

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday August 21, 2025

NEXT MEETING:

18-Sep-25

Members Attending: Rev. Chris Micklewright, Amy Grant (ex officio)
Cathy Ufheil, Re Henning, Ann Brilliant, Angel
Guido, Christine Pickup, Carol Jenkins, Candy
Roberts

Members Excused: Jeanette Woehr, Gabby Barbour

Guests:

Joining on Zoom:

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION TO BE TAKEN / PERSON ASSIGNED
Opening Prayer & Scripture Reflection	Gospel Reading from Daily Office (Mark 12). Love of God is the foundation for everything else we do.	
Approval of Consent Agenda		Motion made, seconded and approved
Grant Updates:	<p>*HGDPC: Grant of \$600K from NPS to repair church roof includes, enclosure study, engineering study, repairs to bell, etc. Vestry saved \$117k earmarked for Church roof...now available for other projects, HGDPC earmarked \$80k for Church roof project also now available for other projects. Grant Committee to seek and apply for matching grants to make these funds go further.</p> <p>*A private donor recently gave \$30k.</p> <p>*Rev. Chris will reapply for DIOPA grant. Last year's grant was total of \$8k distributed among Mission Committee, Roots Quarterly and Sexton Sideshow for Memorial Dei Picnic.</p> <p>*Arts Grant from City of Phila for "O Brother" reduced from \$5k to \$3k. Request made to reduce difference by \$1k from monies received from last DIOPA grant.</p>	<p>*Motion made to reduce the difference of the City of Phila Arts Grant for O Brother from the DIOPA grant by \$1k, with Sextons and Rev. Chris attempting to raise the other \$1k; motion seconded and approved.</p>
Property Updates and Plans	<p>*Compression window enhancements to Rudman needed additional funds of \$1400 to purchase commercial grade product.</p> <p>*Riverside Flooring: In light of recent grants and donations, the Vestry discussed replacing the full floor in Riverside hall, as well as removing the storage closets in the hall and replacing them with an exterior shed.</p> <p>*Other discussions for future projects, i.e. walkway lighting along new entrance, paint and replace shutters in Rudman, restoring brick pathways in churchyard, ceiling repair in Church.</p>	<p>*Motion made, seconded and approved to provide additional funds of \$1400 to purchase commercial grade compression window enhancements to Rudman.</p> <p>*Vestry agreed to move forward with replacing the Riverside floor with a commercial hardwood, and removing the storage closets. Cathy Ufheil will get flooring estimates and Mark Roberts will present options for a shed.</p> <p>*Cathy Ufheil to get estimates for brick pathways; Amy to get written estimate for church ceiling.</p>
Diocesan Audit	An annual Self audit is required by DIOPA, and the finance committee submitted a draft for approval.	The draft was approved and will be submitted.

First Fruits Program	Rev. Chris asked the Vestry to consider tithing (giving 10%) from the approximately \$117k that we had saved toward the church roof replacement, motivated by gratitude for the large grants & donations we have received.	Vestry response was positive, noting that this is a way of sharing our blessings and countering feelings that we are struggling to survive. Vestry will consider the idea and potential gifts we could make, with further discussion at next meeting.
Proposal of Museum Rope for Pews	Discussion of need for better options to rope off pews and other areas of property that are out of use during events.	Cathy Ufheil will explore options for Museum Rope.
Churchyard and Other Memorials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Date to be added to Jerry Walker headstone. *Plaque for Organ Bench in memory of Paul *Discussion of Linda Vitkow headstone design requested by Jaime Konowal. *Potential groundcover change. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Cathy Ufheil to get costs from local masons for inscribing death date on Jerry Walker headstone. *Ask Megan Bartlett for suggestions for wording on organ bench plaque in honor of Paul Fejko. *Vestry requested changes to Vitkow design. *Rev. Chris discussed hopes for a potential donor to fund sustainable / low maintenance ground cover in most historic section of church yard.
Headstone Approval Policy and Planning for Semisesquicentennial		Tabled until next Vestry Meeting due to time constraints
Communications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *E mails and votes between meetings. *Who will report on this meeting? *Planning for DIOPA Convention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Calls for email votes will be clearly indicated in subject and not cover other business. *Cathy Ufheil to give Vestry update to congregation on Sunday, August 31 *We will invite Charles Moore and Daria Kulp, our delegates, to the next Vestry Meeting to discuss our concerns and participation in the upcoming Diocesan Convention.
Closing Prayer		Rev. Chris

Respectfully submitted, Cathy Ufheil, Vestry Secretary