

*Vision: The Church on the Hill: Captivating the heart of the world with the glory of God.*

*Mission: St. Peter's Episcopal Church is called by God to experience and share the joy and love of Jesus Christ through Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, and Mission.*

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Present: Ricci, Ivanov, Nedved, Robinson, Boardman, Connell, Gordon, Williams, Willcox  
Staff : Jennings

- I. Call to Order at 6:00 pm.
- II. Opening devotions led by Senior Warden John Ricci
- III. Introduction of Canon Nunez :
  - a. Canon Nunez spoke of his position and responsibilities to us as a vestry from the diocesan perspective.
  - b. Asked vestry members to introduce themselves and tell how long they have been members of St. Peter's, and ministries within the church which they are Involved with.
- IV. Issues (positive) from Canon Nunez perspective regarding our search for a new priest and how we proceed as a Vestry
  - a. Our successful capital campaign and how we proceed with momentum.
  - b. Embarrassment of riches -- i.e. all the talent we have here in future candidates for priesthood.
  - c. Vestry in charge after August 15, 2017.
  - d. St. Peter's is one of the stronger churches in the diocese.
  - e. We must be centered in prayer, purposefully and for discernment

Next Four Weeks: Celebrate Fr. Charlie's ministry

- a. We need to celebrate, grieve and bring peace and calm through prayer
  - b. Honor him and his family:
    1. August 12, 2017 -- date for church wide celebration
- V. Role of Vestry going forward: provided "Vacancy and Search Procedures Handbook"
- a. Establishment of search committee
    1. take nominations
    2. select members who are active in their faith, involved in ministries of the church, and are team players
    3. Suggested committee membership -- 1-2 vestry members , 7 congregation members
    4. Nomination box to be placed after services on 8/19 and 8/20 for members to nominate. Vestry then chooses members for the committee.
    5. Everything is confidential that occurs on search committee. No names are to be shared, even with the Vestry.

- b. Survey members -- can possibly do:
  - 1. interview ministry groups
  - 2. demographic study --diocese has program called" Mission Insight"
- c. Supply priests will be brought in to do services for several months. See handbook for suggested salary schedule.
- d. Interim can then be selected after a time of refreshment and renewal--
  - 1. assured us there are many candidates available for this position
  - 2. Interim CANNOT be candidate for priest at St. Peter's
  - 3. Can request Nina Bolton be allowed to stay as deacon
  - 4. Salary schedule on page 17 of handbook

Canon Nunez again expressed his support of St. Peter's from himself, the Bishop and the diocese. He will be available to coach and work with the Vestry and search committee. He also agreed to preach on weekend of Sept. 10.

After a brief recess meeting continued:

VI. Welcome by John Ricci to Sandy Robinson for her appointment to the Vestry by Fr. Charlie to fill the vacancy due to Jane Ashley's resignation.

a. Motion by Bob Boardman to accept Sandy Robinson as the secretary and her service in this position and the vestry until the next election. Seconded by James Nedved. Motion passed 8-1.

VII. Motion by Wendy Gordon to accept John Ricci as President of the St. Peter's Corporation, effective August 14, 2017 until new rector is in place. Seconded by Bob Boardman. Motion passes unanimously.

VIII. Motion by Mike Ivanov to remove Jane Ashley and add Sandy Robinson to the check signing responsibility. Seconded by Brian Willcox. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Updates: Van

James Nedved updated vestry on purchase of van for MaxLife. He may need to ask for additional money over the \$30,000 if a larger vehicle is available. For now he is holding firm at the \$30,000 price. Seacoast is doing the financing.

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James Nedved updated vestry on the financials of the building campaign.

It is going to be more difficult to secure the loan needed to move forward with the building due to our leadership situation. We become more of a risk until a new permanent rector is in place. Seacoast and Center State are the two banks we are working with.

Discussion followed regarding how to proceed in smaller steps to continue the process in as many areas as possible. Then, when our new rector is in place we will be ready to move forward. Don Barnes and the building committee will discern what visible progress can be made with monies at hand. Very important to remain positive in this area and do whatever is possible.

Communication plan--Wendy Gordon

Wendy proposed a communication piece to be developed to inform the congregation of the situation regarding the loan. She will author and present next month as we inform the members of our progress. This will serve to reassure and inform membership in this time of transition.

John Ricci

John received a request from Fr. Charlie for funds to have part of his family return from Houston for the celebration on his last weekend with us.

Lamar Williams moved to gift up to \$1200.00 to the Holt family for travel expenses.

James Nedved seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Several other ideas were discussed to possibly reduce the cost. To be determined upon further inquiry.

Reminders -- Amy Jennings

Service time change 8:30 am starting 8/27

Next vestry meeting 8/21 6:00 pm

Names for search committee gathered by nomination box and an eblast to members

X. New Business: Mike Ivanov Junior warden

Updates on air conditioning repairs--have been completed. Cost \$15,305.00 approved April 17, 2017. The fire department requires separate wiring in the alarm systems which

Firetronics estimate will cost an additional \$ 3500.00.

James Nedved moved an additional \$2500.00 be allocated to correct the wiring situation.

Joda Connell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 with the Lord's prayer.