

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 15, 2025

Members Attending: Rev. Chris Micklewright, Amy Grant (ex officio) Cathy Ufheil, Jill Duink, Jeanette Woehr, Ann Brilliant, Carol Jenkins

Members Excused: Re Henning, Christine Pickup

Guests:

Joining on Zoom: Candy Roberts, Charles Moore

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION TO BE TAKEN / PERSON ASSIGNED
Opening Prayer & Scripture Reflection	Reflection on John Chapter 14: During Last Supper Christ called on Apostles to display radical love...we are called to do the same..it may sometime seem impossible, but the Holy Spirit is with us and as Christ promised, we are never alone. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you...."	Rev. Chris
Approval of Consent Agenda		Motion made to approve Consent Agenda seconded and approved.
Lent & Holy Week Feedback	Maundy Thursday services were great..we enjoyed the inclusive conversation after the communal meal. Easter Vigil attendance 32 this year...last year 17! Easter Sunday and Easter Egg Hunt a joyous occasion....117 in attendance!	
Music Plans	Repairs on organ start on May 5..organ will be out of commission for 4-5 weeks. We will move piano to church. For the remainder of this year, we will have a "supply" organist. We will budget for a new permanent organist for next year...2026.	Rev. Chris
Annual Meeting & Onboarding New Vestry Members	As of this date, we have 4 congregants running for Vestry and 2 potential Deanery representatives. The deadline to run for these positions is April 27. Carol Jenkins has asked Bob Jenkins and Jim Ufheil to be Vestry Election judges. Picnic to welcome new Vestry members will be held at 5 PM on May 15...next Vestry Meeting.	Carol Jenkins and Rev Chris
Planning for June 1 Anniversary Celebration	June 1 Anniversary Celebration...services at 10 AM, HGDPC Concert at 2 PM...Barbeque Lunch, Sextons grilling. Motion made to hire pianist and choir to sing Rudman hymns..cost estimate \$1800...will ask Swedish Colonial Society to donate to defray cost.	Motion made to spend up to \$1800 to hire a pianist and choir for June 1 Anniversary Celebration. Motion seconded and approved.

Blockhouse Interpretive Sign	Amy Grant informed us of a grant opportunity for \$400 to design an interpretive sign to indicate where the original "blockhouse" stood.	Motion made to approve application for grant for \$400 for interpretive Blockhouse sign. Final design to be approved at a later date. Seconded and approved.
Wall Mounting Gravestone Fragments	Amy informed us of a matching grant for either \$5k, \$10k, or \$20k to mount some of the ancient gravestone fragments on the wall of Rudman between Rudman and	Motion made to apply for matching grant to mount gravestone fragments on Rudman wall. Seconded and approved.
Search for new Landscaper	Rev. Chris has received 2 estimates. One from NPS recommended company and another. More information needed re: what is included in estimate.	After weighing both choices an e mail vote from Vestry will be taken to determine which landscaper is best for our needs.
Other Property Updates	Cathy Ufheil will coordinate with Mark Roberts to schedule a meeting of Property Committee in May. Rev. Chris informed us of a water leak in Roak basement. Edmondson's estimate to fix leak is \$1450. Suggestion was made to find another reliable plumber in the area so that we can compare estimates but go with Edmondson for this repair. Cathy Ufheil will get estimates for adding cameras to our existing system as well as looking into feasibility of Ring cameras to boost our security. NPS is moving towards installing solar lights on our property.	Motion made to accept Edmondson estimate to repair water leak in Roak basement. Seconded and approved.
Advertising Strategy	Rev Chris informed us that Kelly Ohlert, a fairly new member is willing to do an Instagram account for us. Carol Jenkins suggested that we put a new sign on our wall facing Columbus Blvd. and that we replace the existing old and rusting signs flanking our driveway on Christian St. Rev Chris has decided to use banners on Christian St. Wall to advertise events at GD.	
Use of Hall for Community Classes	Rev Chris was approached re: use of Riverside for a fencing and art class. He will draw up a written proposal covering issues that may arise with this sort of usage and bring it back to Vestry for further	
Homeless Ministry Update	Rev. Chris discussed problems that have arisen over the past several months with homeless outreach. Escalating aggression and threats by Rick Beebe have prompted intervention by NPS officers and Phila. Police. Formal complaints have been filed and a citation issued. Rick is no longer allowed on the property and will be arrested should he attempt to come back. This was done in order to safeguard visitors and community members.	
Closing Prayer		Rev. Chris