

St. Peter's Church Vestry Minutes

November 15, 2010

Maureen Tempesta led the recitation of Evening Prayer in the church at 6:15 p.m.

Attendance:

Clergy: The Reverend Denzil Luckritz

**Officers: Senior Warden Ron Reed, Junior Warden Carole Dwyer, Treasurer Charles Gasior,
Clerk Maureen Tempesta**

**Members: Gerard Armstrong, Mary Beebe, Jeff Callard, Linda Dill, Neil Forster, Nancy Karami,
Susan Soares, Barbara Spillane**

Absent: Jud Breslin (on leave)

Senior Warden Ron Reed called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

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

I. Rector's Report – The Reverend Denzil Luckritz

- There will be a Thanksgiving service in the church on Wednesday evening November 24 at 7:00 p.m.
- On the first Sunday of December we will celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas. Children's shoes will be left in the library for St. Nicholas to fill, and his story will be told to the children during the service.
- The landscape improvements at the rectory are beautiful. A longstanding plumbing problem has been solved as described in the property report.
- The Rector is becoming more involved in St. Peter's Nursery School.
- The long history of autonomous behavior at St. Peter's has resulted in questions about why things were done, who did them etc. It is easy to tread on toes of others when systems are not clearly defined. Some clarifications need to be made about who is authorized to do what, and when.
- Vestry Members need to begin thinking about new members for the Vestry in preparation for the work of the Nominating Committee.

II. Treasurer's Report – Chuck Gasior, Treasurer (Attachment)

- There was discussion about this month's shortfall and how to make it up. There was also discussion about the 2011 budget and how to begin to work on the deficit gradually over the next couple years.

Motion: That the treasurer's suggestion to take \$15,000.00 from the Heywood Fox Fund to meet current expenses be approved and that the sum be repaid to the fund when such money is available.

III. Stewardship – Neil Forster

- More than 250 pledge letters were sent out, and to date (November 15) there have been 25 responses totaling \$60,000.00 in pledges.
- Rector's Goal – to have the pledge campaign finished by the next Vestry meeting.

IV. Capital Campaign – Linda Dill

- Three consulting groups made presentation to the committee, and members agreed unanimously that Graham Pelton would do the best job for St. Peter's. This group will do very specifically what we want done in project management services. They will receive a schedule of payments for their services and will not work on contingency.

Motion: That the Vestry accept the recommendation of the campaign subcommittee to negotiate with Graham Pelton a contract for their services not to exceed \$75,000.00 and empower the officers of the executive committee to execute the contract, the specifics to be ratified by the Vestry at their next meeting.

- It is the hope of the committee that the Capital Campaign be finished by March 31 in order that the project can start during the summer.

V. Property Committee – Mary Beebe (Attachment)

VI. Cottage Committee – Gerard Armstrong

- There are a number of suggestions for our use of the cottage
 - Transitional housing
 - Transitional adjunct to Independence House
 - Housing for the diocesan internship program (a group of 18-35 year old men and women to work in the community in the name of the Episcopal diocese)
 - Overflow of adult education
 - Additional parking space (More parking space can be used if the building stays up than if it is torn down)
 - Housing for contractor offices during the building project

VII. Special Meeting with Will Beebe

- There will be a special meeting for Vestry members on Monday evening November 22 to review the details of the building project.

VIII. Music Report – Liaison Jeff Callard (Attachment)

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IX. Altar Guild – Liaison Linda Dill (Attachment)

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m. **Neil Forster** offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Tempesta, Clerk