Diocesan Pledge underpayment based on a percentage formula.

The Vestry adjusted the Diocesan Pledge for 2024 to \$50,000.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Werner, Clerk of the Vestry