

**Vestry Minutes, March 21, 2011
St. Peter's Church**

Attendance:

Clergy: The Reverend Denzil Luckritz

Officers: Ron Reed, Senior Warden; Carole Dwyer, Junior Warden; Maureen Tempesta, Clerk

Vestry: Gerard Armstrong, Mary Beebe, Jud Breslin, Linda Dill, Neil Forster, Barbara Spillane

Excused: Jeff Callard; Nancy Karami; Chuck Gasior, Treasurer

Also present: Jennifer McDevitt, Stewardship Committee

Carole Dwyer led the Vestry in Evening Prayer before the meeting was called to order.

Senior Warden **Ron Reed** called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

Motion: That the minutes of the February meeting be accepted as written. Carried.

I. Stewardship Report – Jenn McDevitt (Attachment)

- Pledges to date of \$192,689.00 are a “pinch” below last year’s amount.
- In 2011, quarterly statements will be sent only to those who are behind in payments.
- It is important to note that some pledges reflect only half the year since the pledgers contribute to other churches during the winter months.

II. The report about agreements with CONSERV and CEC which Will Beebe prepared with great care was postponed until it could be revised. Mary Beebe spoke for Will by saying that the plans look sound and complete and that there is no reason not to go ahead with them. She said that she, for one, would not want to be in the church for another year given the dependence on tie rods that CEC has said are not a long-term solution to the church’s structural problems. Father Denzil explained that the problem with the agreements right now is that CONSERV needs to separate out the construction part from their plans since no decision has been made about who will do the actual construction. That part has yet to be bid out.

A decision was made to hold a special Vestry meeting (April 12) to clarify to all Vestry members what is happening, who is doing it, and what remains to be done, like p.r., variances and the like. Since it is important that team protocol is observed in the project, communication like the special Vestry meeting will contribute in an important way to everyone’s being on the same page.

III. Rector's Report – Father Denzil

- He reported that he is pleased with attendance and also with the progress of the capital campaign. He and Ron Reed had an enjoyable and profitable trip to FLA.
- From now on there will be only two clergy at the most on the altar on Sundays. The associate clergy have begun to be celebrants at “Children’s Chapel.”

IV. Treasurer's Report – Brief Recap from Chuck Gasior, Treasurer

- “The transition to Jenn, who is inputting weekly receipts, the use of an outside payroll service, and our New Bookkeeper, Ed, are going quite well, although we are still adjusting to our new arrangements.”
- “Through Feb. our receipts were \$59,672.00 but our expenses were \$81,617.00 leaving a deficit of \$21,945.00 for the months of January and February. Fortunately, on March 1 we received a \$40,000.00 member donation, which is equivalent to a month’s income. We do have a special angel for sure.”

V. Capital Campaign – Jud Breslin, Linda Dill

- The campaign is going very well with details to be made public when the campaign moves out of its quiet phase.

VI. Nominating Committee – Neil Forster (Attachment)

Motion: That the terms of the officers and wardens, all of whom will have served three consecutive one-year terms and said terms therefore being set to expire at the next Annual Meeting in 2011, be extended for one more year, or until the next Annual Meeting in 2012, whichever is sooner. Carried

- **Chuck Gasior**, treasurer, has chosen not to continue his service for another year. His decision was accepted with much regret. Both the Vestry and parish owe him tremendous thanks for his meticulous work during the last three plus years as treasurer of the parish.
- The Warrant for the June Annual Meeting has to be posted on April 27, 2011. To that end the attached Nominating Committee has formed.

Motion: That the Nominating Committee for the 2011 slate be approved. Carried.

(Since the Vestry meeting, the two “to be determined” committee members have been chosen. The two are **Bobbie Grimes** and **Ernie Schatz.**)

VII. Property Committee – Mary Beebe (Attachment)

VIII. Other Business

- **Gerard Armstrong** reported that he is organizing St. Peter's insurance files and establishing a pattern for future years.
- **Father Denzil** will attend a **CORI** meeting with **Kathryn Perrone** in the near future.
- Whether or not cottage improvements will be included in the building project needs resolution by the Vestry.

Father Denzil offered the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Tempesta, Clerk