VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 17, 2026

NEXT MEETING: 15-Oct-26

Members Attending: Rev. Chris, Carol Jenkins, Candy Roberts, Seamus Stimpson, Wayne Dietrich, Angel Guido,Cathy Ufheil, Jeanette Woehr, Matt Mahler, Gabby Barbour

Members Excused: Christine Pickup

Guests:

Joining on Zoom:

ITEM		ACTION TO BE TAKEN / PERSON ASSIGNED
Opening Prayer & Scripture Reflection	Job 28: "Where then does wisdom come from...?" Book of Job tells us that wisdom is precious and asks us to look for wisdom not in earthly things but in the "fear of God." This is not about being scared of God, but about having a deep awe and reverance for God. Our call, as leaders, is to hold on to that awe and reverance. We won't always be perfect, or have all the answers, but we must seek God's wisdom in all things.	Rev. Chris
Approval of Consent Agenda		Motion made, seconded and approved
Property Updates & Issues **Stormwater/PWD Project Update* **Riverside Floor/Bathroom Project -Updates & Further Discussion* **Roof Grant Update* **Riverside Masonry Repair* **Recently Completed Projects*	*Stormwater Project: YCCA issues with Water St. gate being shut for drop off/pickup. Closed gate necessary to allow engineers to continue with work. Accomodation made by allowing drop off/pickup through parking lot and between Sexton's House & Riverside..signs put up and barricades to guide parents. *Candy will ask Mark to follow up with Chris Kuensell re: new restroom in Riverside. *Shed application has been approved. *Church roof project: Preserve Old Swedes has chosen Milner & Assoc for this project with consent of Vestry. *Masonry Repair Riverside wall: Discussion re: Craft Pro estimate to point and parge another section of wall that is showing signs of water damage. Craft Pro estimate approved.	Rev. Chris, Cathy , Amy, etc. *After discussion and approval re: Craft Pro estimate for pointing/parging Riverside wall, Cathy will follow up with Craft Pro to schedule repair.
Graveyard Proposals **DAR Markers* **More Signs by Preserve Old Swedes*	*DAR is asking for permission to install new signage for Revolutionary War Soldiers. Re-dedication ceremony will take place in May 2027. *New interpretive signs (samples included in Vestry Packet) proposed by Preserve Old Swedes.	Rev. Chris and All *Motion made, seconded and approved to allow DAR to install new signage for Revolutionary War Soldiers. *Motion made, seconded and approved to allow Preserve Old Swedes to install new interpretive signage (samples included in Vestry Packet).
Additional Notes: **Unexpected Donation* ** Donation to cover broken window in Sacristy*	Rev. Chris announced another donation from Anita Rio of $22k as well as a donation of $200 to cover the cost of window repair in Sacristy by the parents of the child who broke it.	Rev. Chris
Community Crafting Proposal	Arielle Pierson, Board Member of POS proposed an event which would invite local crafters to exhibit and teach their craft to the public	*Vestry agrees in prinicipal with proposal but would like clarification on what crafts would be allowed as well as timing of event. A motion was passed to allow Rev. Chris to approve the proposal once satisfactory answers are provided.

DIOPA Convention **Pre-Convention Meetings* **Various Resolutions*	DIOPA Convention October 9-10, 2026. Rachel Armstrong and Charles Moore delegates. Please read through information contained in Vestry Packet. Anyone is welcome to attend pre-convention meetings, which will cover the budget and resolutions.	Rev. Chris
Budget & Stewardship **Budget Drafting Process/Priorities* **Stewardship Campaign Plans*	*Finance Committee will meet in early October to draft budget for 2027. Final approval of budget by Vestry will take place at December Vestry Meeting, December 3, 2026. Mission Committee will ask for a significant increase in their budget and will present it at October Vestry Meeting. Music Fund (Adam) may ask for an increase to expand scope of music and musicians. *Stewardship Plans: will run for 6 weeks, October 18-November 22. Theme will be based on Genesis and Exodus... "how does God show up in our lives"...the story of Moses' conversation with God..."Unless you go with us"...how has God gone with you?...sharing stories each Sunday of how God has gone with you.	Rev. Chris
Change in Vestry Meeting Dates	Rev. Chris proposed combining the November and December Vestry Meetings into one on December 3 because of all the obligations we have durng this time.	November and December Vestry meetings combined into December 3rd Meeting.
Discussion re: email from Steve Sims, NPS	Rev. Chris related an e mail received from Steve Sims, NPS because of a dog attack on NPS ground last week. Steve asked how we felt about a mobile camera in place on the South Lawn since the number of NPS Public Safety Officers per shift has been reduced from 5 to 2 and coverage is limited.	Overwhelmingly negative reaction. Rev. Chris will relay to Steve Sims.
Communications: Where shall we advertise?	Discussion re: advertising our events. Currently on social media. Should we advertise in QVNA? VisitPhilly.com? Banners for each event to be placed on Christian and Water St walls?	Further discussion and planning necessary.
Who will report to congregation?	Seamus Stimpson	
Respectfully submitted,	Cathy Ufheil, Secretary	