

**St. Peter's Church Vestry Minutes
June 20, 2011**

Attendance:

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

Vestry: Gerard Armstrong, Linda Dill, Mary Beebe, Jeff Callard, Gretchen Perry, Barbara Spillane, Mark Thomas, Greg Winkler

Excused: The Reverend Denzil Luckritz, Jud Breslin

Ron Reed called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m. The Vestry recited together our campaign prayer.

I. Rector's Report in absentia

- He is currently going through all the records that remain in the cottage and uncovering in the process many significant items.

II. Restoration Update – Ron Reed

- The organ is being transported to Maine where it will be cleaned and refurbished and readied to be brought back to the nave when the coast is clear.
- All the necessary certified drawings and plans are in place and we are awaiting permits for the project. In the meantime certain preliminaries can be accomplished: i.e. pews will be taken out and stored; bushes and trees will be removed; necessary fencing will be set up.
- Bids are open for subs to handle the concrete work and forms.
- The beams will be galvanized.
- Right now we are focusing on Phase 1, which includes the nave work, structural support, the foundation and the sprinkler system. We will do only those projects for which we have the money.
- In the fall we hope to return to the nave after obtaining an occupancy certificate.

Motion: That the officers and rector be authorized to use unrestricted and restricted funds for interim financing as necessary for the church restoration and preservation project in amounts not to exceed unfulfilled outstanding pledges and that drawdowns must be approved by a majority vote of the officers and rector. Carried.

III. Treasurer's Report – Jenn McDevitt (Attachment)

- After her excellent work with the Stewardship committee, Jenn agreed to assume the position of treasurer when Chuck Gasior retired from his excellent work in the job.
- Question: Does the company moving the organ have insurance about the move? Gerard will look into it. If the answer is negative, we can get a rider on our policy to cover the organ.

- Jenn is working with Denzil to streamline our financial system at St. Peter's in accordance with the successful system used at St. John's Church in Illinois, Denzil's former parish.

IV. Property Committee – Mary Beebe (Attachment)

V. Capital Campaign – Linda Dill

- The campaign continues to make good progress.
- Phone calls will be made to those people who have not yet responded to the RSVP for the June 28 gathering. This event is the second of its kind to be held from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Another event of its kind will take place on July 12.

VI. Liaison Assignments

- Please give Maureen Tempesta your preference for committee reporting . You do not need to be a member of the committee, but you need to be in touch with the committee and make reports as scheduled at Vestry meetings.

VII. Meeting at St. Peter's with Bishop Tom Shaw on Tuesday, August 9. Particulars to follow.

VIII. Other Business

- Father Russ has recommended a study about St. Peter's association with the deanery. Denzil and Ron will set up a committee to include Bobbie Grimes and Ann Goetchius, our Deanery representatives.
- Gerard Armstrong, representing the Cottage Committee, asked for clarification regarding the Vestry's position about the Cottage. Recognizing the hard work of the committee (Gerard, Frank Lord, Ernie Schatz, Kyle McDevitt and Tim Tudor) and weighing the value of the Cottage right now, the Vestry will consider the committee's recommendations. Bishop Tom does not want to use the Cottage for interns, one of the recommendations of the committee. He has said that he would sell the Cottage if it were given to him for diocesan use. A previous vestry at St. Peter's was given permission by the diocese to sell the property. Whether or not that permission still is valid remains a question. At any event ConServ will use the cottage during our construction project as its on-site office.

Mary Beebe led the Vestry in the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Tempesta, Clerk