

VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday September 18, 2025

NEXT MEETING: Oct 16 2025

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

Members Excused: Christine Pickup, Jeanette Woehr

Guests:

Joining on Zoom:

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION TO BE TAKEN / PERSON ASSIGNED
Opening Prayer & Scripture Reflection	1st Corinthians: Paul talks about spiritual maturity and how it comes from the gifts that God has bestowed on us. We should use those gifts to find ways to listen to each other, learn new possibilities and build our foundation on Jesus.	Rev. Chris
Approval of Consent Agenda		Motion made, seconded and approved
Grant Updates: *NPS Roof Grant Update/Ceiling Issues *Stormwater Grant Update *DAR Grant for Patriot Graves	*NPS has approved Press Release that must be published in two newspapers re: the NPS Roof Grant. This was done and advertised. *Heritage Conservation noted the hole in the church ceiling above the organ. Chris will consult with Brunner Organ about how to complete a repair safely. *Stormwater Grant: when engineers reach 60% milestone (almost completion), they will present the plan to the congregation. *DAR Grant for Patriot Graves: HGDPC applied for a grant to have 13 patriot gravestones restored. Amy noted that obelisks in the NPS are leaning badly, but that repairs would need to be made in partnership with the NPS. Gabby is a member of DAR Washington DC Chapter and will contact the Phila Chapter to establish a connection with them.	
Property Updates and Plans: *Riverside Flooring Project *Plumbing Work in Roak *Wiring Issue in Rudman	After reviewing 4 estimates, it was decided to hire Dan Higgins, Inc. to install new flooring in Riverside. Samples of material were also reviewed and one was chosen. Project not expected to start until after the New Year. *Mark Roberts will obtain permits for a shed in anticipation of the flooring project. *Ceiling fans/lights cannot be installed in Rudman because of existing knob and tube wiring.	*Motion was made, seconded and approved to hire Dan Higgins, Inc. to install new flooring as chosen by Vestry for Riverside. *Motion was made, seconded and approved to fix electrical problem in Rudman as soon as possible instead of getting more estimates as the existing situation presents a danger to the building and any occupants.
Tithe Program	Rev Chris brought up the idea of tithing some of the money we saved for the church roof, which is now covered by a grant. He asked that the Vestry think about outreach opportunities. We have to consider what this windfall could do to our "income" and the effect this could have on our portion of the Sacred Ask. We have \$11-12k to spend on outreach.	At the suggestion of Candy, the Missions Committee will consider outreach opportunities and make a recommendation to the Vestry.

Toward a Policy for Filming Requests	The question of how we structure a policy was brought up. Old Pine Street Church has a very well thought out policy. Chris will ask them to share that with us rather than come up with one of our own. Further discussion will take place after we review this policy. * Gabby informed us of "Peerspace" a platform that pays for the use of your space for filming. This could be something we need to explore.	
Memorial Plaques *Options for Walker headstone and Fejko Plaque *Luder Pew Plaque	*Three estimates were gotten to add the death date to the Walker headstone. Two were \$400+ and De Christopher Bros. was \$275. *Discussion to shorten verbiage on Fejko Memorial plaque. We will go with the inscription suggested by Megan but will exclude the reference to the Biblical source.	*Cathy to get paperwork from DeChristopher Bros to proceed with the inscription on Walker headstone. * Candy to send design for 4 x 6 Fejko plaque to Cathy to have it made. * Candy to send design for 4 x 6 Luder Pew Plaque to Cathy to have it made.
DIOPA Convention Preparation *Alternative Delegate *Pre-Convention Meetings *Resolutions & Draft Budget	*Daria Kulp will not be able to be a delegate at the Convention because of a family commitment. Charles Moore will attend. Rachel Armstrong was suggested as an Alternative Delegate. *The diocese is holding pre-convention meetings to present the motions that will be considered and provide an opportunity for questions and discussion.	Rev Chris & All *Motion was made, seconded and approved for Rachel Armstrong to be the Alternative Delegate to the Convention
Welcoming Visitors	Cathy mentioned that she saw a couple with their mother who visited 2-3 weeks ago sitting at a table alone during Coffee Hour. Rev. Chris asked us to be mindful of welcoming visitors.	
2026 Budget Plans		Finance Committee: meeting on October 9 to draft a budget for Vestry review, with final approval in December.
Planning for Semiquincentennial	Discussion as to whether we have the man/woman power to stage a large celebratory occasion for the nation's 250th birthday next year. It was decided that since HGDPC had several talks/performances relating to the founding of our country already planned that we would support their efforts and not do one of our own.	
Communications: Who will report to congregation?	Angel Guido will give report to congregation as soon as Vestry Minutes are approved by Rev. Chris	Rev Chris & Angel Guido
Closing Prayer		Rev. Chris

Respectfully submitted, Cathy
Ufheil, Secretary